

CALENDAR	
Today, 5/11	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Mission Team Mtg., after worship
Monday, 5/12	Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 5/13	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, 5/14	First Kids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 5/15	Men’s Breakfast, 8:00 am
Friday, 5/16	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 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.

Elders <u>Class of 2025</u> Stuart Bain Richard Harvey Doug McLaughlin <u>Class of 2026</u> Don Andree Robert Broyles David Smith <u>Class of 2027</u> Mike Abbott Scott Rice Michael Ridenhour	<u>Sunday School 9:00 am</u> 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 <u>Class of 2025</u> Susan Blanding Marlene Flynn Marcia Ridenhour Helen Thompson <u>Class of 2026</u> Wendy Andree Bobby Caudle Cameron May Sandra McCullar <u>Class of 2027</u> Karen Brooks Donna Broyles Tammy Caldwell Carolyn Moore	<u>Reminders</u>	
	Elders: Mike Abbott	
	Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown	
	Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): May 11 - Daryl & Carolyn Keyes May 18 - Bud & Jesse Derey May 25 - Linda Brown	
	Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): May 11 - Mike & Roseanne Bumpass May 18 - Tammy, Bradley, & Jake Caldwell May 25 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry	
	Deacon on Duty: May 11 - Karen Brooks May 18 - Carolyn Moore May 25 - Marcia Ridenhour	



Feeding the Community

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
May - Pancake Mix & Syrup

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MAY 11, 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

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 11, 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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Prelude in F" Bach

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman
Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
People: May the Lord rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
Leader: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
People: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.
~Psalm 104:31-34

*Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 116

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Faithful God, we have seen and experienced Your power, grace, and love countless times. Yet we still so often doubt Your goodness toward us. We have been changed by Your mercy. Yet we persist in sinful patterns. You call us to be bold in our faith. Yet we often shrink back and hide from the life you call us into. Forgive us for caring more about what the world thinks than our relationship with You. Give us boldness to step into the abundant life You invite us to have because of Jesus' victory over sin and death. In His Name we pray...
(Silent personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon
Hear God's good news: The One who formed you and called you by name declares, "You are mine." Through Christ, all that is evil within us is taken away, while all that is good within us is redeemed and restored. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!
— based on Isaiah 43:1

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

Children's Time Kim Smith

*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" No. 359
(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 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"
by Thomas Chisholm & William Runyan
arr. Dan Forrest

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes
Offertory "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee" Böhm
*Doxology No. 731
*Prayer of Dedication
Scripture: Genesis 17:5-7 page 14
Leviticus 26:12 page 124
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination
Sermon "My Family"
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 "The God of Abraham, Praise" No. 34
*Benediction No. 739
Postlude "Toccata in E Minor" Pachelbel

*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.

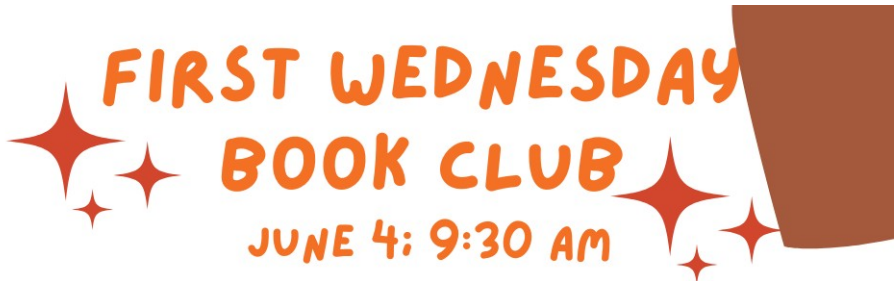
Prayer Focus
Conditions of successful prayer.
2 Chronicles 7:14

Summer Mission Team
Reminder
Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Sunday immediately after worship



Next Meeting - Today

Two Cents-a-Meal invites every member of the congregation to prayerfully contribute 2 cents at each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty following the example of the widow who gave all that she had (Lk. 21:1-4). Participation is also a response to Jesus' command, "You give them something to eat." These resources are received on the 2nd Sunday of every month and then distributed to our community through The Presbyterian Community Center.



We will be discussing, "Marcia Schuyler" by Grace Livingston Hill. You can order from Amazon, your favorite bookstore, or borrow from the library.
Come, bring a friend or neighbor, and prepare for a time of discussion and fellowship. Kathy Akers 540-761-2008.



This morning, on this Mother's Day, in honor and memory of mothers and families we have a rose for each person to take as they leave the service. There will be flowers in both the Narthex and the Ramp Room Foyer.