

CALENDAR

Today, 3/30	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg. after Worship
Monday, 3/31	Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 4/1	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, 4/2	1st Wed. Book Club; 9:30 am; Feast @ First, 6:00 pm; First Kids & Youth Group, 6:30 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 4/3	Men’s Breakfast, 8:00 am
Friday, 4/4	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 *

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 Nursery

There is a nursery available for infants and children up through and including kindergarten.
Children from first grade up should remain in the service and worship with their family.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Luke 19:28

Palm Sunday

April 13 10:30 AM

Worship Service

GOOD FRIDAY

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Psalm 31

Good Friday

April 13 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Lapsley Chapel open for individual reflection and prayer

Easter Sunday

April 20 10:30 AM

Celebration of the Resurrection

Join us in remembrance and celebration during Holy Week at First EPC!

HOLY THURSDAY

Do you realize what I have done for you?

John 13:12

EASTER

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen!

Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalm 113
Paschal Lauds

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	Library	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: Michael Ridenhour, Don Andree
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
Mar. 30 - Don & Wendy Andree
Apr. 6 - Nancy Poore
Apr. 13 - David & Kathy Akers
Apr. 20 - Teal Bennett
Aor. 27 - Nancy Gillespie
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
Mar. 30 - Ed & Debbie Bennett
Apr. 6 - Brenda White-Edwards
Apr. 13 - Sandy McCullar
Apr. 20 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
Aor. 27 - Martha Minter
Deacon on Duty:
Mar. 30 - Karen Brooks

MARCH 30, 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

Feeding the Community

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

April - Beef Stew

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 30, 2025

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 pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” arr. Held

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.
People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.
Leader: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.
People: He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

-Psalm 130:5-8 NIV

*Hymn “To God Be the Glory” No. 55

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
God of overflowing grace, we confess that we have failed to live according to your way of faithfulness and steadfast love. You call us to live in faith, but we continue to live in fear. You set us free from the power of evil, but we are still captivated by sin. You lead us into a new way of life, but we remain in the ways of death. Forgive us, loving God. Open our hearts to the gift of your grace, transform our lives by your Holy Spirit, and teach us to love, even as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon
Friends, forgiveness comes from God, who does not count our sin against us. For God has reconciled us through Christ and entrusts to us the message of reconciliation. Believe the Good New! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri No. 735
(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)

Children’s Time Wendy Andree

*Hymn “Amazing Grace” No. 460

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, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” by Robert A. Hobby

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. Hobby

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Romans 5:12-21 page 1116

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “God’s Miracle Makeover”
Rev. Don Hardman

*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 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!” No. 688

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” arr. Lau

*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.

Prayer Focus
Pray our government leaders will walk in integrity, keep their promises, and fulfill their commitments.
Psalm 15 and 112:1-9

Summer Mission Team
Reminder

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



Next Meeting - April 13

First Wednesday Book Club selection for April 2 is “Lord Foulgrin’s Letters” by Randy Alcorn.

April marks the anniversary of Pete Guillard joining our staff as Director of Christian Education. We are blessed by Pete’s contributions to our church community, and we look forward to continuing to share ministry.

