

# West End

presbyterian church



**The Fourth 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

### LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

“What is perfection in love? Love your enemies in such a way that you would desire to make them your brothers...For so did He love, Who hanging on the cross, said “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

—Augustine of Hippo

“You never so touch the ocean of God’s love as when you forgive and love your enemies.”

—Corrie Ten Boom

“If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him food to drink, for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you.”

—Proverbs 25:21-22

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Isaiah 55:10-12*

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

**It shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.”

## INVOCATION

# SONG OF ADORATION

## ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

1. All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam...

*O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice...

3. All ye ones of tender heart  
Forgiving others, take your part  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear  
Praise God and on Him  
Cast your care...

4. Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit Three in One...

*"Bless the LORD, all His works,  
in all places of His dominion;  
Bless the LORD, O my soul!"  
Psalm 103:22*

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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.*

## Presentation of New Members

Parker & Chase Smith (10:30 am)

# OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 6:15-23

When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. And Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria. As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, "O Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So the Lord opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. As soon as the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I strike them down? Shall I strike them down?" He answered, "You shall not strike them down. Would you strike down those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master." So he prepared for them a great feast, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the Syrians did not come again on raids into the land of Israel.

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Led by Elder B-J Huff

**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 through Christ's strength and love we would forgive not only our neighbors, but our enemies, and pray for their salvation in Jesus Christ.
- For Metropolitan Richmond: for all churches and ministries. For our denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America, our Presbytery (James River), and for church planting in our region.
- For God's world mission: for South Asians living in the United Kingdom; and for WEPC Missions Partners A & S, Matt & Jenn Irvine, and Rob & Rebecca Musser serving with Serge in that country.

# OFFERING

*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.*

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).

## SONG OF PRAISE

### THY MERCY, MY GOD

1. Thy mercy, my God  
Is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart  
And the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone  
From the first to the last  
Hath won my affections  
And bound my soul fast

3. Thy mercy is more  
Than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel  
Its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness  
I fall to the ground  
And weep to the praise  
Of the mercy I've found

2. Without Thy sweet mercy  
I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me  
To utter despair  
But through Thy free goodness  
My spirits revive  
And He that first made me  
Still keeps me alive

4. Great Father of mercies  
Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love  
Of Thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit  
Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon  
And righteousness mine

*“You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.”  
Psalm 86:5*

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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)*

*“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*

## 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

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## SCRIPTURE Reading

*Matthew 5:43-48*

<sup>43</sup>You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and send rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## 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

*from 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."

# CONFESSIOIN OF SIN

Almighty and merciful Father, You created us for communion with Yourself and one another; but, we rebelled, and made enemies of our Maker and each other. We have despised Your providence, doubted Your love, and become a law unto ourselves. We believed that human wrath would work the righteousness of God, and so have taken matters into our own hands. Still, You remembered us, our God, for good. In Your tender mercy You gave Your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; He made there a full atonement for our sin, offering once for all the sacrifice of Himself. We thank You that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all of our sins. Grant us repentance and faith in Jesus Christ that we may desire what is good and gladly live in union with Him. Amen.

*Silent 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.

# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

*1 Peter 2:22-24*

# 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.*

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

## First Communion

Parker and Chase Smith (10:30 AM)

*Parker and Chase recently met with the Elders, who heard their testimonies of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Smith family to receive communion first.*

## SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

### BREAK EVERY CHAIN

*"At the name of Jesus every  
knee should bow"*  
*Philippians 2:10*

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There is power in the name of Jesus  
There is power in the name of Jesus  
There is power in the name of Jesus  
To break every chain,  
Break every chain, break every chain

All sufficient sacrifice  
So freely given, such a price  
Bought our redemption  
Heaven's gates swing wide

### HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

*"For God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only Son"*  
*John 3:16*

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1. How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom



## IN CHRIST ALONE

1. In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

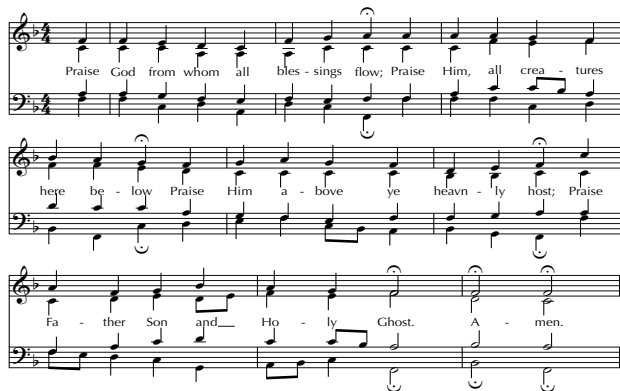
2. In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

*"I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Philippians 3:8*  
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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)

**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."

*Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Trey & Jen Wickham, Jill Wiebe-King, Rick Hepner, Pat Reynolds, Pastor Kevin Greene, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Deacon Tim Andrews managed today's audio and video live stream. Michael Whitman managed the in-house video system.*

*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.

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

# 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 / 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)

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

### Young Singles Fellowship

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

February 13 / 12:15 PM

Join us for lunch and fellowship! Please [RSVP](#).

## 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)

Next Meeting: Feb 13

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, through 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!](#)

### Following Jesus Seminar

March 26 / 8:30AM-12:30PM

Join speakers Mike & Renee Higgins for a morning of stories of fellowship with Christ that we might be encouraged as His disciples. Registration is required; the event is free of charge.

## 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

Ben Bacon, David Creasy, Warren A. Kempf,  
Bill Phillips

### Inquirer's Weekend

February 25-27

Join us for an informal gathering with our pastors to learn about the history, mission, values and vision of West End Presbyterian Church. Register with Karen Howe ([karen@wepc.org](mailto:karen@wepc.org)) or visit [www.wepc.org/inquirersweekend](http://www.wepc.org/inquirersweekend)

### 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))

### Food Pantry Needs

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

### Night to Shine Volunteers Needed

Feb 5 / 11AM-3PM / HOPE Church

The "Shine Thru" event is an unforgettable prom night experience for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. Visit the [volunteer sign-up](#) to help.

### Barnabas Training Basic

February 12 / 9AM-12:30PM / 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](mailto: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. Contact: Matt Bouknight ([matt@chesterfield.younglife.org](mailto:matt@chesterfield.younglife.org)) or Dave Blanco ([blancoyl@gmail.com](mailto: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 1/23/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,330,862.67

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,270,959.82

% of expected budget received: 104.71

## Keep 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: