Elders

Class of 2020
Andrew Fuller
Ed Kappus
Scott Rice
Mike Stoots
Tom Turner

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

Class of 2022
Karen Hankins
Doug McLaughlin
Kaye Wilkerson

Deacons

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

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

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
Children's Ministry		
Infants & Toddlers	115	Dale Brower, Niki Payne, Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
Children's Sunday School 2-5	203	Deborah Mattern
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

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

Reminders

Elders: Tom Turner, Ed Kappus
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Rea Brown, Scott Rice, Mike Stoots
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
Feb. 23 - Linda Brown
March 1 - Lew Richardson
March 8 - Nancy Poore
March 15 - Bobby & Susan Dobyns
March 22 - Karen Hankins
March 29 - Carol Lockhart
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
Feb. 23 - Trish Hawley
March 1 - Greg Richardson
March 8 - Andrea Guillard
March 15 - Jim Gibson
March 22 - Doug Hankins
March 29 - CP Lockhart
Deacons on Duty:
Feb. 23 - Lynn Wimmer, Amanda Bean
March 1 - Helen Thompson, Sheila Harms
March 8 - Susan Guelich, Susan Blanding
March 15 - Chris Ayers, Carolyn Fedison
March 22 - Amanda Bean, Marlene Flynn
March 29 - Roseanne Bumpass, Lynn Wimmer
Acolytes:
Feb. 23 - Charlotte Bain
March 1 - Caroline Davis
March 8 - Stella Guelich

REMINDERS: 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.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Elisabeth Kappus from Eliza Bain.

CALENDAR

Today, 2/23	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am
Monday, 2/24	Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 2/25	SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 9:30 am; ABS (Adult Bible Study), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 2/26	Pancake Dinner, 6:00 pm; Ash Wed. Service 6:45 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 2/27	Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 5:30 pm
Friday, 2/28	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

February 23 - The Sower (#28) Julie Smith
Chris Ayers, Sam Bush
March 1 - Temptation (Jesus in the Wilderness) (#24) Donna Miles
Mike Trail, Hannah Bush
March 8 - Jesus and the Children (#32) Natalie McLaughlin
Sally Bain, Aiden McLaughlin
March 15, 2020 Jesus and Zacchaeus (#34) Anne Webb
Jeff Povtak, Eliza Bain
March 22, 2020 Jesus the King (#35) Deborah Mattern
Pat Povtak, Charlie Bain
March 29, 202 Jesus' Last Passover (#36) Julie Smith
Chris Ayers, Sam Bush

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FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FEBRUARY 23, 2020 7TH SUNDAY OF 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.)

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 "Andante" Mendelssohn

Call to Worship Elder Edward Kappus

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:
People: Come, let us adore him.
Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People: Come, let us adore him.
Leader: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
People: Come, let us adore him.
Leader: Lord, open our lips.
People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*Hymn "Lift High the Cross" No. 263

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, know this to be true, that our Lord Jesus Christ—truly God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous—is the mediator who was given to set us completely free and to make us right with God. By the power of his divinity, he bore the weight of God's anger in his humanity, restoring us to righteousness and life. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

—based on Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 17-18

*Gloria Patri No. 735

(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Elder Edward Bennett

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

*Hymn "What Wondrous Love is This" No. 261

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:12-22 Page 1139
1 Peter 1:3-4 Page 1200
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Thy Perfect Love" Scott

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20 Page 989

Sermon "From Hope to Discipleship"
Elder Edward Kappus

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

Offertory "Andante religioso" Mendelssohn

Our Gratitude

"The Doxology" No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "To God Be the Glory " No. 55

Benediction "Twofold Amen" No. 739

Postlude "Sortie" Lemmens

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

Announcements

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
Feb. - Cereal & Oatmeal; March - Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta

Prayer Focus
Beg for the spirit's assistance in prayer.
Rom. 8:26; Ps. 43:3-4 & 51:15

Please join us today from *5 to 5:45 pm in the Parlor* for our monthly prayer gathering.

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

Feast @ First

Join us in the fellowship hall for dinner and fellowship.
FirstKids and Youth group will meet after.
March will be a pot luck.
No reservations needed.