

CALENDAR

Today, 5/18	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm
Monday, 5/19	Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 5/20	Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 5/21	First Kids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 5/22	
Friday, 5/23	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](http://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 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 18 - Bud & Jesse Derey  
May 25 - Linda Brown  
June 1 - Doug & Marlene Flynn  
June 8 - Sue Brown  
June 15 - Carles Speck  
June 22 - Bob & Donna Broyles  
June 29 - Don & Wendy Andree

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

May 18 - Martha Minter  
May 25 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry  
June 1 - Jean Jamison  
June 8 - Deborah Mattern  
June 15 - Barry & Anne Webb  
June 22 - Kaey Ward  
June 29 - Ed & Debbie Bennett

Deacon on Duty:

May 18 - Carolyn Moore  
May 25 - Marcia Ridenhour  
June 1 - Susan Blanding  
June 8 - Wendy Andree  
June 15 - Tammy Caldwell  
June 22 - Marlene Flynn  
June 29 - Susan Blanding

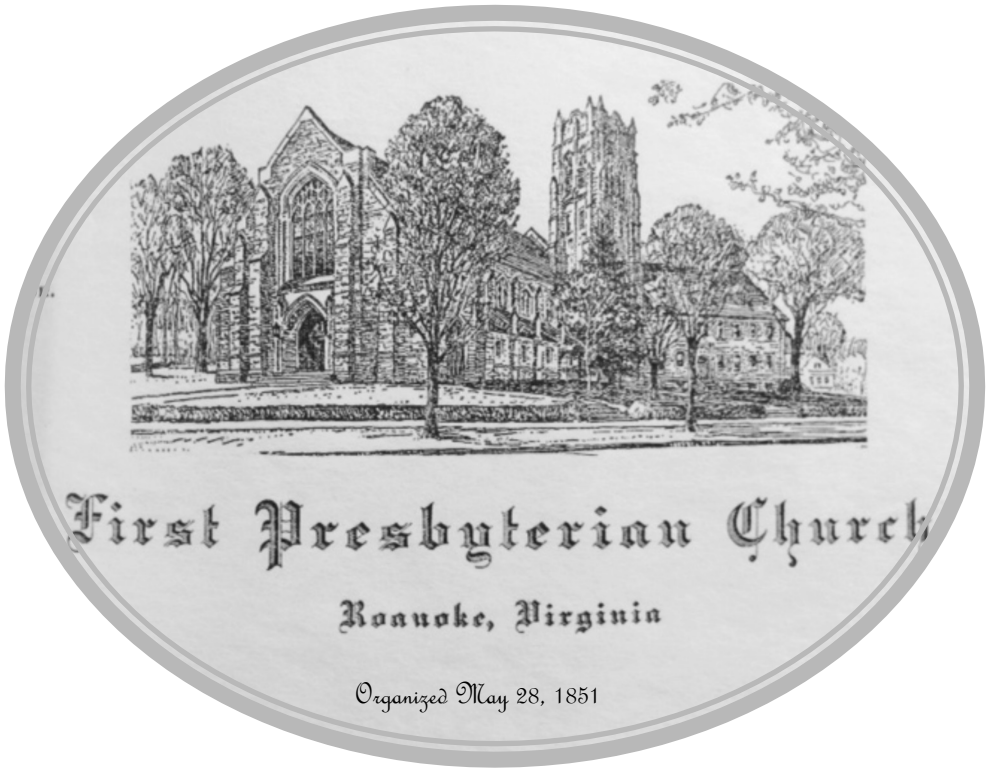
Feeding the Community

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

May - Pancake Mix & Syrup

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MAY 18, 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 18, 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, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude “How Beautiful” arr. Lloyd Larson  
Carillonneurs Handbell Choir

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman  
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
People: And speak of all his marvelous works.  
Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
People: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!  
-based on Psalm 105:1-3

\*Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” No. 457

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)  
Gracious God, You are loving and kind. We confess to You our sins, for they are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and open us to Your future. Grant us Your grace to grow more and more into Your likeness. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord...  
(silent personal confession)

\*Assurance of Pardon  
Hear God’s Good News as he speaks through his prophet Ezekiel: “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you...” Friends in Christ that promise has been fulfilled and we have that new heart and our sins have been washed away. Live in the joy and peace of that assurance. Amen.  
-based on Ezekiel 36:24-28

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

Children’s Time Susan Blanding

\*Hymn “Amazing Grace!” No. 460

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 "Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me" arr. by K. Lee Scott

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” arr. Hayes  
Caroline Johnson, piano

\*Doxology No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-6 page 1156  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Pre-Approved”  
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 “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!” No. 296

\*Benediction No. 739

Postlude “Postlude on Diademata” Young  
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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 for our enemies.  
Matthew 5:44-45

Summer Mission Team  
Reminder

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



Next Meeting - May 25

First Wednesday Book Club selection for June 4 is “Marcia Schuyler” by Grace Livingston Hill.



Please join us next Sunday, May 25, at  
**5 pm in the Parlor** for our monthly prayer gathering.  
*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” -- Rom. 12:12*