

**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	Erynn Landrum, Alexandra McCadden, Sherry Pickeral
PreK-K	114	Patti Trail, Sheila Harms, Mike Trail
Children's Sunday School	203	Deborah Mattern, Mary Thornhill
<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:** Greg Richardson, Scott Rice  
**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Rea Brown, Scott Rice, Mike Stoots  
**Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**  
 Oct. 7 - Dick & Jean Jamison  
 Oct. 14 - Ed & Debbie Bennett  
 Oct. 21 - Phil & Sue Brown  
 Oct. 28 - Braford Family  
**Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**  
 Oct. 7 - Tanya Villani  
 Oct. 14 - Tom Turner  
 Oct. 21 - Gary Roth  
 Oct. 28 - Cathy Loving-Kirk  
**Bread Delivery:**  
 Oct. 14 - Ed & Debbie Bennett  
 Oct. 28 - Jim & Lynn Wimmer  
**Deacons on Duty:**  
 Oct. 7 - Lynn Wimmer, Carolyn Keyes  
 Oct. 14 - Julie Drewry, Mary Ann Bennett  
 Oct. 21 - Brenda White-Edwards, Donna Miles  
 Oct. 28 - Dennis Harris, Melanie Rice  
**Acolytes:**  
 Oct. 7 - Caroline Davis, Charlotte Bain  
 Oct. 14 - Elizabeth Rice  
 Oct. 21 - Matthew Fuller  
 Oct. 28 - Sam Guelich, Stella Guelich

**Elders**  
Class of 2018  
 Artie Bush  
 David Miles  
 Donna Mills  
 Ken Powell  
 Greg Richardson  
Class of 2019  
 Ed Bennett  
 Phil Brown  
 Scott Rice  
 Mike Stoots  
Class of 2020  
 Andrew Fuller  
 Ed Kappus  
 Gary Roth  
 Tom Turner

**Deacons**  
Class of 2018  
 Susan Blanding  
 Julie Drewry  
 Sheila Harms  
 Donna Miles  
 Helen Thompson  
 Lynn Wimmer  
Class of 2019  
 Joyce Barker  
 Mary Ann Bennett  
 Dennis Harris  
 Sandy McCullar  
 Melanie Rice  
 Marcia Ridenhour  
 Jan Tyree  
Class of 2020  
 Amanda Bean  
 Linda Brown  
 Carol Daniels  
 Susan Guelich  
 Patty Hunt  
 Brenda White-Edwards

**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.)

**CALENDAR**

**Today, 10/7** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Diaconate Mtg., 5:00 pm  
**Monday, 10/8** Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sister's in Bible Study) 6:00 pm; Sermon Apps, 7:00 pm  
**Tuesday, 10/9** SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 9:30 am; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday, 10/10** FirstKids, Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonners, 7:00 pm  
**Thursday, 10/11** Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 5:30 pm; Worship Commission Mtg., 5:30 pm  
**Friday, 10/12** Prayers for the Church, 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 7 - Exodus (#10) Catherine Bush  
 Melanie Rice, Hannah Bush, Sam Bush  
 October 14 - Ten Best Ways to Live (#11) Natalie McLaughlin  
 Terra Wiley, Sheila Harms, Delaney McLaughlin  
 October 21 - The Ark and a Tent for God (#12) Julie Smith  
 Jeff Povtak, Pat Povtak, Evan Rice  
 October 28 - The Promised Land (#13) Catherine Bush  
 Mike Trail, Hannah Bush, Sam Bush

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.

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OCTOBER 7, 2018

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 7, 2018 27<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, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

Call to Worship The Rev. Robert Smith

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**People: there is no end to his greatness.**

Leader: One generation shall praise your works to another

**People: and shall declare your power.**

Leader: All your works praise you, Lord,

**People: and your faithful servants bless you.**

Leader: They make known the glory of your kingdom

**People: and speak of your power.**

Leader: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

**People: Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

—based on Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21

\*Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth” No. 116

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**O God, we know our calling is to be the forgiven and forgiving community for whom Christ died. Yet how far we are from living what we know! We confess that we have not loved as we have been loved, nor forgiven others as we need to be forgiven. We confess the guilts we carry, the hurts we nurture, and the grudges we harbor. We confess that we contribute to division within the community by criticism, judgment, gossip and partiality. And we confess, too, our parochial sense of community; we draw lines as to who can belong, who is in and who out. God, in mercy forgive our exclusiveness, and our superiority. Restore us to a true sense of what it means to share a communal life in your Christ. Amen**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News! *All the prophets testify about Christ that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.* Praise God for his gracious mercy towards us! —from Acts 10:43

\*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 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” No. 528

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 6:22-40 Page 1056

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: “O Love” Hagenburg

Scripture: Acts 2:37-47 Page 1079

Sermon “Well-Bread Christians”  
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: 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

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to our Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(Take the bread as served; hold the cup to take together.)

\*Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns” No. 295

Benediction “Threefold Amen” No. 740

Postlude

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

## Announcements

### PCC Food Needs—

Oct. - Pork & Beans

The **Mission & Outreach Commission** is participating in a project assisting people in the Roanoke Valley. The Rescue Mission of Roanoke provides a “Welcome Home Laundry Basket” filled with household items to families as they set up their household. Laundry baskets will be in the Narthex and Ramp Room to accept donations (or mail a check to the church office, memo: Rescue Mission). There are fliers in the Ramp Room with a list of suggested items.

This will be an ongoing project throughout the year, as baskets are full - they will be delivered.



### Prayer Focus for the week

Pray your children will sanctify the Lord’s name.

Isaiah 29:23



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. Pick up a leaflet provided by Samaritan’s Purse (also in the Ramp Room) and follow the instructions in the leaflet on how to pack your shoe box. Then bring your filled shoe box back to the Ramp Room at FEPC on or before Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 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.

### Pre School Jerusalem Fund

For almost 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 to do so 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.

It’s time to update our photo directory.

We will photograph families on Thursday, Oct. 18, Friday, Oct. 19, Saturday, Oct. 20, and Wednesday, Nov. 28 at the church.

If you need to change your scheduled photo session, please call customer service at (866) 756-0281. Give them the name of our church, location and your name. Customer service will find another workable time slot for you and make the changes.

Throughout October, First EPC is collecting **new or gently worn hats, gloves, and scarves** to help support the annual drive for the Rescue Mission. You may drop off your items in the bin in the ramp room, MDO landing, or Pre-K floor. All the collected items will be delivered on Saturday, November 3rd. Please take a peek inside your closets and see if you can part with some hats, gloves, and scarves for the needy! ***All sizes are needed!***