

**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
<b>Children's Ministry</b>		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Patti Trail
<b>Youth</b>		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

Adult Sunday School  
McClanahan /Good News - Room 207  
Koinonia/Cornerstone - Fellowship Hall  
Agape Class - Parlor

**Reminders**

**Elders:** Andy Fuller  
**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Mike Stoots, Rea Brown  
**Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**  
 April 11 - Bobby & Susan Dobyms  
 April 18 - Ed Kappus  
 April 25 - Bud & Jessie Derey  
**Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**  
 April 11 - Ed Bennett, Debbie Bennett  
 April 18 - Tom Turner  
 April 25 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry  
**Deacons on Duty:**  
 April 11 - Carolyn Fedison, Lynn Wimmer  
 April 18 - Julie Smith, Chris Ayers  
 April 25 - Pat Guerrant, Mary Ann Bennett  
**Acolytes:**  
 April 11 - Caroline Davis  
 April 18 - Stella and Ben Guelich  
 April 25 - Matthew and Ryan Fuller

**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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Sheila Patterson.

CALENDAR

**Today, 4/11** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Discipleship Mtg., 11:45 am; Diaconate Mtg., 5:00 pm  
**Monday, 4/12** Church office closed on Mondays; Sermon Apps, 7:00 pm  
**Tuesday, 4/13** Women in Ministry Bible study, 10:00 am; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm  
**Wednesday, 4/14** Youth Group, 6:00 pm; First Kids, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm  
**Thursday, 4/15** Men's Breakfast, 7:00 am; Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 2:30 pm  
**Friday, 4/16** Prayer Mtg., 9:30 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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APRIL 11, 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

**Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs**  
 April - Jelly and bath soap (bar not liquid)

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 11, 2021

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

## PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

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

*Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns"  
arr. Busarow

Call to Worship The Rev. Robert Smith  
Leader: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.  
**People: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**  
Leader: The Lord is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.  
**People: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship God upon the holy mountain.** —based on Psalm 99:1-3

\*Hymn "Worship Christ, the Risen King!" No. 286

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! "If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus...cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us...and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:7-9). Thanks 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 The Rev. Robert Smith

\*Hymn "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" No. 278  
(The congregation may come forward to place their 2¢-A-Meal offering in the container at the front of the Sanctuary)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 34 Page 550  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Christ Is Alive" arr. Held

Scripture: John 9:1-41 Page 1061

Sermon "A Blind Man Sees 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 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" arr. Held

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

\*Hymn "Lift High the Cross" No. 263

Benediction "Threefold Amen" No. 740

Postlude "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" arr. Hustad  
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\*The congregation is asked to stand, as you are able.

## Announcements



Prayer Focus  
Pray for Godly wisdom and guidance.  
Proverbs 3; James 1:5



Summer Mission Team  
Reminder

Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Sunday immediately after worship

**Next Meeting - April 18**

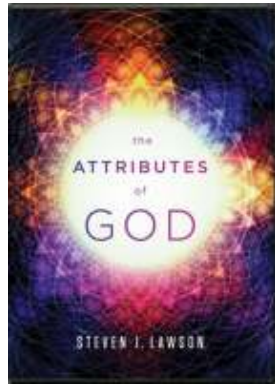
Looking for a Sunday Morning Bible Study?

Please consider joining one of our classes for a time of fellowship and study of the word. The classes are studying Dr. Steven Lawson's, "The Attributes of God."

Who Does God Say That He Is?

Misconceptions about God abound. But they don't have to. God has revealed His character in Scripture, illuminating the attributes that define Him. While we, being finite creatures, can never truly comprehend everything that God is, we should study what He Himself has said.

In this 16-part teaching series, The Attributes of God, Ligonier Teaching Fellow Dr. Steven Lawson articulates a biblical understanding of divine attributes and explores how a right understanding of God can affect every aspect of our lives.



Tuesday night Adult Bible Study (ABS) will begin a new series in May. They will be studying Dr. Sinclair Ferguson's, "Who is the Holy Spirit?"

Everyone is invited, won't you join us? Please contact Pete Guillard (pguillard@fepcroanoke.org) for more information.

Although the Holy Spirit is sometimes the forgotten Person of the Trinity, His presence and work is found throughout redemptive history. In this twelve-message series, Dr. Sinclair Ferguson traces the work of the third person of the Trinity through Scripture - from creation to the work of Christ to His dwelling in our hearts today. Along the way, he sheds light on the vital role the Holy Spirit serves. Dr. Ferguson's goal is to help us know the Holy Spirit as a person, in addition to knowing of His power and work within us.

Do you - Desire info on the church? Yes No ; Desire a call? Yes No  
Wish to join? Yes No ; Have a prayer concern?

Please leave us your name and best way to contact you. \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please tear off and place in offering plate.)

April 11, 2021