

Elders

Class of 2019  
Ed Bennett  
Phil Brown  
Artie Bush  
Scott Rice  
Mike Stoots

Class of 2020  
Andrew Fuller  
Ed Kappus  
Gary Roth  
Tom Turner

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

Deacons

Class of 2019  
Joyce Barker  
Mary Ann Bennett  
Dennis Harris  
Carolyn Keyes  
Sandy McCullar  
Melanie Rice  
Marcia Ridenhour  
Jan Tyree

Class of 2020  
Amanda Bean  
Linda Brown  
Carol Danielsen  
Susan Guelich  
Patty Hunt  
Brenda White-Edwards

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

**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	Dale Brower, Niki Payne, Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
Children's Sunday School 2-5	203	Deborah Mattern
<b>Youth</b>		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

Adult Sunday School  
McClanahan /Good News - Room 207  
Koinonia/Cornerstone - Room 202  
Agape Class - Parlor

**Reminders**

**Elders:** Mike Bumpass, Andy Fuller  
**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Rea Brown, Scott Rice, Mike Stoots  
**Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**  
Oct. 20 - Marcia Ridenhour  
Oct. 27 - Pat Povtak  
**Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**  
Oct. 20 -  
Oct. 27 - Jeff Povtak  
**Deacons on Duty:**  
Oct. 20 - Mary Ann Bennett, Susan Blanding  
Oct. 27 - Patty Hunt, Chris Ayers  
**Acolytes:**  
Oct. 20 - Stella Guelich  
Oct. 27 - Matthew Fuller

**REMINDER:** The deadline to submit information for the newsletter will be the 23rd of each month. The newsletter will be emailed on the last day of the month and available for pick up in the Ramp Room after that. (If the 23rd is a weekend, it will be the first work day after that.)

If you or someone you know needs our prayers, please let the church office (lwright@fpc.roacoxmail.com) know and we will put your prayer request on the Prayer Chain.

**CALENDAR**

**Today, 10/20** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat bag drop off  
**Monday, 10/21** Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm; Sermon Apps, 7:00 pm  
**Tuesday, 10/22** SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 9:30 am; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday, 10/23** FirstKids, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm  
**Thursday, 10/24** Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 5:30 pm; Worship Commission Mtg., 5:30 pm  
**Friday, 10/25** 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**

October 20 - Noah (#8) Julie Smith  
Mike Trail, Eliza Bain  
October 27 - Abram and Sari (#9)  
Catherine Bush, Sam Bush

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OCTOBER 20, 2019

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: Dr. R. Wayne Gallops  
Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 20, 2019

24<sup>TH</sup> 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 and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 "In the Eyes of a Child" Philips  
Carillonneurs Handbell Choir

Call to Worship The Rev. Robert Smith

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water.  
Come, all who are weary;  
come, all who yearn for forgiveness.  
The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,  
and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.  
Drink deeply of these living waters.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.**

\*Hymn "Hallelujah! Thine the Glory" No. 179

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Friends, believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
—from 1 John 1:5, 7

\*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

Children's Worship is provided for ages 4–2nd grade in Room 205.  
Parents, please escort your children to this room.

\*Hymn "Holy Bible, Book Divine" No. 137

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14-5 Page 1179

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" Manor

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8 Page 1038

Sermon "A Pair of Parables Pertaining to Prayer"

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 ev-  
erlasting. Amen**

Offering of Ourselves to God and to One Another

Our Greetings: Please sign the Friendship and Attendance Pad and pass it up and down the pew, noting the names as it is passed.

Offertory

Our Gratitude

"The Doxology" No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

Recognition of New Members

\*Hymn "Praise Him! Praise Him!" No. 173

Benediction "Threefold Amen" No. 740

Postlude

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

## Announcements

### Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

October - Pork & Beans



Prayer Focus  
Pray that we would love each other.  
1 John 4:7-8

Reformation Sunday worship will be at Grace Church, 2731 Edgewood St. SW, Roanoke, VA 24015, on October 27, 2019 at 6pm. The Rev. Adam Triplett will preach. Everyone is encouraged to attend. First EPC prayer gathering will not take place that evening.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

To participate, pick up a shoe box provided in the Ramp Room or use a regular shoe box that you already have. There is a leaflet provided by Samaritan's Purse and a big rubber band in each shoe box in the Ramp Room. Follow the instructions in the leaflet on how to pack your shoe box and then secure the filled box with the big rubber band. Then bring your filled shoe box back to the Ramp Room at FEPC on or before Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Your box will then be taken to a regional drop-off location, processed by volunteers and sent to its destination to be distributed to a child in need.

Operating Fund Revenue thru 9/30/19:

YTD Budgeted Giving	\$443,869
YTD Actual Giving	\$371,831
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$72,038)

Please make every effort to keep your financial stewardship up-to-date.

### Advent Jesse Tree Devotions and Ornament Exchange

This year our church will be offering a guide for individuals and families to facilitate home devotions as we count down 25 days to Christmas. In addition to the devotion guide, you'll use symbolic tree ornaments that follow stories from the Bible and point to the birth of Jesus! Please see insert for more details.

### Pre School Jerusalem Fund

For 70 years, First Church has been blessed with the oldest Presbyterian preschool in the valley. We have nurtured and educated the little hearts and minds of thousands of little feet over the years, and hope for many more years to come. We also believe that no one should be turned away from this outreach because of financial difficulties. Our preschool has a scholarship program called the Jerusalem Fund. This fund allows for parents to be able to receive financial assistance, should it become necessary. Through the generosity of this congregation, we hope to be able to continue to offer this direct outreach to the families of the community. Prayerfully consider making a donation to this fund. Please make checks payable to FEPC with "Jerusalem Fund" in the memo.

Please welcome new members: Steve & Courtney Reppert, Reese & Beckham; Ron & T.K. Sharpley; Bob & Donna Broyles; Sam Bush, Ainsley Harris; Corbin McLaughlin; Evan Rice