

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 Patti Trail (Children) or Pete Guillard (Youth) at 344-3204.

Class - Age	Room	Teachers
Children's Ministry		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
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 - Fellowship Hall
Agape Class - Parlor

Elders
Class of 2021
Rea Brown
Mike Bumpass
Bob Collis
Bill Gearhart
Al Soltis

Class of 2022
Karen Hankins
Doug McLaughlin
Kaye Wilkerson

Class of 2023
Robert Broyles
Phillip Brown
Andrew Fuller
Lewana Richardson
Emery St. Cyr

Deacons
Class of 2021
Chris Ayers
Susan Blanding
Pat Povtak
Michael Ridenhour
Helen Thompson

Class of 2022
Roseanne Bumpass
Carolyn Fedison
Marlene Flynn
Sheila Harms
Lynn Wimmer

Class of 2023
Linda Armetta
Mary Ann Bennett
Pat Guerrant
Jeanette Hinkle
Melanie Rice
Julie Smith

Reminders

Elders: Bill Gearhart
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Mike Stoots, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
Jan. 17 - Ed Kappus
Jan. 24 - Pat Povtak
Jan. 31 - Bud & Jessie Derey
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
Jan. 17 - Tom Turner
Jan. 24 - Jeff Povtak
Jan. 31 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
Deacons on Duty:
Jan. 17 - Lynn Wimmer
Jan. 24 - TBD
Jan. 31 - TBD
Acolytes:
Jan. 17 - Elizabeth Rice
Jan. 24 - Charlotte Bain
Jan. 31 - Caroline Davis

CALENDAR

Today, 1/17 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Joint Session/
Diaconate Mtg., 5:00 pm
Monday, 1/18 Church office closed on Mondays; Sermon Apps, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, 1/19 Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 9:30 am; Men's ZOOM Bible Study,
12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm
Wednesday, 1/20 Youth Bojangles Bible Study, 7:00 am; Youth Group, 6:00 pm;
First Kids Zoom, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 1/21 Staff Meeting, 10:00 am; College Bible Study, 2:30 pm; Men's
Bible Study, 2:30 pm
Friday, 1/22 Prayer Mtg., 10:00 am

*Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today's service
Wi-Fi password is Guest2101 **

Greetings from First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Good morning and welcome to First Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here, and if you are visiting, we pray that you will return often and that you will consider joining us here at First church in Ministry and Service. First EPC is a caring family of all ages. Children and families are special to us, and this is a great place to make new friends and to grow in Christian Discipleship.

You can join First EPC by Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; Reaffirmation of Faith if you have already made a Profession of Faith but have not been active in a church for some time; or by Transfer of Letter if you have been a member of another Church and now want to join First EPC. We do hope you will consider joining us here.

Just speak to Rev. Bob Smith or the two Elders at the right front of our Sanctuary at the end of our Service today!

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

In an effort to keep leaders and greeters safe from germs, we are pausing Children's Worship for the time being. The children may worship with his/her parents.

Please take care and keep trusting in our sovereign Lord.

All the Best,
Patti Trail

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JANUARY 17, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Robert D. Smith
Director of Music & Children's Ministries:
Mrs. Patricia K. Trail
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

JANUARY 17, 2021

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" arr. Burkhardt

Call to Worship The Rev. Robert Smith

Leader: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

People: for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

—Psalm 24:1-4

*Hymn "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" No. 389

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. —based on Psalm 51:10-12

*Assurance of Pardon

Here 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! Believe the Good News. In Christ we are forgiven!

—Romans 5:8-9

*Gloria Patri No. 735

(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time The Rev. Robert Smith

*Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" No. 251

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:15-22 Page 189

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Thou Art God" Bourne

Michael Ridenhour, tenor

Scripture: John 5:30-47 Page 1055

Sermon "Witnesses to Jesus" The Rev. Robert Smith

RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord's Prayer

*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 Ourselves to God and to One Another

Our Greetings

Offertory "Adorn Thyself, Dear Soul" by Walther

Our Gratitude

"The Doxology" No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to our Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(Take the bread as served; hold the cup to take together.)

*Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal" No. 580

Benediction "Twofold Amen" No. 739

Postlude "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Cundick

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

Announcements

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

Jan. - Tuna



Prayer Focus

Pray your children will know the truth and receive instruction.

Isaiah 29:23



Tuesday night ABS (Adult Bible Study) will begin a 14 week study by Steven Lawson, "Foundations of Grace: Old Testament" on January 19. Everyone is welcome. We begin at 5:15 PM with a time of prayer in the church library.

From Moses to David to Isaiah, the Old Testament authors proclaim the truth that God sovereignly chooses His people for salvation. Dr. Steven J. Lawson begins his journey through the Bible in this Old Testament volume of Foundations of Grace, showing us that the doctrines of grace are rooted and grounded in Scripture—both Old and New Testaments.

Please join us next Sunday, Jan. 24, from 5 to 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly prayer gathering.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -- Rom. 12:12

Tuesday Morning SIBS News

Please join us on February 16, 2021 for the inaugural lesson by Priscilla Shirer, The Armor of God. This 7-week study promises to be an excellent follow-up to our study of Daniel, Agents of Babylon, where we learned that Daniel made a decision to obey God before he was tempted. In Priscilla's study, we'll focus on "suiing up" for the battle, for as Ephesians 6:12 states, "... we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."



The cost of study guides is TBA (there may be a volume discount), and class will begin at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall. Contact Lynn Wimmer for more information (lwimmer3389@yahoo.com, 540-769-5169, 540-581-5445)