

CALENDAR

Today, 9/21

Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm

Monday, 9/22

Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 9/23

Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 9/24

FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 9/25

Friday, 9/26

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.



Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign

If you have picked up a baby bottle to put your spare change, cash, or checks into action, please return them to the Ramp Room by Sunday, September 28.

Thank you, Women in Ministry

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.

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. 21 - Bob & Donna Broyles
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. 21 - Deborah Mattern
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. 21 - Marica Ridenhour
Sept. 28 - Bobby Caudle
Oct. 5 - TBD
Oct. 12 - TBD
Oct. 19 - TBD
Oct. 26 - TBD

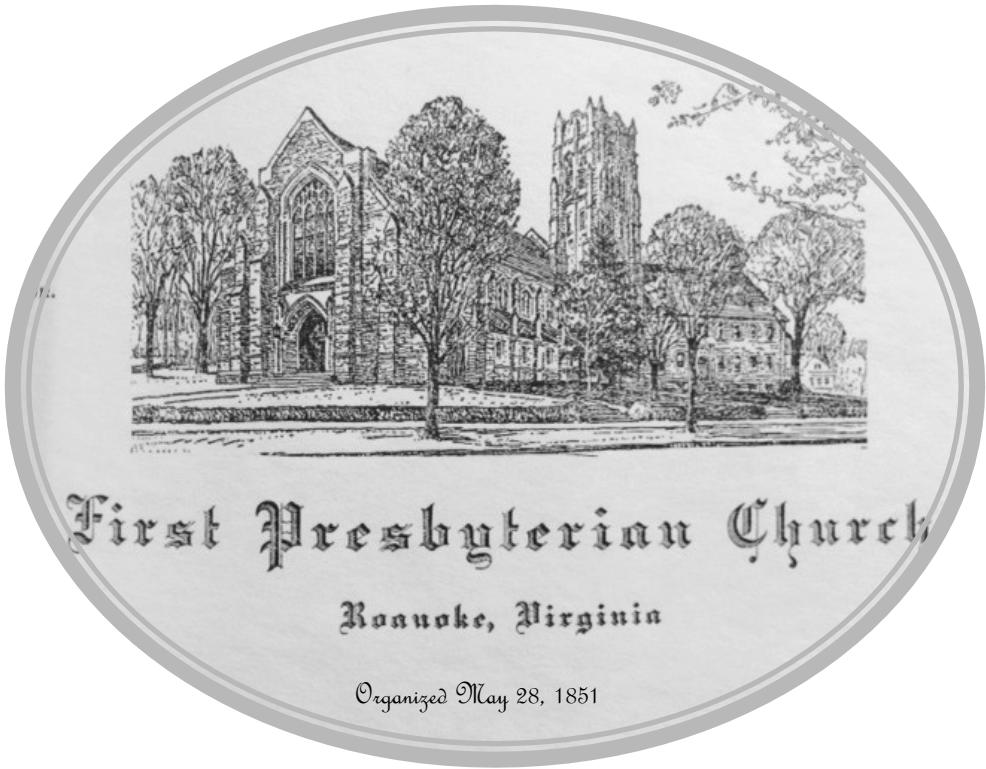
Nursery Bible Time:
Sept. 21 - Deborah Matten
Sept. 28 - Deborah Mattern
Oct. 5 - Missy Reed
Oct. 12 - Barbara Hardman
Oct. 19 - Karen Brooks
Oct. 26 - Wendy Andree



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
Sept. - chicken noodle and tomato soup

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SEPTEMBER 21, 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 21, 2025

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

(We invite you to quiet yourself in preparation for the worship of God when you hear the prelude music.)
Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude “Sink Not Yet, My Soul, to Slumber” Walther
Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship,
People: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
Leader: for he is our God
People: and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.
Psalm 95:6-7

*Hymn "A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord” No. 175

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Most merciful God, we come to You confessing that we have failed to love You as we should. We have failed to act wisely when You are the source of our wisdom; failed to be generous when You have been so gracious to us; failed to forgive others while we presume Your forgiveness to us; failed to praise You in all things, and rely on You for our daily bread. In Your great mercy forgive us and restore us to fellowship with You and with one another. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.
(silent personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon
If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In 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 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" No. 498

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 “Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven” by Gordon Young

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “Ave Verum” Mozart

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: John 8:1-11 page 1059
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Taking Sin Seriously”
Rev. Don Hardman

*Hymn "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord” No. 465

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude “Rondeau” Mouret

*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 courage to make God the sole desire of your heart.
Ps. 73:25-26 & 63:1-5

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



Please join us Sept. 28 at
5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.
“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” -- Rom. 12:12