



West End
presbyterian church

**The Third 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.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & COMMUNION

RETALIATION

"Thou the hated and forsaken,
Thou the bearer of the Cross,
Crowned of thorns and mocked and smitten,
Counting earthly gain but loss;
When scorned are we,
We joy to be the more like Thee."
--Helen L. Parmelee, 1864

"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'"
--Romans 12:19

"Don't be dismayed by soul-trouble. Count it no strange thing, but a part of ordinary experience... Even if the enemy's foot be on your neck... Cast the burden of the present, along with the sin of the past and the fear of the future, upon the Lord, who does not forsake His saints."
--Charles Spurgeon

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 96

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples!

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

He will judge the peoples with equity.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; for He comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

GOD IS LOVE, LET HEAVEN ADORE HIM

1. God is love, let heav'n adore Him
God is love let earth rejoice
Let creation sing before Him
And exalt Him with one voice
God who laid the earth's foundation
God who spread the heavens above
God who breathes through all creation
God is love, eternal love
God is love, eternal love

2. God is love and love enfolds us
All the world in one embrace
With unfailing grasp God holds us
Every child of every race

And when human hearts are
breaking under sorrow's iron rod
Then we find that self same aching
Deep within the heart of God
Deep within the heart of God

3. God is love and though
with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life
God's eternal loving kindness
Guides us through our earthly strife
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain
God is love so love forever
O'er the universe shall reign
O'er the universe shall reign

*"Whoever does not love
does not know God,
because God is love."
1 John 4:8*

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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 Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Jeremiah 20:11-13

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Led by Elder Richard Campbell

**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 West End Presbyterian Church: that we would know the power of the Cross of Christ to love and forgive those who trespass against us, even our enemies and those who endeavor to do us harm.
- For Metropolitan Richmond: for healthcare, for the dying and persons living with terminal illnesses, for their families & friends. For the sick and suffering and those who care for them. For doctors, nurses, hospice workers, medical personnel, clinics, home healthcare workers, and all who minister to the health of others.
- For God's world mission: for the Czech Republic, and WEPC supported missionaries Phil & Shanna Davis serving with Serge in Prague. For WEPC Mission Partner, CrossOver Healthcare Ministry, as they provide high quality healthcare for people in need in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 for online giving options.

SONG OF PRAISE

TEACH US YOUR WAYS

1. Teach us Your ways
Teach us Your ways
As we learn from one another
Learn to love each other
Teach us Your ways

2. Teach us to give
Teach us to give
Give ourselves for one another
Learn to help each other
Teach us to give

3. Teach us to weep
Teach us to weep
Let us weep with one another
Learn to love each other
Teach us to weep

4. Hallelujah, hallelujah
Let us learn from one another
Learn to love each other
Teach us Your ways

*"A new commandment
I give to you, that you love
one another: just as I have
loved you, you also are to
love one another."
John 13:34*

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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

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 5:38:42

³⁸You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹But I say to you, do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴²Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

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

from Matthew 26:17-29

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus. They did as He had directed them, and prepared the Passover. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Book of Common Prayer

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.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful...The message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:9, 18

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.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

HELP MY UNBELIEF

1. I know the Lord is nigh
And would but cannot pray
For Satan meets me when I try
And frights my soul away
And frights my soul away

2. I would but can't repent
Though I endeavor oft
This stony heart can ne'er relent
Till Jesus makes it soft
Till Jesus makes it soft...

*Help my unbelief
Help my unbelief
Help my unbelief
My help must come from Thee*

3. I would but cannot love
Though wooed by love divine
No arguments have power to move
A soul as base as mine
A soul so base as mine

4. I would but cannot rest
In God's most holy will
I know what He appoints is best
And murmur at it still
I murmur at it still...

*"Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'"
Mark 9:24*

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JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34

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1. Jesus, I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken
Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

3. Man may trouble and distress me
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me
Were that joy unmixed with Thee

2. Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior, too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not, like them, untrue
O while Thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom, love, and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me
Show Thy face and all is bright

4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure
Come disaster, scorn and pain
You redeem our pain for pleasure
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl
And clouds may gather
All must work for good to me

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

"For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more." Isaiah 30:19

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*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
'He has done great things,' we will say together
We will feast, and weep no more*

1. We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up...

2. In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
O God of Jacob, be my strength...

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful One
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom...

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

"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.

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.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Elder Kevin Shaffer, Georgia Collier, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Elder Tom Krieger, Jamison Taggart, Hill Shore, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Jon Greenhill, Deacon Luke Shrader, and Chris Malak managed today's audio and video live stream. Michael Whitman managed the in-house video system.

Announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School / 9AM

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

Wednesdays beginning Jan 19
6-7:30PM / Library

Wednesday Night Fellowship

The Book of Job: God in Our Suffering

www.wepc.org/WNFJob

Wednesdays / 6-7:30PM / Chapel

Men's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/men

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

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/MASfellowship

Feb 19 / 4-5:30PM

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Jan: 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

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

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)

Simple English Christian Service

www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

Next Meeting: Feb 13th

Second Monday of each month / 12PM / Chapel

GOSPEL & RACE

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

Book Study: Becoming All Things

Sundays, Jan 23-Feb 27

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

Prayer & Worship Night: Hope

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Davison Long, Karl Kuder, Tim Andrews, & Stephen Hunn

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)

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@barnabasrva.org)

Young Life Is Hiring!

Would you be interested in serving in college ministry at VCU? Young Life is hiring for a new ministry position to reach VCU students.

Want more info? Contact: Matt Bouknight (matt@chesterfield.younglife.org) or Dave Blanco (blancoyl@gmail.com).

Counseling

Lara Finnie, Licensed Professional Counselor at WEPC, is available by appointment.

Visit [Abiding Branches](#) for more information.

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 1/16/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 1,296,731.25

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 1,232,027.87

% of expected budget received: 105.25

Food Pantry Needs

www.wepc.org/foodpantry

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

Date: _____

Name: _____

Children's Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

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 | Age: |
| ◇ Male | ◇ 20 or younger |
| ◇ Female | ◇ 21-26 |
| ◇ Single | ◇ 27-34 |
| ◇ Student (Grade ___) | ◇ 35-49 |
| ◇ Student (College) | ◇ 50-64 |
| ◇ Married | ◇ 65 and older |
| ◇ Parent | |
| ◇ Widowed | |

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.

Prayer Requests: