



“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”

--Romans 12:12



Prayer@ First

First EPC hosts a monthly prayer gathering the **fourth** Sunday of each month (except Oct.) at 6:00pm. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall while our voices come together in prayer. We will pray for one another, our community, our leaders, our country, and more.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-21: ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good

“God's grace flows to us through prayer. That's why prayer must be central, not peripheral, in our lives and families, and ministries.”

--John Piper

We also invite you to prayers for the church and each other
Fridays in the Session Room from 9:30 - 10:30 am

There will be a Reformation Sunday service at
Grace Church on Oct. 27 at 6pm.
Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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, 11 am (2nd)

Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm

Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesdays:

FirstKids, Youth Group, 6 pm (except 1st)

Feast at First, 6 pm (1st 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:

Oct. 6 - Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Oct. 13 - Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Oct. 20 - Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119; 97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Oct. 27 - Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Upcoming Events

Oct. 5 - Preschool Pancake Breakfast

Oct. 6 - Communion

Oct. 6 - Church Luncheon 12pm

Oct. 6 - Diaconate Mtg., 5pm

Oct. 7 - 11 - Preschool Bookfair

Oct. 13 - CROP Walk

Oct. 20 - Trick-or-treat so others can eat
bag drop off

Oct. 27 - Trick-or-treat so others can eat
bag pick up

Oct. 27 - Reformation Sunday (Service,
6pm, Grace Church)

Reminders

Elders: Mike Bumpass, Andy Fuller

Sound System

Kaye Wilkerson, Rea Brown,
Scott Rice, Mike Stoots

Greeters

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

Oct. 6 - Daryl & Carolyn Keys

Oct. 13 - Ed & Debbie Bennett

Oct. 20 - Ed Kappus

Oct. 27 - Pat Povtak

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

Oct. 6 - Jeanette Hinkle

Oct. 13 - Tom Turner

Oct. 20 -

Oct. 27 - Jeff Povtak

Birthdays

1 Doug McLaughlin

4 Mark Journell

5 Bob Hartman

7 Joseph Bennett

7 Rye Jackson

8 J. D. Braford

10 Melissa Fuller

10 Callie Smith

12 Penny Zirkle

13 John Gaunt

14 Madeline Laucella

15 Courtney Reppert

17 Alyssa McKinley

17 Anna Gleason

17 Ben Gleason

18 Nancy Niswander

18 Ron Bensinger

18 Robert Ayers

21 Crennie Reed

22 James Preston

23 Jim Gibson

25 Madison Smith

26 Cathy Hartman

26 Andy Fuller

26 Ryan Fuller

29 Julie Smith

31 Bev Williamson

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

“The most violent expression of God's wrath and justice is seen in the Cross. If ever a person had room to complain for injustice, it was Jesus. He was the only innocent man ever to be punished by God. If we stagger at the wrath of God, let us stagger at the Cross. Here is where our astonishment should be focused.”

— R.C. Sproul

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

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
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Dr. Erma Rose, Handbell Director

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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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