

CALENDAR

Today, 9/28	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm
Monday, 9/29	Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 9/30	Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 10/1	First Wed. Book Club, 9:30 pm; Feast @ First, 6:00 pm; FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 10/2	Men’s Breakfast, 8:00 am
Friday, 10/3	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.

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. We encourage parents to use these resources. As a courtesy, please return materials to the baskets for the next service.

Is God Calling?

God is building His Church and has already called those He wants to serve in leadership at First EPC. Maybe God is calling **you** to serve. Maybe you know of another member of our church who you think is qualified to serve. In either case, please step forward and let the nominating committee know. They are Becky Bane, Linda Brown, Donna Broyles, Doug McLaughlin, and Michael Ridenhour.

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



CROP Hunger Walk

Contributions will be taken in the Ramp Room and Narthex.

Elders

Class of 2025

Stuart Bain

Richard Harvey

Doug McLaughlin

Class of 2026

Don Andree

Robert Broyles

David Smith

Class of 2027

Mike Abbott

Scott Rice

Michael Ridenhour

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 Melanie Rice (Children) or Pete Guillard (Youth).

Class - Age	Room	Teachers
Children’s Ministry		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	
Children’s Sunday School 2-5	205	Melanie Rice
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

Adult Sunday School

McClanahan /Good News - Room 207

Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor

Deacons

Class of 2025

Susan Blanding

Marlene Flynn

Marcia Ridenhour

Helen Thompson

Class of 2026

Wendy Andree

Bobby Caudle

Cameron May

Sandra McCullar

Class of 2027

Karen Brooks

Donna Broyles

Tammy Caldwell

Carolyn Moore

Reminders

Elders: Scott Rice, Stuart Bain

Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks

Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):

Sept. 28 - Don & Wendy Andree

Oct. 5 - Charles Speck

Oct. 12 - David & Kathy Akers

Oct. 19 - Teal Bennett

Oct. 26 - Diana Harvey

Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):

Sept. 28 - Ed & Debbie Bennett

Oct. 5 - Brenda White-Edwards

Oct. 12 - Sandy McCullar

Oct. 19 - Jeff & Pat Povtak

Oct. 26 - Martha Minter

Deacon on Duty:

Sept. 28 - Bobby Caudle

Oct. 5 - TBD

Oct. 12 - TBD

Oct. 19 - TBD

Oct. 26 - TBD

Nursery Bible Time:

Sept. 28 - Deborah Mattern

Oct. 5 - Missy Reed

Oct. 12 - Barbara Hardman

Oct. 19 - Karen Brooks

Oct. 26 - Wendy Andree



Feeding the Community

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

Sept. - chicken noodle and tomato soup

Oct—pork & beans

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First Presbyterian Church

Roanoke, Virginia

Organized May 28, 1851

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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 28, 2025

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

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

God of all, you gave your only Son to take the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind of Christ Jesus so that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "All Creatures of Our God and King"
arr. Dawn Thompson
Helen Gearhart, Stuart Bain

Call to Worship Noah Harris
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
Leader: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100)

*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 32

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Heavenly Father, I come before You with a humble heart, confessing my shortcomings and failures. I have not always been faithful in my thoughts, words, or actions. Forgive me, Lord, for the times I have strayed from Your path. Cleanse me and renew my spirit, so I may walk faithfully in your way, reflecting you in all I do. Thank You for Your unending grace and mercy. Amen. (silent personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon
God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Therefore, if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Rom. 5:8, 1John1:9)

*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 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" No. 585

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 "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Mission Team Slide Show Bradley Caldwell

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication Jake Caldwell

*Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Exodus 1:15-2:10 page
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Living faithfully in the world to which you are called"
Mr. Pete Guillard

*Hymn "We Are God's People" No. 355

*Benediction Pete Guillard
Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20, Hebrews 13:21)

Postlude "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" Taylor

*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 at the indicated time.
Children from first grade up should remain in the service and worship with their family.

Prayer Focus

Pray for grace to be joyful in all circumstances.
Ecclesiastes 7:14; 1 Cor. 7:24; Ps. 98:4

First Wednesday Book Club selection for Oct. 1 is "To See The Moon Again" by Jamie Langston Turner.

Feast @ First
Soup and side night
First EPC Fellowship Hall
Please bring soup or side to share
October 1 6PM
Sign up in Ramp Room for soup.

Pray
Please join us this evening at 5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -- Rom. 12:12