

Elders

Class of 2019
 Ed Bennett
 Phil Brown
 Artie Bush
 Scott Rice
 Mike Stoots

Class of 2020
 Andrew Fuller
 Ed Kappus
 Gary Roth
 Tom Turner

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

Deacons

Class of 2019
 Joyce Barker
 Mary Ann Bennett
 Dennis Harris
 Carolyn Keyes
 Sandy McCullar
 Melanie Rice
 Marcia Ridenhour
 Jan Tyree

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

Class of 2021
 Chris Ayers
 Susan Blanding
 Pat Povtak
 Michael Ridenhour
 Helen Thompson

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: Phil Brown, Artie Bush
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Rea Brown, Scott Rice, Mike Stoots
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):
 Nov. 10 - Sandy McCullar
 Nov. 17 - Doug Hankins, Karen Hankins
 Nov. 24 - Linda Brown
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):
 Nov. 10 - Barry & Anne Webb
 Nov. 17 - Cathy Loving-Kirk
 Nov. 24 - Trish Hawley
Deacons on Duty:
 Nov. 10 - Brenda White-Edwards, Helen Thompson
 Nov. 17 - Joyce Barker, Linda Brown
 Nov. 24 - Michael Ridenhour, Marcia Ridenhour
Acolytes:
 Nov. 10 - Charlotte Bain
 Nov. 17 - Caroline Davis
 Nov. 24 - Stella Guelich

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.)

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.

CALENDAR

Today, 11/10 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Congregational Mtg., 11:45 am; Jesse Tree Ornament exchange, 5:00 pm

Monday, 11/11 Church office closed on Mondays; SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm; Sermon Apps, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, 11/12 Women in Ministry Coordinating Team, 10:00 am; Women in Ministry Bible study, 11:00 am; Women in Ministry Lunch; 12:00 pm; ABS (Adult Bible Study), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 11/13 FirstKids, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 11/14 Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men's Bible Study, 5:30 pm; Worship Commission mtg., 5:30 pm

Friday, 11/15 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

November 10 - Exodus (#10) Anne Webb
 Barry Webb, Hannah Bush
 November 17 - The Ten Best Ways to Live (#11) Natalie McLaughlin
 Chris Ayers, Aiden McLaughlin
 November 24 - How the Church Tells Time (#16)
 Pat Povtak, Charlie Bain

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NOVEMBER 10, 2019

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

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

27TH 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

Call to Worship The Rev. Robert Smith

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty!

People: **Just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.**

Leader: Who will not fear you, O Lord,
and bring glory to your name?

People: **For you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship you!** —from Revelation 15:3-4

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 38

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty and holy Father, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts and minds. We have not loved you whole-heartedly, nor our neighbors as ourselves, nor one another as Christ has loved us. We confess our sins of selfishness and pride, ingratitude and envy, faithlessness and willful disobedience; and all the ways that we have displeased you by our forgetfulness of your love and power. Our only hope is in your mercy and grace. Forgive us, O Father, according to the promise of the gospel. We look again to Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, who came into the world to save us from our sins. We plead His blood shed for us, for the cleansing of our sins; we plead his righteousness as our own, by your grace alone. And through him, we seek the assurance of your steadfast love and mercy, and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, so that we may now follow Jesus more faithfully and serve you more fully, living for him who died and rose again for us, and who now reigns at your right hand for us; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, hear the Good News! "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." Thanks be to God for His wondrous grace! —1 Peter 2:24

*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 "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" No. 265
(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 98 Page 592

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: "Stir Thy Church" Butler
Eric Petty, trumpet

Scripture: Luke 20:27-38 Page 1042

Sermon "One Bride for Seven Brothers"
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

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

Benediction "Twofold Amen" No. 739

Postlude

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

Announcements

Presbyterian Community Center Food Needs

Nov. - Mac & Cheese



Prayer Focus
How to pray when we don't know how to pray.
Romans 8:26

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. There is a leaflet provided by Samaritan's Purse and a big rubber band 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 the big rubber band. Then bring your filled shoe box back to the Ramp Room at FEPC on or before Sunday, November 17th, 2019. 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 are a few boxes and a week left to fill and return them!

Pre School Jerusalem Fund

For 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 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.

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately after worship to elect new officers and to fulfill a state requirement for an annual meeting of the corporation of First Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Roanoke, Inc.

Reminder if you signed up for the Advent Jesse Tree Devotions and Ornament Exchange

Today is the ornament exchange here at FEPC in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm. There will be cookies, fellowship, and practical suggestions for creating new Christmas traditions in your home.

Go home with a complete set of 25 different ornaments and a devotion booklet!