



West End  
presbyterian church



# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & COMMUNION

## OATHS

“The whole Bible is built on covenants, public promises, observed words, and accountability. So what does Jesus teach us specifically in Matthew 5? He is saying if you think you can create levels of truthfulness, you’re wrong...Every yes and every no is observed, because God is the creator and is present with us. This is a radical principle of truthfulness that Jesus teaches us.” –Tim Keller

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”  
–Exodus 20:16

“The duties required in the Ninth Commandment are the preserving and promoting of truth between man and man, and the good name of our neighbor, as well as our own; appearing and standing for the truth; and from the heart, sincerely, freely, clearly, and fully, speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgement and justice, and in all other things whatsoever.”  
–Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 144

## 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

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God: *Hebrews 10:19-23*

**Let us draw near to God  
with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith,**

having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

**Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who  
promised is faithful.**

# INVOCATION

# SONG OF ADORATION

*"For He made Him who  
knew no sin to be sin for us,  
that we might become the  
righteousness of God in Him."  
2 Corinthians 5:21*

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## GOD WHO SAVES

1. There is life in the blood of the Lamb  
who was slain  
There is power, there is power  
in His name  
There is love pouring out of the wounds  
that were made  
Pouring out, pouring over our shame...

*So praise the God who saves  
Praise the God who bled  
Praise the God  
Who was nailed to a tree  
And wore our sins upon His head*

2. There is truth in his body,  
Raised that third day  
There is joy in a stone rolled away  
There is hope pouring out of the tomb  
where he lay  
Pouring out, pouring over  
the grave...

3. There is life in the blood  
of the Lamb who was slain  
There is power, there is power  
in His name  
There is love pouring out of the wounds  
that were made  
Pouring out, pouring over  
our shame...

## 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.*

## PRESENTATION OF new members

Jon, Mollie, & Kate Greenhill (10:30 am)

# OLD TESTAMENT READING

Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man. Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak. May the Lord cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts, those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?" "Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the Lord; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs." The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times. You, O Lord, will keep them; you will guard us from this generation forever. On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among the children of man.

*Psalm 12. To the choirmaster: according to The Sheminith. A Psalm of David.*

# MINISTRY OF PRAYER

**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.**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

Led by Elder Rick McWhorter

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

- For the truth to be proclaimed and promoted in the families and friendships within West End Presbyterian Church.
- For Metropolitan Richmond. For grace to repent of racism, its effects, and for racial reconciliation. Pray to overcome ignorance, indifference, resentment, and bitterness with regard to race in private and public life. For the sanctity of all human life: For the protection of unborn children, for those who have participated in their death. For the elderly and infirm, the widowed and orphaned, foster children and families, the sick and suffering; For those who are poor and oppressed, for those who are unemployed and destitute, the imprisoned and captive, and for all who remember and care for them.
- For God's world mission. For the countries of Kenya, Uganda, Congo & South Sudan. Bishop Bismark Avokaya & Rina Benjamin serving in South Sudan & Kenya. For Jenna & Boas Opedun serving with Serge alongside the local church in the city of Fort Portal, Uganda.

# 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

### HE'S ALWAYS BEEN FAITHFUL

*“Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.”  
Deuteronomy 7:9*

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1. Morning by morning  
I wake up to find  
The power and comfort  
of God's hand in mine  
Season by season I watch Him amazed  
In awe of the myst'ry  
of His perfect ways...

*All I have need of  
His hand will provide  
He's always been faithful to me*

2. I can't remember a trial or a pain  
He did not recycle to bring me gain  
I can't remember one single regret  
In serving God only  
and trusting His hand...

3. This is my anthem, this is my song  
The theme of the stories  
I've heard for so long  
God has been faithful, He will be again  
His loving compassion  
It knows no end...

## 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)

*“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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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

## SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>33</sup>Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

*Matthew 5:33-37*

## 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

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*1 Timothy 3:9; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8, 10:16-17, 15:3-4; from the Book of Common Prayer*

# CONFESSION OF SIN

*1 John 1:8-9*

## **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.

**If we say that we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.**

**If we confess our sins,  
He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silent Confession of Sin*

# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*Romans 8:1-2, 11*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death...If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies.

# 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

### ROCK OF AGES (WHEN THE DAY SEEMS LONG)

1. Rock of Ages, when the day seems long  
From this labor and this heartache, I have come  
The skies will wear out, but You remain the same  
Rock of Ages, I praise Your name

2. Rock of Ages, You have brought me near  
You have poured out Your life-blood  
Your love, Your tears  
To make this stone heart come alive again  
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin...

*Rock of Ages*  
*Rock of Ages*  
*Bind Your children until the kingdom comes*  
*Rock of Ages, Your will be done*

3. Rock of Ages, when in want or rest  
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess  
Pull these idols out from my heart's embrace  
Rock of Ages, I need Your grace

4. Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me  
Who am I that You would die to make me free  
To give me glory You took the death and pain  
Rock of Ages, my Offering...

5. Rock of Ages, "It is done!" You cried  
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied  
Now write Your mercy on my heart and hands  
Rock of Ages, in faith I stand

6. Rock of Ages, my great hope secure  
Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul  
Bind Your children with cords of love and grace  
Rock of Ages, we give You praise...

*"He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken." Psalm 62:2*

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## CORNERSTONE

*"Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation." Isaiah 28:16*

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1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name...

*Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all*

2. When darkness seems  
to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil...

3. When He shall come  
with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne...

## ARISE MY SOUL, ARISE

*"Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25*

Charles Wesley, 1742.  
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1. Arise my soul, arise  
Shake off your guilty fears  
The bleeding sacrifice  
On my behalf appears  
Before the throne my surety stands  
Before the throne my surety stands  
My name is written on His hands...

*Arise (arise) arise (arise)  
Arise arise my soul arise  
Arise (arise) arise (arise)  
Arise arise my soul arise  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

2. He ever lives above  
For me to intercede  
His all-redeeming love  
His precious blood to plead  
His blood atoned for every race  
His blood atoned for every race  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace...

3. The Father hears Him pray  
The dear Anointed One  
He cannot turn away  
The presence of His Son  
His Spirit answers to the Blood  
His Spirit answers to the Blood  
And tells me I am born of God

4. My God is reconciled  
His pard'ning voice I hear  
He owns me for His child  
I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
And Father Abba Father cry...

# DOXOLOGY

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.

*“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

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

*Romans 12:12-13*

*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. Mark & Rebecca Crutcher, Pat Reynolds, Tammy & Randall Ingram, and Gordon Collier led this morning’s congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader and Chris Malak managed today’s audio and video live stream. Clara Bender 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](http://www.wepc.org/adults)

### Adult Sunday School / 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 19  
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 / 6-7:30PM / Chapel

### Men's Ministry

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

- Men's Retreat: Feb 4-6 / [Register Now!](#)

### Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

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

Feb 19 / 4-5:30PM

### Women's Ministry

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

January: Virtual bible study lessons

Feb 1 & 2: Wellspring & Restore resume IN-PERSON

## 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

Wednesdays, beginning February 9  
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)

Second Monday of each month / 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 / Fellowship Hall

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: 9AM / FH

### Youth Group: Wednesdays

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

## General Information

### Deacons of the Week

Chris Hennesey, Tim Berry, Cory Payne, & Mike Glasgow

### 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)) if interested.

### 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 1/9/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 1,256,657.88

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 1,198,927.13

% of expected budget received: 104.82

### 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.