Elders

Class of 2023
Robert Broyles
Phillip Brown
Andrew Fuller
Lewana Richardson
Emery St. Cyr
Tom Turner

Class of 2024
Rea Brown
Mike Bumpass
Bob Collis
Bill Gearhart
Al Soltis

Class of 2025
Don Andree
Stuart Bain
Doug McLaughlin
David Smith

Deacons

Class of 2023
Pat Guerrant
Sheila Harms
Jeanette Hinkle
Linda Kappus
Melanie Rice
Marcia Ridenhour
Julie Smith

Class of 2024
Debbra Bennett
Alison Boozer
Linda Brown
Clifford (Bud) Derey
Carolyn Keyes
Kim Smith
Brenda White-Edwards

Class of 2025
Susan Blanding
Karen Brooks
Donna Broyles
Marlene Flynn
Helen Thompson
Lynn Wimmer

Sunday School 9:00 am

It is never too late for Children and Youth to join our Sunday School Classes. If you need more information, please contact Patti Trail (Children) or Pete Guillard (Youth) at 344-3204.

Class - Age	Room	Teachers
Children's Ministry		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Patti Trail
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

Adult Sunday School
McClanahan /Good News - Room 207
Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor

Reminders

Elders: Doug McLaughlin, Phil Brown
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
May 21 - Dick & Jean Jamison
May 28 - Doug & Marlene Flynn
June 4 - Robert & Donna Broyles
June 11 - CP & Carol Lockhart
June 18 - Don & Wendy Andree
June 25 - Nancy Poore
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
May 21 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
May 28 - Bill & Karen Brooks
June 4 - Ed & Debbie Bennett
June 11 - Barry & Anne Webb
June 18 - Tom & Helen Thompson
June 25 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
Deacons on Duty:
May 21 - Susan Blanding, Melanie Rice
May 28 - Donna Broyles, Marlene Flynn
June 4 - Linda Brown, Alison Boozer
June 11 - Lynn Wimmer, Marcia Ridenhour
June 18 - Kim Smith, Linda Kappus
June 25 - Jeanette Hinkle, Sheila Harms
Acolytes:
May 21 - Charlotte Bain
May 28—Emma & Kylie Woolard
June 4 - Bryleigh Trevett
June 11 - Elizabeth Rice
June 18 - Emma & Kylie Woolard
June 25 - Charlotte Bain
Nursery:
May 21 - Roseanne Bumpass

CALENDAR

Today, 5/21	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm
Monday, 5/22	Church office closed on Mondays; Sermon Apps, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, 5/23	Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 10:00 am; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 5/24	FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 5/25	Staff Mtg., 10:00 am
Friday, 5/26	Prayers for the church, 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**

Greetings from First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Good morning and welcome to First Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here, and if you are visiting, we pray that you will return often and that you will consider joining us here at First church in Ministry and Service. First EPC is a caring family of all ages. Children and families are special to us, and this is a great place to make new friends and to grow in Christian Discipleship.

You can join First EPC by Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; Reaffirmation of Faith if you have already made a Profession of Faith but have not been active in a church for some time; or by Transfer of Letter if you have been a member of another Church and now want to join First EPC. We do hope you will consider joining us here.

Just speak to Rev. Bob Smith or the two Elders at the right front of our Sanctuary at the end of our Service today!

FEPC provides clipboards with crayons and children's bulletins for children to use during the Worship service. There are two options, based on the age of your child. They are located in the baskets in the Narthex and Ramp Room located in the back of the Sanctuary. We encourage parents to use these resources. As a courtesy, please return materials to the baskets for the next service.

Children's Worship

May 21 - Ascension: Leader: Diana Harvey; Greeter: Pat Povtak
May 28 - Pentecost: Leader: Julie Smith; Greeter: Mike Trail

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MAY 21, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Robert D. Smith
Director of Music & Children's Ministries:
Mrs. Patricia K. Trail
Director of Youth & Adult Christian Education:
Mr. Pete G. Guillard
Organist: Mr. William Turner
Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 21, 2023 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

(We invite you to quiet yourself in preparation for the worship of God when you hear the prelude music.)

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"
Carillonneurs arr. Stephenson

Call to Worship The Rev. Robert Smith

Leader: We are God's people, chosen to be holy, chosen to be set apart from the world and the passions of the world, chosen to be in the world but not of it.

People: Let us call upon the One who alone is able to fulfill in us this high calling; let us worship God.

*Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 295

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, we have heard the word of Scripture: "Do not love the world or the things in the world...the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, the pride in riches..." (1 Jn. 2:15a, 16). But as we examine our lives in the light of your word, we confess that the desire for the things of the world is surely within us. We recognize we are yet much "conformed" to this world's priorities and pleasures, pressures, and powers. We permit the influences of media to dictate our choices, the values of the world to determine our desires, and the standards of society to mold our behaviors. Thus, we forfeit our distinctiveness as followers of Jesus. We confess that when we lose this "first love" that energizes our lives, when we let go your strong hand that steadies us, and when we look away from your light that guides us, we become vulnerable to lesser powers. When our life together as church looks not different from other benevolent institutions, forgive us, and grant us your grace, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News: *"The grace of God has appeared bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly...Christ Jesus gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds"* (Titus 2:11-14).

Friends, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri No. 735

(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time The Rev. Robert Smith

Children's Worship is provided for ages 4–4th grade in Room 205.
Parents, please escort your children to this room.

*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" No. 642

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 10:16-33 Page 964

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Hildebrand

Scripture: Romans 16:17-27 Page 1126

Sermon "In Conclusion"
The Rev. Robert Smith

RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord's Prayer

***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

Offering of Ourselves to God and to One Another

Our Greetings

Offertory "Psalm" Young

Our Gratitude

"The Doxology" No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

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

Benediction "Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Rejoice, The Lord Is King" Darwall/Rawsthorne

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

Announcements

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
May - Pancake Mix & Syrup

Prayer Focus
Praise God for the hope of eternal life.
James 1:12; Titus 1:2; Acts 18:27

Summer Mission Team Reminder

Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Sunday immediately after worship

Next Meeting - May 28

Sunday, June 4, 2023

CELEBRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF REV. ROBERT D. SMITH UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

10:30 AM Worship
Noon – Picnic

Please join us May 28 from
5 to 5:45 pm in the Parlor **for our monthly prayer gathering.**

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." - - Rom. 12:12