

CALENDAR	
Today, 10/12	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; CROP Walk
Monday, 10/13	Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/14	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, 10/15	Pre School Board Mtg., 9:15 am; FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 10/16	Men’s Breakfast, 8:00 am
Friday, 10/17	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.

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. 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. 12 - David & Kathy Akers
 Oct. 19 - Teal Bennett
 Oct. 26 - Diana Harvey
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Oct. 12 - Sandy McCullar
 Oct. 19 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
 Oct. 26 - Martha Minter
Deacon on Duty:
 Oct. 12 - TBD
 Oct. 19 - TBD
 Oct. 26 - TBD
Nursery Bible Time:
 Oct. 12 - Barbara Hardman
 Oct. 19 - Karen Brooks
 Oct. 26 - Wendy Andree

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OCTOBER 12, 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



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
 Oct. - Pork & Beans

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 12, 2025

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

(We invite you to quiet yourself in preparation for the worship of God when you hear the prelude music.)
Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 “Hymnus” von Felitz

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
All: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

-Psalm 34:1-3 ESV

*Hymn "How Firm a Foundation” No. 94

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our voices in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments, but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. Lord, forgive our lack of faith and pardon our sins. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
(silent personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon
Hear the Good News! God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! Thanks be to God!

-Romans 5:8-9

*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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee” No. 528
(The congregation may come forward to place their 2¢-A-Meal offering in the container at the front of the Sanctuary)

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 “Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord” by Steven Rickards

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “O Loving Savior” Gounod

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-32 page 970
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Walking With Jesus” Rev. Don Hardman

*Hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save” No. 630

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude “Recessional” Asper

*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.

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

Pray for contentment in all areas of your life.
Heb. 13:5; Prov. 15:16; Phil.4:11-12; 1 Tim. 6:6

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



Women in Ministry Bible Study, Tuesday, October 14th, at 11:00 a.m. We are studying the Gospel of Mark led by Marcia Ridenhour. Lunch is served immediately thereafter at noon. Please join us!