

CALENDAR

Today, 8/17 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 5:00 pm

Monday, 8/18 Church office closed on Mondays

Tuesday, 8/19 Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 8/20 Youth Group, 6:00 pm

Thursday, 8/21 Men’s Breakfast, 8:00 am

Friday, 8/22 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.



Join us for this 7-session study to challenge the way you read the accounts of Jesus through teaching videos that take you to locations in Israel like Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus.

Monday Night SIBS meet 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
We plan this study to run 9/8/25 to 1/12/26

If interested in joining, please contact:
Chris Ayers 540/798-6919 text or call
robert.chris.ayers@cox.net
Study books are \$25 and must be ordered by 8/17/25.
We will meet for food, fellowship, and book distribution Monday 8/25/25.

FEAST @ FIRST

6PM, September 3

FEPC Fellowship Hall



Pasta Dinner

Please bring your favorite pasta dish to share.
Salad & bread will be provided.

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: David Smith
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
Aug. 17 - Bud & Jesse Derey
Aug. 24 - Linda Brown
Aug. 31 - Doug & Marlene Flynn
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
Aug. 17 - Mike & Roseanne Bumpass
Aug. 24 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
Aug. 31 - Jean Jamison
Deacon on Duty:
Aug. 17 - Wendy Andree
Aug. 24 - Marlene Flynn
Aug. 31 - Susan Blanding



Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
Aug. - canned fruit



Please join us August 24 at
5 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.

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

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AUGUST 17, 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

AUGUST 17, 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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude “Our Father in Heaven” Telemann

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

-from Psalm 67:4-6

*Hymn "We Gather Together" No. 363

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God, forgive our doubting, questioning hearts. Like the scribes who witnessed Jesus’ miracles of healing and heard his proclamation, yet spurned belief, we too have seen wonders, yet have hardened our hearts. We confess the many times that our pessimism has caused others to doubt, the times that our criticism has wounded others, the times that our dejection has dampened the enthusiasm of those inspired by your Word and work. O God, forgive us and in your mercy renew us, that with open hearts we may believe and never pose an obstacle to the faith of others. Amen. (silent personal confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, hear the Good News!
I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

-Ezekiel 36:25-26

*Gloria Patri No. 735

(Parents may take children to the nursery.)

*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 "Come, We That Love the Lord" No. 700

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 “Grace Alone”

by Scott Wesley and Jeff Nelson, arr. Tom Fettke
DeeDee Justice, Soprano; Helen Gearhart Thompson, Alto;
Bill Turner, Baritone

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory “Prayer” Beethoven/Setchell

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Joshua 6:1-20 page 211

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Taking Down the Walls”
Rev. Don Hardman

*Hymn "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" No. 575

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude “Psalm 19” Marcello/Biggs

*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.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Join us for “Lemonade & cookies on the Lawn” today immediately after church and continuing through the summer. Please linger awhile, help yourself to some lemonade and enjoy each other’s company before you leave.



Prayer Focus

Pray to be supplied with comfort & support in your daily needs.
Ps. 90:17; Rom. 8:28; Ps. 144:12-15

Children’s Nursery

For June, July, and August we will not have a children’s message during the service. However, you may take your child to the nursery during the 2nd hymn.

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.

First Wednesday Book Club
September 3; 9:30am
The Courtship of the
Vicar’s Daughter
by Lawana Blackwell

Please bring a friend or neighbor.
Everyone is welcome to join us for fellowship and to listen to the discussion even if you have not yet read the book.

