

Elders
Class of 2024
 Rea Brown
 Mike Bumpass
 Bob Collis
 Bill Gearhart
 Al Soltis

Class of 2025
 Don Andree
 Stuart Bain
 Richard Harvey
 Doug McLaughlin
 David Smith

Class of 2026
 Mike Abbott
 Robert Broyles
 Aaron Burton
 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	Library	Kaye Wilkerson
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

Adult Sunday School
 McClanahan /Good News - Room 207
 Koinonia/Cornerstone - Parlor

Deacons
Class of 2024
 Debbra Bennett
 Alison Boozer
 Linda Brown
 Clifford (Bud) Derey
 Sheila Harms
 Carolyn Keyes
 Kim Smith
 Mary Thornhill
 Brenda White-Edwards

Class of 2025
 Susan Blanding
 Karen Brooks
 Donna Broyles
 Marlene Flynn
 Marcia Ridenhour
 Helen Thompson

Class of 2026
 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 5 - Nancy Gillespie
 May 12 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes
 May 19 - Bud & Jesse Derey
 May 26 - Jean Jamison, Linda Brown
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 May 5 - Deborah Mattern
 May 12 - Diana Harvey
 May 19 - Brenda White-Edwards
 May 26 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
Deacons on Duty:
 May 5 - Kim Smith, Donna Broyles
 May 12 - Brenda Edwards, Alison Boozer
 May 19 - Sheila Harms, Karen Brooks
 May 26 - Marcia Ridenhour, Carolyn Keyes
Acolytes:
 May 5 - Bryleigh Trevett
 May 12 - Elizabeth Rice
 May 19 - David Bean
 May 26 - Emma & Kylie Woolard

CALENDAR

Today, 5/5 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg., 11:45 am
Monday, 5/6 Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 5/7 Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 10:00 am; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 5/8 FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 5/9 Staff Mtg., 10:00 am
Friday, 5/10 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*

Please join us this evening at
5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -- Rom. 12:12

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.

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 5 - The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper I; Leader: Tammy Caldwell; Greeter: Mike Trail
 May 12 - Ascension; Leader: Diana Harvey; Greeter: Chris Ayers
 May 19 - Pentecost; Leader: Natalie McLaughlin; Greeter: Pat Povtak
 May 26 - Baptism; Leader: TBD; Greeter: Mike Trail

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MAY 5, 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



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
 May - Pancake mix & Syrup

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 5, 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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Manz

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: That your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Psalm 67:1-3

*Hymn "We Come, O Christ, to You" No. 181

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions—seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you. From earth's fullest bliss we turn to you again, unfulfilled. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. In the name of him who refused to save himself we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the words of God's promise: I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Beloved, believe God's Word. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! —Ezekiel 36:25-26

*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 "Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth" No. 149

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 25:4-5 Page 545

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "O Rest in the Lord" by Felix Mendelssohn Michael Ridenhour, Tenor Soloist; Bill Turner, Accompanist

Scripture: John 14:6 Page 1068

Sermon "Getting Off the Fence: Jesus is the Way" 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 "Antiphon III" Dupré

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Welcome of New Member

*Hymn "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" No. 605

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" arr. Manz

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus
Conditions of successful prayer.
2 Chronicles 7:14

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Sunday immediately after worship

Next Meeting - May 12



Roanoke Baroque
Presents
Season II Finale!

Bach Brandenburg Concerti 4 & 5
With Featured Guest Artists and Soloists
Philip Ficsor, Violin; Julie Hickcox, Flute,
Deanne Vance, Harpsichord
Jennifer Steeter and Annmarie Drake, Recorders
&
Vivaldi "Nulla in mundo pax sincera"
With Guest Soloist 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' Esb. Hilleström c. 1750

Admission is "name your own ticket price" & parking is free and ample.



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)

Please welcome Ellen Polk, our newest member.