

CALENDAR

Today, 10/6 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg., after worship

Monday, 10/7 Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 10/8 Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 10/9 FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 10/10 Worship/Discipleship Mtg., 12:30 pm; Outreach Ministry Mtg., 5:00 pm

Friday, 10/11 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.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Samaritan’s Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By filling ordinary shoeboxes full of toys and other fun items, you can be part of giving boys and girls what may be their first gift ever! Local churches in more than 100 nations hand out these Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Gospel is presented in a child-friendly way. Each box bursting with items such as a soccer ball, doll, or stuffed animal becomes a tangible expression of God’s love to the child, their family, and their community. Many shoebox recipients also participate in the 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.

To participate, pick up a shoebox provided in the Ramp Room hallway or use a regular shoebox that you already have. There is a leaflet provided by Samaritan’s Purse in each shoebox in the Ramp Room. Follow the instructions in the leaflet on how to pack your shoebox, affix the label and then secure the filled box with a rubber band. **Bring your filled shoebox back to the Ramp Room at FEPC on or before Sunday, November 16th, 2025.** Your box will then be taken to a regional drop-off location, processed by volunteers and sent to its destination to be distributed to a child as an expression of God’s love.

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: Mike Abbott, Rick Harvey

Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks

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

Oct. 5 - Charles Speck
Oct. 12 - David & Kathy Akers
Oct. 19 - Teal Bennett
Oct. 26 - Diana Harvey

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

Oct. 5 - Brenda White-Edwards
Oct. 12 - Sandy McCullar
Oct. 19 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
Oct. 26 - Martha Minter

Deacon on Duty:

Oct. 5 - TBD
Oct. 12 - TBD
Oct. 19 - TBD
Oct. 26 - TBD

Nursery Bible Time:

Oct. 5 - Missy Reed
Oct. 12 - Barbara Hardman
Oct. 19 - Karen Brooks
Oct. 26 - Wendy Andree



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
Oct. - Pork & Beans

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OCTOBER 5, 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

OCTOBER 5, 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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 “Allemanda from Partita No. 2” J. S. Bach

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
People: We will be glad and exult in you;
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High. —from Psalm 9:1-2

*Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” No. 571

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Merciful God, you bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and you disclose the purposes of the heart. You know us. Before we speak you know the words on our lips and the thoughts in our minds. We cannot hide from you. We, too often, have tried to serve two masters. We want to serve you, but we are drawn to the ways of this world and its promises. We are trapped in our worries, halfheartedly serving you while longing for more of this world's pleasures. Forgive us in the name of Jesus our Lord and our Savior. Amen. (silent personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon
Friends, hear the Good News! God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. Thanks be to God for His marvelous grace!

*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 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” insert

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 “Teach me, O Lord" by Thomas Attwood

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “Andante from Sonata No. 2” J. S. Bach

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Philippians 1:27-30 page 1161
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Christians In A Non-Christian World”
Rev. Don Hardman

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
(Take the bread as served; hold the cup to take together.)

Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal” No. 580

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude “Corrente from Partita No. 2” J. S. Bach

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

This morning during the last hymn we will receive a Communion Offering which serves to help those in need within and without our church family. We will remain seated during this hymn.

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

Acknowledge your dependence on God through prayer.
Ps. 139:14-16; Ps. 104:29; Lamentations 3:22-23

First Wednesday Book Club

November 5; 9:30am

Miss Willie

by Janice Holt Giles

You can get your book on-line or your favorite bookstore.

Please bring a friend or neighbor.

Everyone is welcome to join us for fellowship and to listen to the discussion even if you have not yet read the book.

Kathy Akers - (540) 769-2008

