

West End

presbyterian church



The Second Sunday in Lent

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to ask God to help us confront our own mortality and sinfulness, to ask Him to show us our need for grace, to grow in repentance, and to reflect on the amazing truth of the Church's participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The season of Lent—the period between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday before Easter—lasts 40 days (not including Sundays), reminiscent of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him because he cares for you.”

—1 Peter 5:6-7

“The hope God offers us is this: he will keep close to us, even in darkness, in doubt, in fear and vulnerability...He promises that we will not be left alone.”

—Tish Harrison Warren

“You alone are strong enough
to carry the weight of my troubled thoughts,
even as you alone are strong enough to bear
the burden of my sin and my guilt and my
shame, my wounds and my brokenness.”
—Douglas Kaine McKelvey, “Every Moment Holy”

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 27

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the Stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek,
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

My heart says of You, “Seek His face!”

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

GLORIA PATRI // WE FALL DOWN

Glory be to the Father
Glory be to the Son
Glory be to the Spirit, Three in One
As it was in the beginning
It will be forever
Amen, Amen, Amen

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy
Is the Lamb

"In His temple all cry, 'Glory!'"
Psalm 29:9

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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

But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:8-10

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

"Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.'"

Matthew 16:24-25

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that He might draw the whole world to Himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow Him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer

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

*"The peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:7*

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Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE,
Philip Bliss (1876).
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IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

1. When peace, like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul...

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

2. Though Satan should buffet
Though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded
My helpless estate
And has shed His own blood
For my soul...

3. My sin—O the joy
Of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the Cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
O my soul!....

4. O Lord, haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul....

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

*"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, 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)

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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

SCRIPTURE Reading

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Matthew 6:25-34

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

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."

from Mark 14:16-25

CONFESSIO 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.

Almighty God, You are full of grace and truth, but our faith is weak and we have not understood Your sovereign rule in our lives. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns instead of submitting to Your Word. We have sought our own glory instead of obeying Your Law. We have not waited to find Your will for us. We have been given to the fear of man, and rocked by uncertainty. We have not noticed the needs of others around us. We have not trusted Your favor. Father, forgive us for our sins against You. Lord Jesus, lead us to follow you as Lord. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that Your good hand might be upon us. Amen.

*"Lord, have mercy on us!"
Matthew 20:30*

Kevin Greene, Lent 2022

LORD HAVE MERCY



Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Matthew 11:28-29

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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

NOTHING TO FEAR

*"Fear not, for I am with you."
Isaiah 41:10*

1. When you pass through the waters
I will be with you
And the depths of the river
Shall not overwhelm
When you walk through the fire
You will not be burned
I am the Lord, I am the Lord...

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*And there is nothing to fear, nothing to fear
There is nothing to fear, nothing to fear
For I am with you always*

2. In the depths of your sorrow
I wept beside you
When you walked through the shadow
I drew you near
And yesterday, today, tomorrow
Always the same
I am the Lord, I am the Lord...

3. What can separate you from My perfect love
What can separate you from My perfect love
What can separate you from My perfect love
Do not fear, do not fear, do not fear

*"How great is the love the
Father has lavished on us, that
we should be called children
of God!" 1 John 3:1*

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE.
American Folk Hymn (1835).
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WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse, for my soul, for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse, for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity I'll sing on!

*"Be still and know that I am
God; I will be exalted among
the nations, I will be exalted
in the earth." Psalm 46:10*

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BE STILL IN MY SOUL (IN YOU I REST)

1. Be still my soul
The Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul, thy best
Thy heav'nly friend
Through thorny ways
Leads to a joyful end...

2. Be still my soul
Thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence
Let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul
The waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them
While He dwelt below...

*In You I rest, in You I found my hope
In You I trust
You never let me go
I place my life within Your hands alone
Be still my soul*

3. Be still my soul
The hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment, grief
And fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still my soul
When change and tears are past
All safe and blessed
We shall meet at last...

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures
here be - low Praise Him a - bove ye heavn - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*"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.
Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Sarah Shrader, Sonya Smith, Stanton
Coman, Rachel Becker, Deacon Karl Kuder, and Luke Smith led this morning's
congregational singing. Andy Becker and Sean Winterhalter managed today's
audio and video live stream. Luke Farkas and Cody Hahn 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 Discipleship / Library, then Rm. 21
- Series on Lent / 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

Men's Ministry: Second Monday

www.wepc.org/grow/men/

March 14 / 6:30-8PM / FH

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Wellspring: Tuesdays AM

Restore: Wednesdays PM

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/MASfellowship

March 19 / 4-5:30PM

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

Spring Fling

March 19

Easter Celebration

April 14

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)

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

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

High School Modgnik Retreat

April 8-10

Register now!

WORLD RELIEF RESOURCES

Ukraine Crisis Church Fund

See Mission to the World's website for opportunities to give and support those affected by the crisis in Ukraine.

CHURCH PLANTING

African American Church Planter-Fund (AACFF)

www.wepc.org/outreach/church-planting/african-american-church-planter-fund

The AACPF seeks to fund African-American led church plants in the James River Presbytery. New gifts given to the AACPF before March 31, 2022 will be matched through a generous grant, up to a total of \$13,000.

Lent & Easter 2022

www.wepc.org/lent-easter

Worship Services

- 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.

Join us also for **Sunday School at 9AM on March 27 for a Q&A with Mike & Renee.** The Q&A will start in the library and is open to all!

Weekly Lenten Prep for Worship

If you have not already, sign up for WEPC weekly Saturday emails to receive a Lenten Preparation for Worship devotional on our [Keep in Touch](#) form, and check the box 'I would like to be included on the WEPC email list.'

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Bryan Meeks, Ed Bowman, Wes Farkas, & Tim Berry

WEPC Community Preschool

Enrollment is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. We would love for your little ones to join us! For info, visit wepc.org/preschool or email Casey Zollinhofer at casey@wepc.org

Counseling

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

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 3/6/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,585,566.30

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,515,968.03

% of expected budget received: 104.59

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 [our webpage](#) for more info!

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

Children's 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: