

Elders			
<u>Class of 2024</u> Rea Brown Mike Bumpass Bob Collis Bill Gearhart Al Soltis			
<u>Class of 2025</u> Don Andree Stuart Bain Richard Harvey Doug McLaughlin David Smith			
<u>Class of 2026</u> Mike Abbott Robert Broyles Aaron Burton Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour			
Class - Age	Room	Teachers	
Children's Ministry			
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young	
PreK-K-1	114		
Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Kaye Wilkerson	
Youth			
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard	
Adult Sunday School McClanahan /Good News - Room 207 Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor			

Deacons	
<u>Class of 2024</u> Debra Bennett Alison Boozer Linda Brown Clifford (Bud) Derey Sheila Harms Carolyn Keyes Kim Smith Mary Thornhill Brenda White-Edwards	
<u>Class of 2025</u> Susan Blanding Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Marlene Flynn Marcia Ridenhour Helen Thompson	
<u>Class of 2026</u> Wendy Andree Tamara Caldwell Bobby Caudle Cameron May Sandy McCullar Carolyn Moore	
Reminders	
Elders: Bob Broyles, Aaron Burton	
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks	
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): May 12 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes May 19 - Bud & Jesse Derey May 26 - Jean Jamison, Linda Brown	
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): May 12 - Diana Harvey May 19 - Brenda White-Edwards May 26 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry	
Deacons on Duty: May 12 - Brenda Edwards, Alison Boozer May 19 - Sheila Harms, Karen Brooks May 26 - Marcia Ridenhour, Carolyn Keyes	
Acolytes: May 12 - Elizabeth Rice May 19 - David Bean May 26 - Emma & Kylie Woolard	

 **Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs**
May - Pancake mix & Syrup

CALENDAR

Today, 5/12 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Mission Team Mtg., 11:45 am

Monday, 5/13 Church office closed on Mondays

Tuesday, 5/14 Women in Ministry Bible Study, 11:00 am; Women in Ministry Lunch, 12:00 pm; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 5/15 Worship Commission Mtg., 11:00 am; FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 5/16 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am; Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 2:30 pm

Friday, 5/17 Prayers for the Church, 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 Worship

May 12 - Ascension; Leader: Diana Harvey; Greeter: Chris Ayers
May 19 - Pentecost; Leader: Natalie McLaughlin; Greeter: Pat Povtak
May 26 - Baptism; Leader: Deborah Mattern; Greeter: Mike Trail

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MAY 12, 2024
10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Don Hardman
Director of Music: Rev. Keith Olivier
Director of Youth & Adult Christian Education:
Mr. Pete G. Guillard
Organist: Mr. William Turner
Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 12, 2024

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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Prelude in G Minor" Bach

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

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 "O Worship the King" No. 2

*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, in too many ways, 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, teaching 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

Kim Smith

Children's Worship is provided for ages 4-2nd grade in Room 205. Parents, please escort your children to this room.

*Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" No. 616
(The congregation may come forward to place their 2¢-A-Meal offering in the container at the front of the Sanctuary)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 26:2-3 Page 545

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Before the Throne of God Above" arranged by Lloyd Larson

Scripture: John 14:6 Page 1068

Sermon "Getting Off the Fence: Jesus is the Truth" Rev. Don Hardman

RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

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.

*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 Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee" Böhm

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" No. 94

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Toccatina in E Minor" Pachelbel

*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 2nd and 4th Sunday immediately after worship

Next Meeting - Today



Roanoke Baroque

Presents
Season II Finale!
Bach Brandenburg Concerti 4 & 5
With Featured Guest Artists and Solists
Philip Frazon, Violin; Julie Hickcox, Flute,
Deanne Vance, Harpsichord
Jennifer Steeter and Annmarie Drake, Recordars
&
Vivaldi "Nulla in mundo pax sincera"
With Guest Solist Brooke Tolley
May 18 @ 7:00 P.M. & May 19 @ 3:00
P.M. First Evangelical Presbyterian
Church
2101 Jefferson Street S.W., Roanoke

"Courtly Concert" Debs. Hilleström, c. 1750
Admission is "name your own ticket price" & parking is free and ample.

Congratulations to our High School graduates: Christopher Hippeard, Rye Jackson, and Delaney McLaughlin.



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity at
The Rescue Mission of Roanoke

- Seeking 5 people to serve **lunch** on Monday, **June 10th**
- Volunteers need to be at the Rescue Mission from 11:15 to 1:30
- Please sign up in the Ramp Room (sheet is on the desk)

Two Cents-a-Meal invites every member of the congregation to prayerfully contribute 2 cents at each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty following the example of the widow who gave all that she had (Lk. 21:14). Participation is also a response to Jesus' command, "You give them something to eat." These resources are received on the 2nd Sunday of every month and then distributed to our community through The Presbyterian Community Center.