

West End

presbyterian church



**The Sixth 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

PRAYER

“Genuine prayer is never ‘good works,’ an exercise or a pious attitude, but it is always the prayer of a child to a Father.”

—*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

“O the blessed privilege of prayer! O the wonderful love, care, attention, and power of our great Shepherd! His eye is always upon us. When our spirits are almost overwhelmed within us, He knoweth our path. His ear is always open to us; let who will overlook and disappoint us, He will not.”

—*John Newton*

“And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

—*1 John 5:14*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 61:1-4
To the choirmaster: with
stringed instruments. Of David.

Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer;

**From the end of the earth I call to You
when my heart is faint.**

Lead me to the Rock
that is higher than I,

**For You have been my Refuge,
a strong Tower against the enemy.**

Let me dwell in Your tent forever!
Let me take refuge under the shelter of Your wings!

Invocation

SONG OF ADORATION

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

*"...great is Your faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:23*

Thomas O. Chisholm (1923);
Tune: FAITHFULNESS,
William Runyan (1923)
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1 Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thy own dear

sha - dow of tur - ning with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
stars in their cour - ses a - bove; join with all na - ture in
pre - sence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou for - e - ver wilt be.
ma - ni - fold wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row— bles - sings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Mor - ning by

mor - ning new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed Thy

hand hath pro - vi - ded. Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

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

II Chronicles 7:12-14

Then the LORD appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people, who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*"Lord, teach us to pray..."
Luke 11:1*

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THE LORD'S 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 debts
As we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil

For Thine is the kingdom, the power,
The glory forever
For Thine is the kingdom, the power,
The glory forever
For Thine is the kingdom, the power,
The glory forever
For Thine is the kingdom, the power,
The glory forever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

Led by
Elder Paul Howe

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

- For West End Presbyterian Church: that we would, with confidence, come quickly and come often to our Heavenly Father in prayer, who knows our needs.
- For Metropolitan Richmond: that God's kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. For the peace and unity of all people in all jurisdictions. For leaders and citizens who earnestly seek the common welfare of Metro Richmond. For healthy economic development. For all businesses, employers, and employees. For the unemployed and destitute.
- For God's world mission: for LB serving with SIM in West Africa.

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

ABIDE WITH ME

1. Abide with me
Fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens
Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail
And comforts flee
Help of the helpless, abide with me

2. Thou on my head
In early youth didst smile
And though rebellious
And perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee
On to the close, Lord, abide with me

3. I need Thy presence
Ev'ry passing hour
What but Thy grace
Can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself
My Guide and Stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine
Abide with me

4. I fear no foe
With Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight
And tears no bitterness
Where is thy sting, death?
Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me

5. Hold Thou Thy cross
Before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom
And point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, Lord, abide with 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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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 6:5-15

⁵And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹Pray then like this:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread, ¹²and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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

Pardon our sins, merciful Lord. We have been slow and superstitious in prayer, and we have cared more for how others perceive us than how You see us; these sins lead to so many others. Keep us from withholding true worship from You, which Your glory is due, and which our hearts so urgently need. Wipe out our sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, remembered and forgotten. Grant us power to believe Your blood cleanses us from all sin, Your Spirit leads us in all prayer, Your grace overwhelms all evil, and Your Good News is our sole life and message. In Jesus' name, 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

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. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10

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.

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.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

APPROACH, MY SOUL, THE MERCY SEAT

*"Since we have a great high priest...let us approach the throne of grace with confidence."
Hebrews 4:14,16*

John Newton (1779); Tune:
CLEANSING FOUNTAIN
(19th century American)
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1. Approach, my soul, the Mercy-seat
Where Jesus answers prayer
There humbly fall before His feet
For none can perish there
For none can perish there
For none can perish there
There humbly fall before His feet
For none can perish there

4. Be Thou my Shield and Hiding Place
That, sheltered near Thy side
I may my fierce accuser face
And tell him, Thou hast died
And tell him, Thou hast died
And tell him, Thou hast died
I may my fierce accuser face
And tell him, Thou hast died

