



The Season of Lent

During the Christian Year, the season of Lent is a time when we focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to expand our relationship with God. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent and Easter concludes it.

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 14

On Palm Sunday Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. Palm Sunday, often referred to as "Passion Sunday," marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday. Join us for Sunday school at 9:00 am and Worship at 10:30 am.

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 7:00 pm

“MAUNDY THURSDAY,” also known as Holy Thursday, is the anniversary day of Jesus’ institution of his Last Supper in the upper room in Jerusalem, the eve before his crucifixion. The word ‘maundy’ comes from the Latin word ‘mandatum,’ which means ‘to command.’ It refers to the command Jesus gave to his disciples that evening as recorded in John 13:34, “And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” Please join us for this special service at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday

April 19

Good Friday is observed on the Friday before Easter Sunday. On this day Christians commemorate the passion, or suffering, and death on the cross of the Lord, Jesus Christ. You are invited to engage in a time of prayer and reflection in Lapsley Chapel from noon until 3:00 pm.

Easter Sunday

April 21

On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Join us for Sunday school at 9:00 am and Worship at 10:30 am.

EASTER LILIES

The Worship Commission will be using lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Make checks payable to FEPC, marked “lilies,” enclose with the order form, and return to the church office, attn: Lorri Wright, 2101 S. Jefferson St., Roanoke, 24014 (or you may email me with the below information, lwright@fpc.roacoxmail.com).

Given by (Mr., Mrs., Miss., Family of):

Phone: _____

In memory of _____

In honor of: _____

Number of plants: _____ at \$15.00 each = \$ _____

FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Sundays

Sunday School, 9-10 am

Adult Sunday School Classes:

McClanahan & Good News Class: Room 207

Koinonia & Cornerstone Class: Room 202

The Agape Class: Parlor

It is never too late to join our Sunday School Classes

Church Worship 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Sunday Children

Infants & Toddlers: Room 115

PreK-K: Room 114

Grades 1-5: Room 203

Grades 6-12: Youth Room, downstairs

Weekdays

Mondays:

Church Office Closed

Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6 pm

Sermon Apps, 7 pm

Tuesdays:

Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 9:30 am
(except 2nd)

Women in Ministry, 10:45 am (2nd)

Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm

Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesdays:

FirstKids, Youth Group, 6 pm (except
4th)

Feast at First, 6 pm (4th Wed.)

Thursdays:

Men's Breakfast, 7 am (1st & 3rd)

Men's Bible Study, 2:30 pm (1st & 3rd)

5:30 pm (2nd & 4th)

Fridays:

Prayers for the church, 9:30 am

Lectionary Readings:

April 7 - Isaiah 43:16–21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b
–14 John 12:1–8

April 14 - Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians
2:5–11 Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1–49

April 21 - Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25 Psalm
118:1–2, 14–24 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or
Acts 10:34–43 John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–
12

April 28 - Acts 5:27–32 Psalm 118:14–29 or Psalm
150 Revelation 1:4–8 John 20:19–31

Upcoming Events

April 7 - Diaconate Mtg., 5:00 pm

April 13 - Blue Ridge Marathon

April 14 - Palm Sunday

April 18 - Maundy Thursday Service,
7:00 pm

April 19 - Good Friday, Chapel Open
noon - 3:00 pm

April 21 - Easter Sunday

April 24 - Feast at First

April 28 - Prayer Gathering

Reminders

Elders: Tom Turner, Scott Rice

Sound System

Kaye Wilkerson, Rea Brown, Scott Rice, Mike Stoots

Greeters

Ramp Room (8:50 - 9; 10 -10:30)

April 7 - Dick & Jean Jamison

April 14 - Ed & Debbie Bennett

April 21 - Ed Kappus

April 28 - Braford Family

Narthex (10 - 10:30)

April 7 - Tanya Villani

April 14 - Tom Turner

April 21 - Gary Roth

April 28 - Cathy Loving-Kirk

Bread Delivery

April 14 - Ed & Debbie Bennett

April 28 - Jim & Lynn Wimmer

Deacons on Duty

March 31 - Mary Ann Bennett, Melanie Rice

April 7 - Brenda White-Edwards

Birthdays

3 Daryl Keyes

3 Megan Trevett

7 Mary Ann Bennett

8 Sheila Harms

8 Steve Guelich

10 David Abbott

11 C.P. Lockhart

11 Katrina Braford

14 Doug Flynn

15 Betty Hosp

15 Lisa Soltis

17 Robin Scott

20 Norma Silvius

20 Roseanne Bumpass

20 Pete Guillard

24 Melanie Rice

25 Taylor Braford

27 Lanie Jones

28 Carolyn Keyes

Youth Activities

Sunday School, 9 am located downstairs in Youth Room

Bojangles Bible Study 7 am every Tuesday

Youth Group 6 pm, Wednesdays downstairs in the Youth Room



Join us in the church yard for Clean Valley Day on Saturday, April 6th at 9am. The Clean Valley Council will provide gloves and trash bags if needed, but bring your own if you have them. We will have cookies and lemonade, fellowship and prayer, while we pick up litter around the church!

Please contact susan.guelich@gmail.com or amandabean86@gmail.com for more information.

Cast not away your confidence because God defers his performances. That which does not come in your time, will be hastened in his time, which is always the more convenient season. God will work when he pleases, how he pleases, and by what means he pleases. He is not bound to keep our time, but he will perform his work, honor our faith, and reward them that diligently seek him.

Elders

Class of 2019

Ed Bennett
Phil Brown
Artie Bush
Scott Rice
Mike Stoots

Class of 2020

Andrew Fuller
Ed Kappus
Gary Roth
Tom Turner
Terra Wiley

Class of 2021

Rea Brown
Mike Bumpass
Bob Collis
Bill Gearhart
Al Soltis

Deacons

Class of 2019

Joyce Barker
Mary Ann Bennett
Dennis Harris
Carolyn Keyes
Sandra McCullar
Melanie Rice
Marcia Ridenhour
Jan Tyree

Class of 2020

Amanda Bean
Linda Brown
Carol Danielsen
Susan Guelich
Patty Hunt
Brenda White-Edwards

Class of 2021

Chris Ayers
Susan Blanding
Pat Povtak
Michael Ridenhour
Helen Thompson

The Rev. Robert D. Smith, Pastor, bsmith@fpc.roacoxmail.com

Mrs. Patricia Trail, Director of Music & Children's Ministries,
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Mr. Pete Guillard, Director of Youth & Christian Education,
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Dr. R. Wayne Gallops, Organist,

Dr. Erma Rose, Handbell Director

Mrs. Lorri Wright, Administrative Assistant, lwright@fpc.roacoxmail.com
Bookkeeper, bookkeeper@fpc.roacoxmail.com

Office Hours: Tuesday—Friday, 8:00 am—4:30 pm

Sunday School begins at 9 am. Sunday worship service begins at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. Nursery provided for infants and toddlers from 9 am to 12 pm.

Guests always welcome

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