

**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	Library	Kaye Wilkerson
<b>Youth</b>		
Grades 6-12	Youth Rm	Pete Guillard

**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

**Reminders**

**Elders:** Kaye Wilkerson  
**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Mike Stoots, Rea Brown  
**Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**  
 July 19 - Ed Kappus  
 July 26 - Pat Povtak  
**Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**  
 July 19 - Tom Turner  
 July 26 - Jeff Povtak  
**Deacons on Duty:**  
 July 19 - Jan Tyree  
 July 26 - Susan Blanding  
**Acolytes:**  
 July 19 - Caroline Davis  
 July 26 - Stella Guelich

**Adult Sunday School**

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

**CALENDAR**

**Today, 7/19** Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Session Mtg., 6:00 pm  
**Monday, 7/20** Church office closed on Mondays  
**Tuesday, 7/21** Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 10:00 am; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm  
**Wednesday, 7/22** Youth Group, 6:00 pm  
**Thursday, 7/23** Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 5:30 pm  
**Friday, 7/24**

*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 19, 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

JULY 19, 2020

16<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 God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Joyful, Joyful" Bish

Call to Worship The Rev. Robert Smith

Leader: Christ the king reigns on earth and in heaven, reigns in the sovereign power of love.

**People: As followers of Jesus and citizens of his realm, we are called to live in accord with the commands of Christ who sits on the throne.**

Leader: Acknowledging that we, as church and society, are far from God's perfect will and vision for us, we come together to acknowledge our need, humble ourselves before God, and pray for clearer understanding and more faithful allegiance.

**People: King Jesus is in charge of us and this world, and through him God's purposes will ultimately be fully accomplished.**

Leader: Christ the king leads and rules with compassion and wisdom, justice and mercy. Let us worship God and give thanks.

\*Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" insert

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Sovereign God, we confess our sometimes mindless obeisance to the ruling powers in our contemporary world. We do what we think we must do, and pay what we must pay. We buy what we are convinced to buy, and join what we are expected to join. We confess the weakness of our will, either because of lethargy or our fear of social isolation or disfavor. We forget Jesus' command to first love you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We are called to share in Christ's ethic of justice, freedom, and peace for all. Forgive our lack of courage, our too-ready acquiescence, our believing we are powerless when in truth all the power of heaven supports us. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Hear these words of scripture, "There is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom 3:22-24). We are forgiven; we are free. All praise to Jesus through whom we have this wondrous assurance!

\*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 "This Is My Father's World" insert

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Romans 8:12-25

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: "Nearer, My God, to Thee" Arr. Bish

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon "Divine Forbearance"  
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 "Prelude in C Major" J.S. Bach  
Stewart Dean, piano

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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" insert

Benediction "Threefold Amen" No. 740

Postlude "Tocatta" Wagner  
(Psalm 150:4)

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

## Announcements

**Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs**

July - Peanut Butter and Jelly



Prayer Focus

Pray for parents.

Deut. 6:4-6; Eph. 6:4; Eph. 6:10-11

## SISTERS IN BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesday 7/21/20 we will travel with Tim Challies to Ireland and Scotland, two countries with deep Christian roots, where Tim will show us more fascinating objects that tell the story of our Christian faith. Please join us at 10:00 AM!

Operating Fund Revenue thru 6/30/20:

YTD Budgeted Giving	\$302,145
YTD Actual Giving	\$262,349
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$39,796)

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

## TUESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY (ABS)

We will continue the 24 week study, Blessed Hope, The Book of Revelation, on Tuesday, July 21. It's not too late to join us. Everyone is welcome Tuesdays in the Library at 5:15 PM for a time of prayer with the video session beginning at 5:30 PM. (Please let Pete Guillard know if you would like to join so he can have study materials ready.)

Trumpets, beasts, and a thousand-year reign—the book of Revelation often generates curiosity and confusion. Do these visions have any meaning for us today? In this teaching series, Dr. W. Robert Godfrey guides us through the book of Revelation chapter by chapter, clearing away uncertainty while offering practical insight. Rather than a mere puzzle book filled with secrets for the future, Revelation is a help for us in the here and now. When it seems that the enemy is winning and opposition to the church is closing in, Revelation reminds us of our blessed hope: Jesus Christ has risen, He is reigning, and soon He will return. On that day, all things will be made new.

