

The Seventh 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

OUR FATHER

"We have made all these requests of You because, as our all-powerful King, You not only want to, but are able to give us all that is good; and because Your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever." --Zacharias Ursinus

"Prayer is the breath of God in man, returning whence it came." --Benjamin Beddome

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-3, 5, 10-11

God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our Fortress.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come." Revelation 4:8

Reginald Heber (1826); Tune: NICAEA, John Dykes (1861). Public Domain.

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

Samantha Anonick (10:30 am)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:8-13 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

"Lord,	teach	us	to p	ray"
			Luke	11:1

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

- Led by Elder Brian Bassett • For West I
 - For West End Presbyterian Church: for grace to pray to our Heavenly Father with joyful dependence.
 - For Metropolitan Richmond: for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond. For all who are incarcerated, their families, and their loved ones. For law enforcement, judges, attorneys, court personnel, correctional officers and institutions, juvenile detention facilities, and probation officers. For chaplains, jail & prison ministries, half-way houses, work-release programs, and after-care programs. For victims of violent crime.
 - For God's world mission: for countries represented by the members & friends of WEPC who are new to life in the United States. That the Gospel would go forth in those countries. For the missionaries Jesus has sent to the US. For the Prison Discipleship Ministry of the James River Presbytery.

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 <u>www.wepc.org/giving</u> for online giving options.

Song of Praise

YES AND AMEN

1. Father of kindness You have poured out grace You brought me out of darkness You have filled me with peace Giver of mercy You're my Help in time of need Lord, I can't help but sing...

Faithful You are Faithful forever You will be Faithful You are All Your promises are yes and Amen All Your promises are yes and Amen 2. Beautiful Savior You have brought me near You pulled me from the ashes You deliver from fear Blessed Redeemer You have set this captive free Lord, I can't help but sing... 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).

"For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory." II Corinthians 1:20

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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. <u>www.wepc.org/grow/children</u>

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 <u>wepc.org/sermons.</u>

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

from Luke 22:7-8, 14-20, 29-30 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

"And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: set Your servants free from all anxious thoughts about the future, give us contentment with Your good gifts, and confirm our faith that as we seek Your Kingdom, You will not let us lack any good thing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Augustine of Hippo, 5th century

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

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

First Communion Samantha Anonick (10:30 AM)

Concerning a contract with the Eldens when he

Samantha recently met with the Elders, who heard their testimonies of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Anonick family to receive communion first.

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

"Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled." Luke 14:23

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COME TO THE FEAST

1. Go to the highways and hedges Go to the farthest of fields Go and compel, the sick and the well For our Father's house will be filled

2. Go to the streets of the city, Bring in the crippled and blind All who would taste This banquet of grace Must come and waste no more time... Come to the Feast, come to the Table The great and the least The rich and the poor Come to the Feast, come to the Table Come and hunger no more

3. In the robe of the Lamb
You'll be covered
Dressed in His pure righteousness
For all of your guilt
His blood-- it was spilt
So, come, by your Father be blessed...

"That rock was Christ." I Corinthians 10:4

Augustus Toplady (1776); Tune: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings (1830). Public Domain.

ROCK OF AGES

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me Let me hide myself in Thee Let the water and the blood From Thy riven side which flowed Be of sin the double cure Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r

2. Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands Could my zeal no respite know Could my tears forever flow All for sin could not atone Thou must save, and Thou alone 3. Nothing in my hand I bring Simply to Thy Cross I cling Naked, come to Thee for dress Helpless, look to Thee for grace Foul, I to the Fountain fly Wash me, Savior, or I die

4. While I draw this fleeting breath When mine eyes shall close in death When I soar to worlds unknown See Thee on Thy judgment throne Rock of Ages, cleft for me Let me hide myself in Thee

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand And cast a wishful eye To Canaan's fair and happy land Where my possessions lie

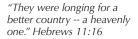
2. All o'er those wide extended plains Shines one eternal day There God the Son forever reigns And scatters night away...

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound) I am bound for Promised Land

Doxology

3. No chilling winds Nor pois'nous breath Can reach that healthful shore Sickness and sorrow Pain and death Are felt and feared no more...

4. When shall I reach That happy place And be forever blest When shall I see My Father's face And in His bosom rest...



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"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.

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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. Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Lori Bowman, Deacon Rick McMahon, Elder Tom Krieger, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Chris Malak managed today's audio and video live stream. Deacon Brian Zollinhofer 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.

<u>Announcements</u>

adult Ministry

<u>www.wepc.org/adults</u>

Adult Sunday School / 9AM

www.wepc.org/adults •Series on King Solomon / Chapel •Series on Discipleship / Chapel, then Rm. 21 •Series on Lent starting March 6 / Library

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

Women's Ministry

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

Young Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/youngsingles March 13 / 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

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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.

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 schoolwork. Contact: Evelyne (<u>evelyne@wepc.org</u>)

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 <u>collecting donations</u> for their new homes. Contact: Lori (<u>lori@wepc.org</u>)

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 March 13 / 12PM / Chapel

Youth Ministry

<u>www.wepc.org/grow/youth</u>

Youth Sunday School: 9AM / Youth Lounge

Youth Group: Wednesdays

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

High School Overnight March 4-5

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? <u>Register now!</u>

Lent & Caster 2022

<u>www.wepc.org/lent-easter</u>

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. <u>Register</u> <u>online now!</u> 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. <u>Online Registration</u> is required; the <u>event</u> is free of charge.

General Information

Deacons of the Week

Warren Kempf, Davison Long, Cory Payne, & Chris Hennesey

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

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 2/13/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,452,042.64 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,388,562.98 % of expected budget received: 104.57

FOOD Pantry www.wepc.org/foodpantry

We are adding a new way to donate food items to the WEPC In Jesus' Name Food Pantry! Simply choose a Food Item "team" and add those items to your personal grocery list each time you shop.

Examples include:

- Team Flour/Sugar
- •Team Oil/Salt
- •Team Garbanzo
- Team Tomato
- Team Peach

There are no formal signups for these donations - please visit <u>our webpage</u> for more info!

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Especially if this is your first S	Sunday with us	-welcome!
Date:		
Name:		
Children's Names:		
Address:		
City:		
Phone:		
Email:		
Who invited you to WEPC?	How did you	first hear about us?

(Check if this is <u>NEW</u> contact information for you. Please check the appropriate boxes: **Prayer Requests:** ◊ Visitor Age: $\langle \bar{2}0 \text{ or younger} \rangle$ ♦ Male ◊ Female ◊ 21-26 ♦ Single ◊ 27-34 ♦ Student (Grade ____) ♦ 35-49 ♦ Student (College) ♦ 50-64 ♦ 65 and older ♦ Married ◊ 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.