2. Thy promise is my only plea
With this I venture nigh
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee
And such, O Lord, am I
And such, O Lord, am I
And such, O Lord, am I
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee
And such, O Lord, am I

5. O wondrous Love to bleed and die
To bear the Cross and shame
That guilty sinners such as I
Might plead Thy gracious name
Might plead Thy gracious name
Might plead Thy gracious name
That guilty sinners such as I
Might plead Thy gracious name

3. Bowed down beneath a load of sin
By Satan sorely pressed
By wars without, and fears within
I come to Thee for rest
I come to Thee for rest
I come to Thee for rest
'Mid wars without, and fears within
I come to Thee for rest

NONE OTHER LAMB

*"Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the
world!" John 1:29*

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1. None other Lamb, none other Name
None other Hope in Heaven or sea
No hiding place from guilt and shame
None beside Thee, none beside Thee

*All who labor and are heavy laden
Come unto me, and I will give you rest*

2. My faith burns low
My hope burns low
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe
Cries out to Thee, cries out to Thee...

3. Lord, Thou art life
Though I be dead
Love's fire Thou art
However cold I be
Nor heav'n have I
No place for my head
No home but Thee
No home but Thee...

ALL MUST BE WELL

1. Through the love of God our Savior,
All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor
All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth
To shield us
All must be well

2. Though we pass through tribulation,
All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

3. We expect a bright tomorrow
All will be well
Faith can sing
Through days of sorrow
All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus ev'ry need supplying
Yes, in living and in dying
All must be well

*"But God shows His love for us, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8.*

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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."

*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. **Robin Huff, Stanton Coman, Deacon Karl Kuder, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Rachel Becker, and Luke Smith** led this morning's congregational singing. **Andy Becker and Deacon Chris Scoggins** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Luke Farkas** 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.

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

TODAY / 12:15 PM

Join us for lunch and fellowship!

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Sunday School: 9AM / Youth Lounge

Youth Group: Wednesdays

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

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Tutors Needed

We are currently looking for more tutors to help students (K-9), one hour each week, with school-work. Contact: Evelyne (evelyne@wepc.org)

Tutor Training

Sunday, Feb 27 / 9AM / Fellowship Hall

Come to hear more about this ministry and learn practical tools to help students! Contact: Evelyne (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 (lori@wepc.org)

Sewing Friends

Wednesdays / 9:30-11:30AM / Rm. 23

Join us as we connect with immigrant women and share the love of Jesus. Contact: Christine (christine@wepc.org)

Simple English Christian Service

www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

TODAY / 12PM / Chapel

GOSPEL & RACE

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

Book Study: Becoming All Things

No meeting tonight, Feb. 13

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!](#)

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.

Lent & Easter 2022

www.wepc.org/lent-easter

Worship Services

- Ash Wednesday / March 2 / 6:30PM
- Maundy Thursday / April 14 / 7PM
- Good Friday / April 15 / 7PM
- Easter Sunday / April 17 / 9 & 10:30AM

Personal Retreat

Saturday, March 19 / 8:30AM-12:30PM

Roslyn Retreat Center

Join us for a time alone in prayer, reflection, Scripture readings, and communion. [Register online now!](#) Contact: Kevin (kevin@wepc.org)

Following Jesus Conference

Saturday, 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. [Online Registration](#) is required; the [event](#) is free of charge.

General Information

Deacons of the Week

Wes Farkas, Chris Perry, Luke Shrader, & Taylor Miller

NEW WEPC Directories are here!

2022 Directories are available in the Gallery on each of black cabinets and Welcome Table. You are invited to take up to 2 per family.

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 (karen@wepc.org) or visit www.wepc.org/inquirersweekend

Food Pantry Needs

www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Counseling

Lara Finnie, Licensed Professional Counselor at WEPC, is available by appointment. Visit [Abiding Branches](#) for more information.

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 2/6/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,391,346.67

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,351,480.59

% of expected budget received: 102.95

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 | <u>Age:</u> |
| ◇ 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: