



West End  
presbyterian church



# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

## DIVORCE

“Jesus does not depreciate the body and its natural instincts, but He does condemn the unbelief which is so often latent in its desires... Christ is the Lord even of marriage...Even our bodies belong to Christ and have their part in the life of discipleship, for they are members of His Body. Jesus the Son of God bore a human body, and since we enjoy fellowship with that Body, fornication is a sin against Christ’s own Body.”

--*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

“In the Name of God, I, \_\_\_\_\_ take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my husband/ wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.”

--*Wedding Vow, Book of Common Prayer*

## The First Sunday after the Epiphany

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Epiphany. 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

*Revelation 19:6-7, 9*

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude,  
like the roar of many waters  
and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder,  
crying out:

**“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.  
Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and His Bride has made herself ready.”**

Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

## INVOCATION

## SONG OF ADORATION

*“Then Samuel took a stone  
and set it up...He named it  
Ebenezer, saying, ‘Thus far has  
the LORD helped us.’”  
1 Samuel 7:12*

Robert Robinson (1758);  
Tune: NETTLETON, Wyeth’s  
Repository of Sacred Music  
(1843). Public domain.

### COMETHOU FOUNT

1. Come Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Here by Thy great help I’ve come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

3. Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I’m constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here’s my heart, Oh take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

# 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

The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

*Genesis 2:20-25*

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man."

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

# MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

Led by Elder Mike Perzanowski

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.  
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Pray for God's advancing Kingdom: for our Church, Our City, and the World.  
This week...*

- For the health and faithfulness of marriages, families, households & friendships within West End Presbyterian Church.
- For Metropolitan Richmond: Pray for Spiritual Renewal & Revival. For the Holy Spirit's power for followers of Jesus to bring the Gospel to bear in every facet of life and culture in our city and communities. For the Word of God to go forth with power. That the true light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ may awaken and heal every heart in every corner of Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, Richmond, and the surrounding counties & towns.
- For God's world mission: For the country of Spain; for WEPC Mission Partners, S&K (Avant), J&S (Serge), and T&S (Serge).

## 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.wepc.org/giving](http://www.wepc.org/giving) for online giving options.*

# SONG OF PRAISE

## STEADFAST

1. I will build my house  
Whether storm or drought  
On the Rock that does not move  
I will set my hope  
In Your love, O Lord  
And Your faithfulness will prove...

*You are steadfast  
Steadfast*

2. By the Word You spoke  
All the starry host  
Are called out by name each night  
In Your watchful care  
I will rest secure  
As You lead us with Your light...

3. I will not trust  
In the strength of kings  
On Your promise I will stand  
I will shout for joy,  
I will raise my voice  
Hallelujah to the Lamb!...

*"Give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good, for His  
steadfast love endures  
forever." Psalm 136:1*

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## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

*Children, age 4 through 2nd grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from the Chapel. [www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)*

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING (10:30am)

Gather round ye children come  
Listen to the old, old Story  
Of the power of death undone  
By an Infant born of glory  
Son of God, Son of Man

*"But Jesus said, 'Let the  
little children come to  
me and do not hinder  
them, for to such belongs  
the kingdom of heaven.'"  
Matthew 19:14*

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## SCRIPTURE READING

*Matthew 5:31-32*     <sup>31</sup>It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

## SERMON

*A Worship Guide with sermon notes and recordings is posted each Sunday at [wepc.org/sermons](http://wepc.org/sermons).*

## PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Mark 14:16-25*     The disciples prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And they were reclining at the table and as they were eating, He took bread. And after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

## 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.

**Good and gracious God, we lay our sins before You, confessing we have not lived in light of Your promises. We have scrambled in fear, not trusting You in relationships and circumstances, putting our hope in wealth and accomplishment, and demanding comfort. We seek to control our lives through addiction and self-righteousness, refusing to listen to Your Word, and given to cynicism and anger. We have sought to pay for our sins through shame and guilt, by seeking to do good works to gain favor, and by not believing that we are forgiven. We have exacted payment from others without grace. We have only lived for this life, centering our lives on created things instead of You, demanding more, and being self-centered, disregarding those around us. Because Jesus lived, died, was raised, and ascended into heaven, we confess our sins with the great confidence that You accept, forgive, and renew us.**



# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

*1 John 4:10*

## 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 wafer 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

*"May I never boast except in the cross." Galatians 6:14*

Isaac Watts (1707); Tune:  
HAMBURG, Gregorian Chant  
arr. Lowell Mason (1824).  
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### WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

1. When I survey the wondrous Cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood

3. See, from His head,  
His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were a present far too small  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all

*"Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more."  
Romans 5:20*

Julia H. Johnston (1911);  
Tune: MOODY, D.B. Towner  
(1910). Public Domain.

### GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured  
There where the blood of the Lamb  
Was spilled...

*Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that will pardon  
and cleanse within  
Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that is greater than all our sin*

2. Sin and despair  
Like the sea waves cold  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold  
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross...

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide  
What can we do to wash it away  
Look! There is flowing a crimson Tide  
Brighter than snow you may be today...

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace  
Freely bestowed on all who believe  
You that are longing to see His face  
Will you this moment His grace  
receive...

## PROMISES

1. God of Abraham, You're the God of Covenant  
And of faithful promises  
Time and time again, You have proven  
You'll do just what You said...

2. Though the storms may come and The winds may blow  
You'll remain steadfast  
And let my heart learn, when You speak a word  
It will come to pass

*Great is Your faithfulness to me  
Great is Your faithfulness to me  
From the rising sun to the setting same  
I will praise Your name  
Great is Your faithfulness to me*

3. God from age to age, though the Earth may pass away  
Your word remains the same  
And history can prove, there's nothing You can't do  
You're faithful and true...

I put my faith in Jesus  
My anchor to the ground  
My hope and firm foundation  
He'll never let me down...

*"Know therefore that the  
LORD your God is God,  
the faithful God who keeps  
covenant..."  
Deuteronomy 7:9*

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# DOXOLOGY

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

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

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures  
here be - low Praise Him a - bove ye heavn - ly host; Praise  
Fa - ther Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## 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

*Romans 12:12-13*

## 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.

*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality."*

*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. Elder Mike Perzanowski led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Lori Bowman, Sonya & Donald Smith, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Gordon Collier led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Rick McWhorter and Scott Hoye managed today's audio and video live stream. Luke Farkas managed the in-house video system.*

# Announcements

## ADULT MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/adults](http://www.wepc.org/adults)

### **Adult Sunday School: Beginning TODAY / 9AM**

[www.wepc.org/adults](http://www.wepc.org/adults)

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

### **Parenting Book Club**

*Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family*

[www.wepc.org/adults](http://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](http://www.wepc.org/WNFJob)

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

### **Men's Ministry**

[www.wepc.org/grow/men](http://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](http://www.wepc.org/MASfellowship)

Jan 15 / 4-5:30PM

### **Women's Ministry**

[www.wepc.org/grow/women](http://www.wepc.org/grow/women)

Jan 18 & 19: Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies  
resume

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

### **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 February 2 / 6-7:30 PM

## NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/neighborhood](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:christine@wepc.org))

### **Simple English Christian Service**

[www.wepc.org/simpleenglish](http://www.wepc.org/simpleenglish)

TODAY / 12PM / Chapel

## GOSPEL & RACE

[www.wepc.org/resources/gospel-race/](http://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!

## WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/worship](http://www.wepc.org/worship)

### **Prayer & Worship Night: Hope**

Wednesday, Jan 26 / 6-7:30PM / Chapel

## YOUTH MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://www.wepc.org/grow/youth)

### **Youth Sunday School: TODAY / 9AM / FH**

### **Youth Group: Resumes Jan 12**

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

## General Information

### **Deacons of the Week**

David Creasy, Taylor Miller, Ben Bacon, & Wes Farkas

### **Riggs Wilks Memorial Service**

Sat January 15 / 2PM / Sanctuary

The Wilks family would like to extend an invitation to join them as they celebrate the life of Riggs, mourn his passing, and look to the resurrection of Christ as their hope. The service will also be livestreamed at [wepc.org](http://wepc.org).

### **Video Tech Volunteer Needed**

Would you be interested in serving the church by helping run worship slides on a Sunday morning? Minimal training is required.

Contact: Becca Wethered ([becca@wepc.org](mailto:becca@wepc.org)).

### **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](mailto: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 1/2/22):**

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 1,189,948.71

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 1,140,859.56

% of expected budget received: 104.30

### **Food Pantry Needs**

[www.wepc.org/foodpantry](http://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.