

GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

The Fifth 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

YOUR FATHER & GIVING

"Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand."

-- II Chronicles 29:14

"The Lord is a Father to man in His lavish provision and blessing. But Satan insinuated God was a miser....That is why, over and over again, Jesus refers to God as 'your Father'. We will never escape from spiritual bondage until we are thoroughly convinced of that... The hypocrite looks for a reward. He finds security in the knowledge that men think highly of him. But that is all the reward he will ever receive, says Jesus... What kind of reward are you looking for? Your answer will depend on how you think of God—as your slave master, or as your Father."

-- Sinclair Ferguson

Call to Worship

I Chronicles 29:10-13

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of Israel our Father, forever and ever.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours.

Yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all.

In Your hand are power and might, and in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

And now we thank You, our God, and praise Your glorious name.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

COME YE SINNERS POOR AND NEEDY

- 1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy Weak and wounded, sick and sore Jesus ready, stands to save you Full of pity, love, and pow'r
- 2. Come, ye thirsty
 Come and welcome
 God's free bounty glorify
 True belief and true repentance
 Every Grace that brings you nigh
- 3. Let not conscience Make you linger Nor of fitness fondly dream All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him
- 4. Come, ye weary, heavy laden Lost and ruined by the fall If you tarry till you're better You will never come at all

"Come and take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17

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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

And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

Isaiah 29:13-14

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 Changjwok Deng 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 favor we have with our Heavenly Father, the freedom we have in Christ, and the peace of His Holy Spirit.
- For Metropolitan Richmond: for the governments and governing bodies of Richmond and surrounding counties and towns.
- For God's world mission: for the country and churches of Peru. For WEPC Mission Partners Moises Buendia & Santos Buendia as they minister there.

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).

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 for online giving options.

Song of Praise

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

"And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6

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- 1. What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy
 My righteousness, and freedom
 My steadfast love, my deep and
 Boundless peace
 To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
 For my life is wholly bound to his
 Oh how strange and divine
 I can sing all is mine
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me
- 2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side the Saviour, he will stay I labour on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need his power is displayed To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley he will lead Oh the night has been won And I shall overcome Yet not I, but through Christ in me
- 3. No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And he was raised to overthrow the grave To this I hold, my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh the chains are released I can sing, I am free Yet not I but through Christ in me
- 4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus For he has said that he will bring me home And day by day I know he will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to him When the race is complete Still my lips shall repeat Yet not I, but through Christ in me

CHILDRen's Message (10:30am)

Scripture Reading

¹"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ²Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Matthew 6:1-4

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 passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night 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, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

I Corinthians 11:23-26

Confession of Sin

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Depending on our own strength, we stumble. Glorying in our own righteousness, we mock You. Turning our faces from You, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We repent of our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our anger and envy. We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive us; Let us hear Your voice saying: "His blood is your peace, His death is your freedom, His Spirit is your power." We pray these things in the name of Your most precious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of encouragement

II Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

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.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

Songs of Response to God's Grace

"This God - His way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him." Psalm 18:30

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GOOD, GOOD FATHER

1. I've heard a thousand stories Of what they think You're like But I've heard the tender whisper Of love in the dead of night You tell me that You're pleased And that I'm never alone...

You're a good, good Father It's who You are It's who You are It's who You are And I'm loved by You It's who I am It's who I am 2. I've seen many searching for answers Far and wide But I know we're all searching for answers Only You provide

Because You know just what we need Before we say a word...

You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

3. Love so undeniable I can hardly speak Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still Into love, love, love...

JESUS THE LORD MY SAVIOR IS

- 1. Jesus the Lord my Savior is My Shepherd and my God My light ,my strength, my joy, my bliss And I His grace record
- 2. Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells And there it dwells for me 'Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills With treasures rich and free...

Mercy and truth and righteousness And peace most richly meet In Jesus Christ the King of grace In Whom I stand complete

- 3. As through the wilderness I roam His mercies I'll proclaim And when I safely reach my home I'll still adore His name
- 4. Worthy the Lamb Shall be my song For He for me was slain And me with all the heavenly throng Shall join and say amen...

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1

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AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

- 1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed...

My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love, amazing grace

- 3. The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures
- 4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine But God who called me here below Will be forever mine...

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

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Doxology

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

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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. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Elder Chris Newlin, Erin Bouknight, Buddy Miner, Donald Smith, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Gordon Kuhfuss and Rob MacBride managed today's audio and video live stream. Scott Dicken managed the in-house video system. Children's Director Emily Meeks gave the Children's Message at the 10:30 service.

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 / 6-7:30PM / Library

Wednesday Night Fellowship

The Book of Job: God in Our Suffering www.wepc.org/WNFJob
Wednesdays / 6-7:30PM / Chapel

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/MASfellowship Feb 19 / 4-5:30PM

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women Wellspring: Tuesdays AM Restore: Wednesdays PM

Young Singles Fellowship

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

*Does not meet on the 1st Sunday of the month

Kids Club

Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM / Rm. 25

Neighborhood outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Tutor Training

Sunday, Feb 27 / 9AM / Fellowship Hall Come to hear more about this ministry and learn practical tools to help students! 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 Feb 13 / 12PM / Chapel

Gospel & Race

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

Book Study: Becoming All Things Sundays, through March 6 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. <u>Registration</u> is required; the <u>event</u> is free of charge.

Wrap-around Ministry

www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry/

Monthly Meeting

Sunday, Feb 27 / 9AM / Rm. 20 Welcoming all those interested in learning more about serving those in foster care and families in crisis.

Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Movie Night / Feb 11 / 6-9PM

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

Warren A. Kempf, Stephen Hunn, Rick McMahon, Tim Berry

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) or visit 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)

Food Pantry Needs

www.wepc.org/foodpantry

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)

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) or Dave Blanco (blancoyl@gmail.com)

Counseling

Lara Finnie, Licensed Professional Counselor at WEPC, is available by appointment. Visit <u>Abiding Branches</u> for more information.

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 1/30/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,350,293.75 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,307,422.73 % of expected budget received: 103.28

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