

**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	Kaye Wilkerson
<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:** Ed Kappus, Mike Bumpass  
**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Mike Stoots, Rea Brown  
**Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**  
 Nov. 8 - Sandy McCullar  
 Nov. 15 - Andrea Guillard  
 Nov. 22 - Linda Brown  
 Nov. 29 - Lew Richardson  
**Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**  
 Nov. 8 - Trish Hawley  
 Nov. 15 - Cathy Loving-Kirk  
 Nov. 22 - Barry & Anne Webb  
 Nov. 29 - Greg Richardson  
**Deacons on Duty:**  
 Nov. 8 - Linda Brown  
 Nov. 15 - Susan Blanding, Jan Tyree  
 Nov. 22 - Lynn Wimmer, Helen Gearhart Thompson  
 Nov. 29 - Marlene Flynn  
**Acolytes:**  
 Nov. 8 - Elizabeth Rice  
 Nov. 15 - Charlotte Bain  
 Nov. 22 - Caroline Davis  
 Nov. 29 - Stella and Ben Guelich

**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  
 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

**CALENDAR**

**Today, 11/8** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Congregational Mtg., 11:45 am  
**Monday, 11/9** Church office closed on Mondays; Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 6:00 pm; Sermon Apps, 7:00 pm  
**Tuesday, 11/10** SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 9:30 am ; Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm  
**Wednesday, 11/11** Youth Group, 6:00 pm; First Kids Zoom, 6:00 pm; Carillon-neurs, 7:00 pm  
**Thursday, 11/12** Worship Commission Mtg., 5:30 pm  
**Friday, 11/13** Prayer Mtg., 10:00 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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**NOVEMBER 8, 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

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

32<sup>ND</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.)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 "Sarabande, from First Suite for solo viola" J.S. Bach  
Bryan Matheson, viola

Call to Worship The Rev. Robert Smith

Leader: "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

People: "And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work" (2 Cor 9:7-8).

Leader: "For the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God" (2 Cor 9:12).

People: Let the stewardship of all we have been given be the evidence of our gratitude to God.

Leader: Let the worship we offer this day arise from joyful, generous, and thankful hearts.

\*Hymn "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory" No. 122

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of generosity, as we contemplate your giving, we see how limited our giving really is, how calculated and cautious, how measured, even miserly. We withhold what never is or was ours. Concerned that we not just have enough for our needs, we stockpile possessions as though we really did own them, as though you would not provide. We acknowledge that our money follows where our heart goes. When our heart turns toward self-interest, so does our money, and when our heart is turned toward you, we are moved to put all we have and are at your disposal. Cleanse us from our secret faults, and give us new hearts, we pray. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear this Good News! In humility and love, Jesus gave his all for us. By his sacrifice, we are assured that when we confess our sins, God is merciful and quick to forgive. We are set free from the burden of guilt and shame, set free to live faithfully and give generously in thanksgiving. 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 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" No. 600  
(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 20 Page 542

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "He Will Hold Me Fast" Getty  
Joann Kowtko, soprano and Bryan Matheson, violin

Scripture: John 4:43-54 Page 1053

Sermon "The Second Sign"  
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 "Now Let Us Give Thanks to God" Pachelbel

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 "How Firm a Foundation" No. 94

Benediction "Threefold Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Voluntary in B-flat" Stanley/Johnson

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

## Announcements

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

Nov. - Mac & Cheese



Prayer Focus

Pray when we are tempted.

Matthew 26:41



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Gra-

ham. 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 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 a big rubber band. Bring your filled shoe box back to the Ramp Room at FEPC on or before **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. 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.

There is a Congregational meeting immediately after worship today for the purpose of electing new officers.