

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: Bill Gearhart, Mike Abbott
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 April 28 - Charles Speck
 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):
 April 28 - Andrea Guillard
 May 5 - Deborah Mattern
 May 12 - Diana Harvey
 May 19 - Brenda White-Edwards
 May 26 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
Deacons on Duty:
 April 28 - Debbie Bennett, Marcia Ridenhour
 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:
 April 28 - Emma & Kylie Woolard
 May 5 - Bryleigh Trevett
 May 12 - Elizabeth Rice
 May 19 - David Bean
 May 26 - Emma & Kylie Woolard

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

April - Beef Stew

May - Pancake mix & Syrup



CALENDAR

Today, 4/28 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Mission Team Mtg., 11:45; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm

Monday, 4/29 Church office closed on Mondays

Tuesday, 4/30 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, 5/1 Feast @ First, 6:00 pm; FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:30 pm; Youth Group, 6:30; Carillonners, 7:00 pm

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

Friday, 5/3 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

April 28 - The Good Shepherd & the Wolf; Leader: Diana Harvey; Greeter: Chris Ayers
 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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APRIL 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Don Hardman
 Interim 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

APRIL 28, 2024

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

(We invite you to quiet yourself in preparation for the worship of God when you hear the prelude music.)

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Légende" Vierendeux
Eber Soto, viola

Call to Worship Elder Ed Bennett
Leader: Jesus said, "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." (Mt. 5:11-12a).

People: Let us, who love the Lord, mature in faithfulness, in persecution and suffering as in joy, and let us worship God who gives us victory in all things through Christ.

*Hymn "My People, Give Ear, Attend to My Word" No. 366
stzs 1-4

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Father God, you call us to be disciples of Jesus, to speak the truth boldly as he did, to care for the needy, the sick and the suffering as he did, to walk in obedience as he did, and to pay the cost as he did! But we find the price of discipleship high, and we waver in obedience, failing to live the love we know. Though Jesus warned us that we could expect to have trouble in this world, expect to be persecuted for righteousness' sake, expect to suffer because of our faith, we oft-times feel that somehow we should be exempt. We expect commitment to Jesus to bypass the way of the cross, and discipleship to be rewarded with comfort not challenge, respect not ridicule, happiness not hardship. Forgive us we pray; purge from our souls the selfishness and sin, and by your Holy Spirit transform us, that in living deeper, purer, more fruitful lives, we honor Jesus. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

"In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent Jesus to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 Jn. 4:10). By this great love we are forgiven; by this great love we are affirmed and built up in spirit. In this great love we are held forever. Praise 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 Susan Blanding

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

*Hymn "To God Be the Glory" No. 55

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 18:1-3 Page 539

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"
by Henry F. Lyte and Gordon Young

Scripture: Galatians 1:1-5 Page 1151

Sermon "Delivered... Not By Amazon"
Rev. Tom Oster

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 "Concerto in G for Two Violas: I. Lento" Telemann
Bryan Matheson, Eber Soto, violas

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" No. 384

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Concerto in G for Two Violas: II. Allegro" Telemann

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

Announcements

Prayer Focus
Pray continually.
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

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

Next Meeting - today

Operating Fund Revenue thru 3/31/2024:
YTD Budgeted Giving \$155,320
YTD Actual Giving \$182,085
Surplus/(Deficit) \$26,765

Thank you for your faithful giving.



Please join the First Walkers (our group) or donate at

<https://www.supportbrwc.org/walk-for-life/>

Roanoke Baroque
Presents
Season II Finale!
Bach Brandenburg Concerti 4 & 5
With Featured Guest Artists and Soloists
Philip Flicor, Violin, Julie Hickox, 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



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

Feast @ First

FIRST EPC
FELLOWSHIP HALL
MAY 1, 2024; 6PM

Canales BBQ provided.
Please bring a side or dessert to share.

