

CALENDAR

Today, 8/10 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am

Monday, 8/11 Church office closed on Mondays

Tuesday, 8/12 Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 8/13 Youth Group, 6:00 pm

Thursday, 8/14 Worship/Discipleship Commission, 12:30 pm; Outreach Ministries Commission, 5:30 pm

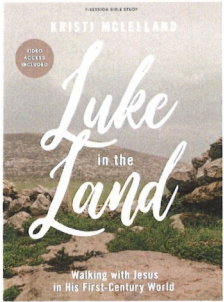
Friday, 8/15 Prayer mtg., 9:30 am

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 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.



Join us for this 7-session study to challenge the way you read the accounts of Jesus through teaching videos that take you to locations in Israel like Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus.

Monday Night SIBS meet 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
We plan this study to run 9/8/25 to 1/12/26

If interested in joining, please contact:
Chris Ayers 540/798-6919 text or call
robert.chris.ayers@cox.net
Study books are \$25 and must be ordered by 8/17/25.
We will meet for food, fellowship, and book distribution Monday 8/25/25.

Lifeway women

Elders <u>Class of 2025</u> Stuart Bain Richard Harvey Doug McLaughlin <u>Class of 2026</u> Don Andree Robert Broyles David Smith <u>Class of 2027</u> Mike Abbott Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour	<u>Sunday School 9:00 am</u> 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 <u>Class of 2025</u> Susan Blanding Marlene Flynn Marcia Ridenhour Helen Thompson <u>Class of 2026</u> Wendy Andree Bobby Caudle Cameron May Sandra McCullar <u>Class of 2027</u> Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Tammy Caldwell Carolyn Moore	<u>Reminders</u> Elders: David Smith Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): Aug. 10 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes Aug. 17 - Bud & Jesse Derey Aug. 24 - Linda Brown Aug. 31 - Doug & Marlene Flynn Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): Aug. 10 - Tammy Caldwell, Bradley & Jake Aug. 17 - Mike & Roseanne Bumpass Aug. 24 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry Aug. 31 - Jean Jamison Deacon on Duty: Aug. 10 - Marcia Ridenhour Aug. 17 - Wendy Andree Aug. 24 - TBD Aug. 31 - TBD
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Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
Aug. - canned fruit

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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AUGUST 10, 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

AUGUST 10, 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 to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” arr. Young

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
All: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

-Psalm 34:1-3 ESV

*Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" No. 115

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious and merciful God, You always love us, yet we do not always love You. Our self-delusions and self-justifications run deep. Too many times we trust in our own ability and strength. Too many times we ignore what You give and empower. Too many times we think we are the cause of our success. Too many times we fail to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Forgive us for our blindness, willfulness, and pride. Set us back on Your path of grace, witness, and service. We ask this in the Name of the risen Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (silent personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News! Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. Believe the Gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven
Thanks be to God!

-1 Peter 2:24

*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 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" No. 32
(The congregation may come forward to place their 2¢-A-Meal offering in the container at the front of the Sanctuary)

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 “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" by Karen Lafferty

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” arr. Lau

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Joshua 4:1–5:15 page 210
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Looking Back - Living Forward”
Rev. Don Hardman

*Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 654

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude “Bachiana on an Ancient Chorale” Young

*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.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Join us for “Lemonade & cookies on the Lawn” today immediately after church and continuing through the summer. Please linger awhile, help yourself to some lemonade and enjoy each other’s company before you leave.



Prayer Focus

Pray for grace to make you wiser and better every day.
Phil. 3:12-14; Mal. 4:2; 2 Peter 3:18

Children’s Nursery

For June, July, and August we will not have a children’s message during the service. However, you may take your child to the nursery during the 2nd hymn.
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.

From the Pastor Search Committee

Dear Church Family -
Thank you again for your prayers as we continue the work of finding our next Senior Pastor. As you know, we first posted the open position on the EPC’s website in January as well as other sources. We have been very encouraged that 15 individuals to date have expressed interest in FEPC. Each submission has been carefully reviewed, and, in some cases, initial interviews were scheduled.
At the present time, we are speaking with a serious candidate who has also expressed interest in serving FEPC. We are working through the process of interviews, calling references and scheduling face-to-face meetings over the coming weeks. We cannot provide more details at this time due to the confidential nature of the search, as he has not notified his current church of his interest in FEPC. We are encouraged thus far, and are asking for prayer for discernment, wisdom and patience for both the candidate and the Search Committee as we work through this process. More details will be provided when appropriate.
The search process includes working closely with the Ministerial Committee of the New River Presbytery as they will need to accept into the Presbytery any candidate we choose to call to our pulpit.
Please keep praying for the candidate God has chosen for FEPC, the search committee, the Presbytery’s Ministerial Committee and all of the candidates we have been in contact with us as they seek their next call.
We will continue to report on a regular basis. Thank you for your continued support.