

Elders

Class of 2021
Rea Brown
Mike Bumpass
Bob Collis
Bill Gearhart
Al Soltis

Class of 2022
Karen Hankins
Doug McLaughlin
Kaye Wilkerson

Class of 2023
Robert Broyles
Phillip Brown
Andrew Fuller
Lewana Richardson
Emery St. Cyr

Deacons

Class of 2021
Chris Ayers
Susan Blanding
Pat Povtak
Michael Ridenhour
Helen Thompson

Class of 2022
Roseanne Bumpass
Carolyn Fedison
Marlene Flynn
Sheila Harms
Lynn Wimmer

Class of 2023
Linda Armetta
Mary Ann Bennett
Pat Guerrant
Jeanette Hinkle
Melanie Rice
Julie Smith

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 Patti Trail (Children) or Pete Guillard (Youth) at 344-3204.

Class - Age	Room	Teachers
Children's Ministry		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Patti Trail
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

Adult Sunday School
McClanahan /Good News - Room 207
Koinonia/Cornerstone - Fellowship Hall
Agape Class - Parlor

Reminders

Elders:

Karen Hankins

Sound System:

Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Mike Stoots, Rea Brown

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

Sept. 5 - Teal Bennett

Sept. 12 - CP & Carol Lockhart

Sept. 19 - Nancy Poore

Sept. 26 - Jeff & Pat Povtak

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

Sept. 5 - Dick & Jean Jamison

Sept. 12 - Tom & Helen Thompson

Sept. 19 - Jan Tyree

Sept. 26 - Don & Wendy Andree

Deacons on Duty:

Sept. 5 - Michael Ridenhour, Linda Armetta

Sept. 12 - Melanie Rice, Carolyn Fedison

Sept. 19 - Julie Smith, Pat Guerrant

Sept. 26 - Roseanne Bumpass, Marlene Flynn

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bill and Buffie Gearhart from Bill, Jr., Jim & Helen.

CALENDAR

Today, 9/5	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Lemonade on the Lawn
Monday, 9/6	Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 9/7	Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 9/8	FirstKids, 6:00 pm, Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 9/9	Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Worship Commission Mtg., 5:30 pm
Friday, 9/10	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*

Greetings from First Evangelical Presbyterian Church


Good morning and welcome to First Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here, and if you are visiting, we pray that you will return often and that you will consider joining us here at First church in Ministry and Service. First EPC is a caring family of all ages. Children and families are special to us, and this is a great place to make new friends and to grow in Christian Discipleship.

You can join First EPC by Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; Reaffirmation of Faith if you have already made a Profession of Faith but have not been active in a church for some time; or by Transfer of Letter if you have been a member of another Church and now want to join First EPC. We do hope you will consider joining us here.

Just speak to Rev. Bob Smith or the two Elders at the right front of our Sanctuary at the end of our Service today!

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 Worship



FEPC's Children's Worship Center reopens on Sunday, September 19, in room 205 after the "Children's Time" portion of corporate worship. We invite all children, age 4-grade 3, to join us for worship each Sunday. Parents, please note that we are encouraging children in grade 3 to worship with us this year.

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Robert D. Smith

Director of Music & Children's Ministries:

Mrs. Patricia K. Trail

Director of Youth & Adult Christian Education:

Mr. Pete G. Guillard

Organist: Mr. William Turner

Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

September - Canned Fruit & Canned Beans

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude

Call to Worship The Rev. Robert Smith
Leader: We are God’s people, chosen to be holy, chosen to be set apart from the world and the passions of the world, chosen to be in the world but not of it.
People: Let us call upon the One who alone is able to fulfill in us this high calling; let us worship God.

*Hymn “At the Name of Jesus” No. 163

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
O God, we have heard the word of Scripture: “Do not love the world or the things in the world...the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, the pride in riches...” (1 Jn. 2:15a, 16). But as we examine our lives in the light of your word, we confess that the desire for the things of the world is surely within us. We recognize we are yet much “conformed” to this world’s priorities and pleasures, pressures, and powers. We permit the influences of media to dictate our choices, the values of the world to determine our desires, and the standards of society to mold our behaviors. Thus, we forfeit our distinctiveness as followers of Jesus. We confess that when we lose this “first love” that energizes our lives, when we let go your strong hand that steadies us, and when we look away from your light that guides us, we become vulnerable to lesser powers. When our life together as church looks not different from other benevolent institutions, forgive us, and grant us your grace, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon
Friends, hear the Good News: “The grace of God has appeared bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly...Christ Jesus gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds” (Titus 2:11-14). In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Time The Rev. Robert Smith
*Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” No. 457
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: Psalm 145 Page 621
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Anthem: “Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You” Althouse
Scripture: John 17:1-26 Page 1070
Sermon “The High Priestly Prayer”
The Rev. Robert Smith

RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord’s Prayer
*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

Offering of Ourselves to God and to One Another

Our Greetings

Offertory

Our Gratitude

“The Doxology” No. 731
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

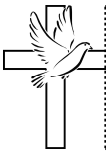
*Hymn “Lead On, O King Eternal” No. 580

Benediction “Threefold Amen” No. 740

Postlude

*The congregation is asked to stand, as you are able.

Announcements



Prayer Focus
Pray for discipline in your devotional life.
John 15:4-10



Join us for “Lemonade on the Lawn” immediately after church (weather permitting) and continuing through the summer.
Please linger awhile, help yourself to some lemonade and enjoy each other’s company before you leave. - Hospitality Commission



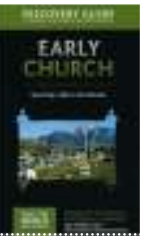
LISHY’S GIFT
Golf Tournament
Roanoke Country Club
Oct. 1

More information and to register visit
www.lishysgift.com



HOW CAN YOU BE READY TO GO?
Join us for the GO weekend, Sept. 18 & 19.
Please RSVP to Lorri Wright, lwright@fecproanoke.org, for lunch on Saturday.

Calling all ladies! Women in Ministry (WiM) will resume on Tuesday, September 14, at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We are mission minded and love God’s word. We will continue our study of Hebrews and enjoy a delicious lunch together at noon. Come join us!



Tuesday Morning SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study) News
Our study guides have arrived! Please pick up your copy in the copy room at church, and add your name to the list located with the guides. I plan to wait until class begins (on 9/21 at 9:30 AM) to collect the money, but I’d love to know now how many are planning to attend, in case I need to order more study guides!
Lynn Wimmer 540-769-5169

Monday night Sisters in Bible study (SIBS) will begin September 13, at 6:00 with a social (hamburgers and sides) at the home of Terra Wiley, 2917 Carolina Ave. The Bible study “Faith and Fire, Elijah” will begin September 27 in the fellowship hall at 6:00. More than ever our world needs daughters of God to rise in the spirit of Elijah. Study with Priscilla Shirer and learn how God can comfort you, strengthen you, encourage you, and prepare you for your own Mount Carmel. If you would like to attend, contact Deborah Mattern at 540-761-9302 (call or text) or mattern.deborah@gmail.com

