

CALENDAR

Today, 5/4	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg., after Worship
Monday, 5/5	Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 5/6	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, 5/7	1st Wed. Book Club, 9:30 am; Feast @ First, 6:00 pm; First Kids & Youth Group, 6:30 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 5/8	Worship/Discipleship Mtg., 12:30 pm; Outreach Ministries Mtg., 5:00 pm
Friday, 5/9	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 \*

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 Nursery

There is a nursery available for infants and children up through and including kindergarten.  
Children from first grade up should remain in the service and worship with their family.

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	Library	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: Mike Abbott

Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown

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


May 4 - Nancy Gillespie  
May 11 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes  
May 18 - Bud & Jesse Derey  
May 25 - Linda Brown

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

May 4 - Sara King  
May 11 - Mike & Roseanne Bumpass  
May 18 - Tammy, Bradley, & Jake Caldwell  
May 25 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry

Deacon on Duty:

May 4 - Wendy Andree  
May 11 - Karen Brooks  
May 18 - Carolyn Moore  
May 25 - Marcia Ridenhour



Feeding the Community

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

May - Pancake Mix & Syrup

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MAY 4, 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

MAY 4, 2025

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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude “Voluntary in F” Thiman

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman  
Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.  
People: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.  
Leader: God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.  
People: Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises. -Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6, NRSV

\*Hymn "To God Be the Glory" No. 55

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)  
Loving and forgiving God, we confess that we find it easier to follow the crowd than to follow You. We often seek the praise of others, rather than seeking to give You joy with our faithfulness. We have not loved You with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry. Forgive us. Grant us the grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image. We pray in in the name of Jesus Christ . Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon  
You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.  
Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
-Romans 8:15-17

\*Gloria Patri No. 735  
(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)

Children’s Time Kim Smith

\*Hymn “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” insert

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 “This Joyful Eastertide” G. R. Woodward  
arr. Charles Wood

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “Andante religioso” Mendelssohn

\*Doxology No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: John 20:19-31 page 1075  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “What To Do With Doubt”  
Rev. Don Hardman

\*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 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” No. 679

\*Benediction No. 739

Postlude “A Hymn of Glory Let Us sing” arr. Manz  
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\*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.

Prayer Focus  
Pray continually.  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Summer Mission Team  
Reminder

Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday immediately after worship



Next Meeting - May 11

First Wednesday Book Club selection for May 7 is “A Tale of Two Sons” by John MacArthur.

Fiesta Feast @ First First EPC Fellowship Hall  
Please bring your favorite Mexican dish to share.  
Chips, Salsa & Drinks provided.  
May 7, 2025 6 PM