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

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	Amanda Young
PreK-K-1	114	Mike Trail
Children's Sunday School 2-5	Library	Patti Trail
Youth		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

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

Reminders

Elders: Al Soltis, Lew Richardson
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Mike Stoots, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
July 25 - Lee Slover & Julie Drewry
Aug. 1 - Sandy McCullar
Aug. 8 - Andrea Guillard, Brenda White-Edwards
Aug. 15 - Robert Broyles, Donna Broyles
Aug. 22 - Greg Richardson, Lew Richardson
Aug. 29 - Doug Hankins, Karen Hankins
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
July 25 - Bud & Jessie Derey
Aug. 1 - Tanya Villani
Aug. 8 - Cathy Loving-Kirk, Linda Brown
Aug. 15 - Barry & Anne Webb
Aug. 22 - Chris Ayers, Trish Hawley
Aug. 29 - Doug & Marlene Flynn
Deacons on Duty:
July 25 - Helen Gearhart Thompson, Melanie Rice
Aug. 1 - Sheila Harms, Jeanette Hinkle
Aug. 8 - Roseanne Bumpass, Pat Povtak
Aug. 15 - Marlene Flynn, Linda Armetta
Aug. 22 - Lynn Wimmer, Sheila Harms
Aug. 29 - Helen Gearhart Thompson, Susan Blanding
Acolytes:
July 25 -
Aug. 1 - Stella & Ben Guelich
Aug. 8 - Matthew Fuller
Aug. 15 - Elizabeth Rice
Aug. 22 - Charlotte Bain
Aug. 29 -
Nursery Volunteers:
July 25 - Susan Guelich

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs
July - Peanut Butter and Jelly

CALENDAR

Today, 7/25	Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Lemonade on the Lawn; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm
Monday, 7/26	VBS, 9:00 - noon; Church office closed on Mondays
Tuesday, 7/27	VBS, 9:00 - noon; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm (meeting in Parlor)
Wednesday, 7/28	VBS, 9:00 - noon; Youth Group, 6:00 pm
Thursday, 7/29	VBS, 9:00 - noon
Friday, 7/30	VBS, 9:00 - noon

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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JULY 25, 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

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JULY 25, 2021 — 17TH 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.)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 — "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" — arr. Bish

Call to Worship — Elder Edward Kappus

Leader: Let us worship God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ.
**People: We are new creations;
the old has gone, the new has come!**
Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.
**People: Through us and through our worship
may we announce the good news to all.**
Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!
—based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

*Hymn — "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" — No. 77

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from your ways; in wasting your gifts; in forgetting your love. We have lived in selfishness and worldly pride. We have often taken for granted the good gifts which you have given us, and have not responded with gratitude toward you and a generous spirit toward others. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and forgive us for all the ways we have failed to love you and our neighbor. May the blood of Christ shed for us cover all our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. By the grace of your Spirit and the truth of your Word, renew our hearts and strengthen our souls that we may live in your light and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our only Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! *Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.* Friends, all those who are in Christ Jesus have been forgiven! —Romans 5:1-2

*Gloria Patri — No. 735

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

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time — Julie Drewry

*Hymn — "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" — No. 500

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 47 — Page 559
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem — "The Gift of Love" — Hopson
Helen Thompson, solo

Scripture: Eph 1:20-23 — Page 1156

Sermon — "The Exaltation of Christ"
The Rev. Randy Pizzino

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 — "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" — 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 — "Be Thou My Vision" — No. 642

Benediction — "Threefold Amen" — No. 740

Postlude — "Toccata" — Wagner
Psalm 150:4

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

Announcements

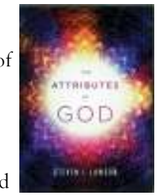
Prayer Focus
Pray for a peaceful and secure home.
Isaiah 32:18

lemonade

Join us for "Lemonade on the Lawn" immediately after church (weather permitting) and continuing through the summer.

Please linger awhile, help yourself to some lemonade and enjoy each other's company before you leave. - Hospitality Commission

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.

The Roanoke Rescue Mission is in need of items for the Welcome Home baskets. The Welcome Home Ministry, at the Roanoke Rescue Mission, provides baskets of household and kitchen items needed for families and individuals starting their new home. The following items are in need:

- Hand held can openers
- Pot Holders and Dish Towels
- Kitchen utensils - large serving spoons, spatulas etc...

Laundry baskets are provided in the Ramp Room and Narthex for items to be delivered to the Mission!
Thanks for your support - Mission & Outreach

HOW CAN YOU BE READY TO GO?
Find out during GO Weekend, September 18 and 19, 2021.
Be on the lookout for more details in the coming weeks.

Please join us from
***5 to 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall* for our monthly prayer gathering.**
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." - - Rom. 12:12

Operating Fund Revenue thru 6/30/21:

YTD Budgeted Giving	$302,144
YTD Actual Giving	$277,662
Surplus/(Deficit)	($24,482)

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

The FEPC Nominating Committee has begun work to select a group of candidates to fill positions of Elder and Deacon for the Class of 2024. If you would like to suggest the name of someone for consideration, please complete the following and place in the offering plate or email to Al Soltis, asoltis@fca.org.

I am submitting_____ to the Nominating Committee for consideration for the office of _____.