

Today, 9/7	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Congregational Mtg., after worship; Diaconate Mtg., after Cong. Mtg.
Monday, 9/8	Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 9/9	Women in Ministry Bible Study, 11:00 am; Women in Ministry Lunch, 12:00 pm; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 9/10	FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 9/11	Worship/Discipleship Mtg., 12:30 pm
Friday, 9/12	Prayer mtg., 9:30 am

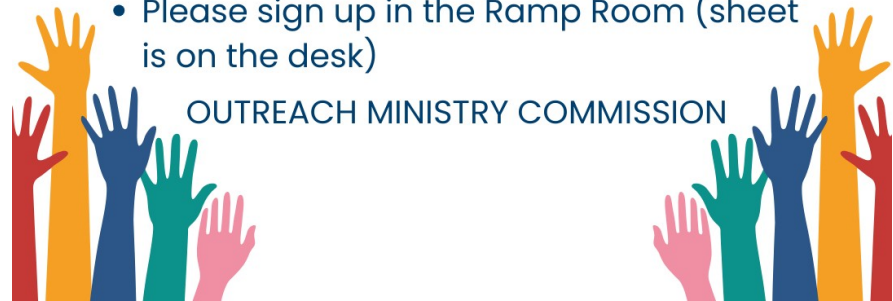
Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today's service
*FEPC Wi-Fi guest password is Guest2101**

*You can listen to our services by going to our website, www.fepcroanoke.org, and clicking on
the sermons link.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

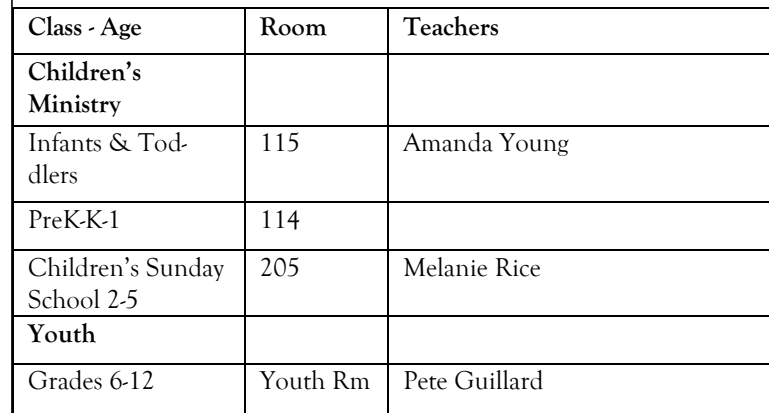
SIGN UP TODAY

- Seeking 5 people to serve supper on Saturday, September 20
- Volunteers need to be at the Rescue Mission from 4:15pm to 6:15pm
- Please sign up in the Ramp Room (sheet is on the desk)



Mike Abbott
Scott Rice
Michael Ridenhour

Karen Brooks
Donna Broyles
Tammy Caldwell
Carolyn Moore



Elders: David Smith
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 Sept. 7 - Sue Brown
 Sept. 14 - Charles Speck
 Sept. 21 - Bob & Donna Broyles
 Sept. 28 - Don & Wendy Andree
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Sept. 7 - Kaye Ward
 Sept. 14 - Barry & Anne Webb
 Sept. 21 - Deborah Mattern
 Sept. 28 - Ed & Debbie Bennett
Deacon on Duty:
 Sept. 7 - Wendy Andree
 Sept. 14 - Helen Gearhart Thompson
 Sept. 21 - Marica Ridenhour
 Sept. 28 - Bobby Caudle
Nursery Bible Time:
 Sept. 14 - Pat Povtak
 Sept. 21 - Deborah Mattern
 Sept. 28 - Deborah Mattern

Sept. - chicken noodle and tomato soup

First Presbyterian Church

Roanoke, Virginia

Organized May 28, 1851

10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Don Hardman
 Director of Music: Rev. Keith Olivier
 Director of Christian Education: Mr. Pete G. Guillard
 Organist: Mr. William Turner
 Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

(We invite you to quiet yourself in preparation for the worship of God when you hear the prelude music.)
Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude “Prelude in G” Coleman

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations;
People: I will sing of you among the peoples.
Leader: For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. -Psalm 57:9-11 NIV

*Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 302

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess we have strayed from You. We have turned away from Your way. We are misled by pride for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in Your love, neglected Your justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of His righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Through Christ we pray. Amen. (silent personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon
Hear the good news: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri No. 735
(Parents may take children to the nursery.)

*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” Page 845
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

*Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" No. 499

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord’s Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem “Sing We Merrily Unto God” by Gordon Young

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee” arr. Manz

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Matthew 8:18-34 page 962
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Taking Jesus Seriously - Part 1”
Rev. Don Hardman

*Hymn "A Child of the King" No. 525

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude “All Is Well” Sacred Harp, 1844

*The congregation is asked to stand, as you are able.

Announcements

Welcome to First Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here and we pray that, as we share with each other and worship our God, you will find here a special presence and blessing of God.
If you are a guest with us this morning we hope you will come again and, if so led, consider making First EPC your church home.

Children’s Nursery

There is a nursery available for infants and children up through and including kindergarten. You may take your child to the nursery during the 2nd hymn.
Children from first grade up should remain in the service and worship with their family.

Prayer Focus

Pray God will break down the barriers that keep us from knowing the hearts of people different from us. Ps. 50:2 & 96:6



Women in Ministry Bible Study begins Tuesday, September 9th, at 11:00 a.m. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark led by Marcia Ridenhour this season, September through May 2026. Lunch is served immediately thereafter at noon. Please join us! Books are \$10.

Monday Nite SIBS meet 9/8/25 in the Parlor at 6:00 pm and will cover p.5-27 of Luke in the Land.

Today children are being recognized who are moving up into the next group. David Bean and Bryleigh Trevett are in Youth Group. Hayden Brown, Zelda Brown, Rowan Cripps, Ryker Cripps, Luke Smith, Taylor Smith, & Natalee Trevett are in FirstKids, grades 2-5.

Congregation Meeting Today

Following our worship service we will have a brief meeting of our congregation to select two at-large members to our Nominating Committee. The committee will then consist of Doug McLaughlin and Michael Ridenhour (from the Session) and Donna Broyles (from the Diaconate) and those elected today. They will seek persons to nominate to serve on the Diaconate (4) and on the Session (3) for the next 3 years.



Is God Calling?

Today we will elect our Nominating Committee who will bring to the congregation, at a meeting in October, nominations of individuals willing and qualified to serve our church as Deacons and Elders. We need men and women to serve in these positions. Maybe God is calling you to serve. Maybe you know of another member of our church who you think is qualified to serve. If so, please let the nominating committee know.