



West End
presbyterian church

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

LOVE AND LUST

“Adherence to Jesus allows no free rein to desire unless it be accompanied by love.”

–Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

–Galatians 5:24

The Second Sunday after Christmas & Approaching the Beginning of Epiphany

We are now celebrating the Season of Christmas, a time that helps us to remember Christ's birth and reflect on the mystery of the Incarnation. It also teaches us to look eagerly for His promised return when He will come to redeem His creation and exercise His authority.

Epiphany is traditionally celebrated on January 6, after the close of the 12 days of Christmas. Epiphany is a time that helps us to remember Jesus as the long-awaited Hebrew Messiah and His mission to the nations. Epiphany has a particular focus on Jesus as the Light of the World and “God with us,” and the Church's role in proclaiming that Jesus is Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Job 19:25-27, Psalm 124:89

I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that in the end He will stand on the earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;

**I myself will see Him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.**

How my heart yearns within me!

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

*“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on
whom his favor rests.”
Luke 2:14*

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ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o’er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains...

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?...

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him, whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King...

Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning! If you are visiting our church for the first time, or are a regular attender or church member, we encourage you to use our online or paper "Keep in Touch" form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church. Following the service, please introduce yourself to Pastor Steve Shelby either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O LORD, I will make music.
I will ponder the way that is blameless.
Oh when will you come to me?
I will walk with integrity of heart
within my house;
I will not set before my eyes
anything that is worthless.
I hate the work of those who fall away;
it shall not cling to me.
A perverse heart shall be far from me;
I will know nothing of evil.
Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly
I will destroy.
Whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart
I will not endure.
I will look with favor on the faithful in the land,
that they may dwell with me;
he who walks in the way that is blameless
shall minister to me.
No one who practices deceit
shall dwell in my house;
no one who utters lies
shall continue before my eyes.
Morning by morning I will destroy
all the wicked in the land,
cutting off all the evildoers
from the city of the LORD.

Psalm 101. A Psalm of David.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

OFFERING

The offering isn't just about money. Our response to the Gospel goes much deeper—God demands our whole selves. The act of giving in worship is a part of offering ourselves as “living sacrifices” to God (Rom. 12:1).

If participation in the offering is part of your weekly worship, please place your offering in one of the offering plates near the rear Sanctuary doors, mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229), or visit www.wepec.org/giving for online giving options.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy.” Luke 2:10

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THIS IS THE CHRIST

1. Good news from heaven
The angels bring
Glad tidings to the earth they sing
To us this day a Child is given
To crown us with the joy of heaven...

*This is the Christ our God and Lord
Who in all need shall aid afford
He will Himself our Savior be
And from our sins will set us free*

2. All hail Thou noble guest this morn
Whose love did not the sinner scorn
In my distress Thou come'st to me
What thanks shall I return to Thee...

3. Were earth a thousand times as fair
Beset with gold and jewels rare
She yet were far too poor to be
A narrow cradle Lord for Thee...

4. Praise God upon His
Heavenly throne
Who gave to us His only Son
For this His hosts on joyful wing
A blessed New Year of mercy sing...

SCRIPTURE Reading

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.” *Matthew 5:27-30*

Sermon

A Worship Guide with sermon notes and recordings is posted each Sunday at wepc.org/sermons.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. *1 Corinthians 11:23-32*

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Confession & Encouragement

Often we find that our hearts worship something other than God. In confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit probes our hearts and minds and graciously shows us what we mistakenly believe will give us life. Jesus is good to lead us from sorrow over our sin to the sweetness of His grace.

Holy God, we are guilty of rejecting Your commands, of doubting Your promises, of proud self-reliance, of neglect to rest in You. Daily we fail to love You and our neighbor as we ought. We praise You for providing the Savior in Jesus, who takes our sin and gives us His righteousness! Lord, continue the work of salvation in us: conquer our weakness with Your strength, blot out our self-centeredness with Your glory. Meet us in our suffering and disappointments, refine us as You see fit. Keep us from returning to sin's bondage, brighten our hearts with Your grace. Redirect our desires so that we delight deeply in You. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Rejoice and exult with all your heart...The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

West End Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and heart-idols, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel, to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us.

There are four tables on the floor at the front of the sanctuary. Please come forward as you are ready to participate in the Lord's Supper individually, with a friend, or as a family. Feel free to take additional elements to bring back to your seats to serve others in your family or group. After all are served and have returned to their seats, we will take the bread and the cup together as a congregation. Wine and grape juice with gluten free bread are available in double cups. The water is found in the bottom cup.

The Elders presiding over the Supper today are standing at a safe distance from each communion table. Know that they are praying for you as the congregation participates in the sacrament.

If you need special assistance and are not able to come forward for Communion, please raise your hand and an Elder will come to serve you the elements. If you are unable to attend today's worship service and desire Elders to come to your home to administer the Lord's Supper, please let the church office know.

If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please contact the WEPC office.

SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

JUST AS I AM

1. Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
2. Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee, Whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many conflicts, many doubts
Fightings, fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
4. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

*"All that the Father gives
me will come to me, and
whoever comes to me I will
never cast out." John 6:37*

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William B. Bradbury (1849).
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*"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among
those with whom he is
pleased." Luke 2:14*

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ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

1. Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ...

*All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ*

2. His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ...

3. When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ...

*"And he who was seated on
the throne said, "Behold, I am
making all things new." Also
he said, "Write this down, for
these words are trustworthy
and true." Revelation 21:5*

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ALL THINGS NEW

1. Come Lord and tarry not
Bring the long looked for day
O why these years of waiting here
These ages of decay

2. Come for Thy saints still wait
Daily ascends their sigh
The Spirit and the Bride say come
Does Thou not hear the cry...

*O come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
O come and make all things new
Build up this ruined earth
Come and make all things new*

3. Come for creation groans
Impatient of Thy stay
Worn out with these long years of ill
These ages of delay

4. Come for love waxes cold
Its steps are faint and slow
Faith now is lost in unbelief
Hope's lamp burns dim and low...

DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD."
Psalm 150:6*

Text: Thomas Ken (1709)
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH
(Bourgeois, 1551)

What does "doxology" mean? It's derived from two Greek words meaning "glory" and "word." A doxology, then, is a spoken word or song that ascribes glory to God. Today's doxology calls all of creation to praise God as the source of all blessing and acknowledges His Trinitarian (three-in-one) nature.

BENEDICTION

Our Elders are available for prayer at the front of the Sanctuary following the 9 & 10:30 AM services.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Robin Huff, Deacon Karl Kuder, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Rachel Becker, and Luke Smith led this morning's congregational singing. Andy Becker and Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. Luke Farkas managed the in-house video system.

The Last Word

God always has the last word in our worship. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing.

Announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: Beginning Jan 9 / 9AM

www.wepc.org/adults

- Series on King Solomon / Library
- Series on Discipleship / Library, then Rm. 21

Parenting Book Club

Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family

www.wepc.org/adults

Wednesdays beginning Jan 12
6-7:30PM / Library

Wednesday Night Fellowship

The Book of Job: God in Our Suffering

www.wepc.org/WNFJob

Wednesdays, beginning Jan 12
6-7:30PM / Chapel

Men's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/men

- Second Monday: Jan 10 / 6:30-8PM / FH
- Men's Retreat: Feb 4-6 / [Register Now!](#)

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/MASfellowship

Jan 15 / 4-5:30PM

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

- Jan 12: Semester Kick-off Dinner / 6PM / FH
- Jan 18 & 19: Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies resume

GOSPEL & RACE

www.wepc.org/resources/gospel-race/

Book Study: Becoming All Things

Sundays, Jan 16-Feb 20 / 6-7:30PM

Interested in learning how the Gospel empowers us to love our neighbors across racial and ethnic differences? [Register now!](#)

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Tutors Needed

WEPC's Tutoring Ministry is currently looking for more tutors to help students in K-9th grade. Tutors spend one hour, one-on-one, weekly helping their student with school work. Contact: Evelyne Cubahiro (evelyne@wepc.org)

Afghan Refugee Resettlement Ministry

WEPC is sponsoring the resettlement of two Afghan families here in Richmond. We are [collecting donations](#) for their new homes. Contact: Lori Bowman (lori@wepc.org).

Sewing Friends Restarting Jan. 19

Wednesdays / 9:30-11:30AM / Rm. 23

Join us as we connect with immigrant women and share the love of Jesus. Contact: Christine Morobe (christine@wepc.org)

Simple English Christian Service

www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

2nd Sunday of each month / 12PM / Chapel

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

<https://www.wepc.org/grow/children/>

*No Sunday School, Preschool Quest or Children's Worship TODAY

9 AM

- Nursery (infant-3 years); upstairs
- Preschool Quest (4 & 5 years); downstairs
- Sunday School (K-5); downstairs

10:30 AM

- Nursery (infant-3 years old); upstairs
- Children's Worship (4 years-2nd grade); Chapel

Kids Club (weekly on Wednesdays)

Resumes January 12 / 6-7:30 PM

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship Night

Jan 14 / 6PM

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Sunday School: Resumes Jan 9 / 9AM

Youth Group: Resumes Jan 12

- Middle School / 6-7:30PM / Gym
- High School / 7:30-9PM / Gym

General Information

Deacons of the Week

Ed Bowman, Mike Glasgow, Cory Payne, & Davison Long

Barnabas Training Basic

February 12 / 9AM-4PM / Third Church
Learn to see yourself and others in ways that foster deeper relationships and give practical help to friends facing difficult times. [Register now](#). Contact: Kim Johnson (kjohnson@barnabasva.org)

Counseling

Lara Finnie, Licensed Professional Counselor at WEPC, is available by appointment. Visit [Abiding Branches](#) for more information.

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 12/26/21):

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 1,109,442.55

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 1,032,195.59

% of expected budget received: 107.48

Food Pantry Needs

www.wepc.org/foodpantry

PRAYER

Our staff prays weekly for the known needs of our congregation. If we can pray for you, please write your request below and drop this page into the offering plate.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Especially if this is your first Sunday with us – welcome!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Children's Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone (H): _____

(W): _____ (C): _____

Email: _____

Who invited you to WEPC? How did you first hear about us?

◇ Check if this is NEW contact information for you.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

◇ Visitor

◇ Male

◇ Female

◇ Single

◇ Student (Grade ____)

◇ Student (College)

◇ Married

◇ Parent

◇ Widowed

Age:

◇ 20 or younger

◇ 21-26

◇ 27-34

◇ 35-49

◇ 50-64

◇ 65 and older

I would like info about:

◇ WEPC

◇ Women's Ministry

◇ Men's Ministry

◇ Childrens Ministry

◇ Youth Ministry

◇ Adult Classes

◇ Home Groups

◇ Neighborhood Outreach

◇ Becoming a member of WEPC

◇ Other: _____

◇ Please include me on the WEPC email list.

◇ I am interested in learning more about becoming a Christian.