

# West End

presbyterian church



### **The Third 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

### **JUDGE NOT, THAT YOU BE NOT JUDGED**

“If God were not angry at injustice and deception and did not make a final end to violence-- that God would not be worthy of worship... If I don't believe that there is a God who will eventually put all things right, I will take up the sword and will be sucked into the endless vortex of retaliation. Only if I am sure that there's a God who will right all wrongs and settle all accounts perfectly do I have the power to refrain.” --*Miroslav Volf*

“What will He do when He comes as Judge, who gave Himself up to be judged? What will His power be like when He comes to reign, who had this kind of power when He came to die?” --*Augustine*

“Correct him, but not as a foe, nor as an adversary exacting a penalty, but as a physician providing medicines.” --*Chrysostom*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 9:1-2, 7-8. To the choirmaster: according to Muthlabben. A Psalm of David.*

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

**I will be glad and exult in You;  
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**

The LORD sits enthroned forever;  
He has established His throne for justice,

**And He judges the world with righteousness;  
He judges the peoples with uprightness.**

## INVOCATION

# SONG OF ADORATION

## BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

1. Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea  
A great High Priest  
Whose name is "Love"  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

2. When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

3. Behold Him there! the risen Lamb  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ, my Savior and my God  
With Christ, my Savior and my God

*"These are they which follow  
the Lamb... they are without  
fault before the throne."  
Revelation 14:4-6*

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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.*

## Covenant BAPTISM

Emma Goodrich (9am)

# OLD TESTAMENT READING

*II Samuel 12:1-7*

And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"

# MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*Matthew 16:24-25*

"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.'"

*The Book of Common Prayer*

**O God, by the passion of Your blessed Son, You made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of Life: Grant us so to glory in the Cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

# 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](http://www.wepc.org/giving) for online giving options.*

# SONG OF PRAISE

## ALL OF YOUR WAYS ARE PEACE

1. All of Your ways are peace  
All of Your ways are peace  
Though we are pressed on ev'ry side  
We trust that You are peace

2. All of Your words are true  
All of Your words are true  
Though we have heard so many lies  
We trust Your words are true

3. All of Your ways are just  
All of Your ways are just  
Though we may say it  
Through our tears  
We trust that You are just

4. All of Your ways are peace  
All of Your ways are peace  
All of Your ways are peace

*"He is the Rock...and  
all His ways are just."  
Deuteronomy 32:4*

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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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GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

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## SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>1</sup>"Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

*Matthew 7:1-5*

# 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

*1 Corinthians 11:23-32*

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when 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 also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

#### **Confession & Encouragement**

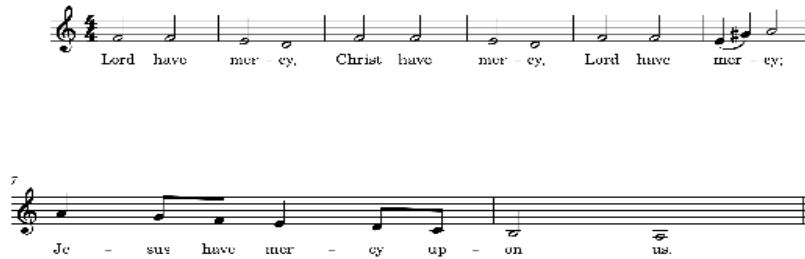
Often we find that our hearts worship something other than God. In confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit probes our hearts and minds and graciously shows us what we mistakenly believe will give us life. Jesus is good to lead us from sorrow over our sin to the sweetness of His grace.

**Almighty God, we believe that You are coming again in power to judge the earth. But we confess that we have not lived as those who daily expect Your Kingdom. We have spoken harsh words, thought impure thoughts, and lived casual lives. We have ignored Your promised judgment by not loving You with our whole hearts or our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us and forgive us for all our offenses. In Your tender kindness, embrace us with Your Fatherly love and fill our hearts with the joyful expectation of seeing You soon, face to face. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY

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

Kevin Greene, Lent 2022



*Silent Confession of Sin*

## 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.

*1 Peter 2:22-23*

## 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

## COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED (LOOK TO JESUS)

*"Cast all your anxiety on him  
because he cares for you."  
1 Peter 5:7*

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1. Come ye souls by sin afflicted  
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down  
By the broken law convicted  
Through the cross behold the crown  
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus  
Look to Jesus  
Mercy flows through Him alone

3. Blessed are the eyes that see Him  
Bless the ears that hear His voice  
Blessed are the souls that trust Him  
And in Him alone rejoice  
His commandments, His  
Commandments, His commandments  
Then become their happy choice

2. Take His easy yoke and wear it  
Love will make your obedience sweet  
Christ will give you strength to bear it  
While His grace shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory  
Where His ransomed captives meet

4. Sweet as home to pilgrims weary  
Light to newly opened eyes  
Like full springs in deserts dreary  
Is the rest the cross supplies  
All who taste it, all who taste it,  
All who taste it  
Shall to rest immortal rise

## GATHER THEM IN

*"At that time I will gather  
you; at that time I will bring  
you home. I will give you  
honor and praise among all  
the peoples of the earth when  
I restore your fortunes before  
your very eyes," says the  
LORD." Zephaniah 3:20*

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We wait for you to testify  
To hold the kingdoms to account  
Your righteous justice shall not fail  
All those who trust in your name...

*You will gather them in  
You will bring, bring them home  
King of all Kings  
Lord of all Lords*

Sing out, sing out ye daughters of Zion  
And Shout aloud O Israel  
Be glad, rejoice with all your heart  
He has removed your punishment...

He will gather us in  
He will bring, bring us home  
King of all Kings  
Lord of all Lords



## O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me  
Underneath me, all around me  
Is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To Thy glorious rest above

2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
Spread His praise  
From shore to shore  
How He loveth, ever loveth  
Changeth never, nevermore

How He watches  
O'er His loved ones  
Died to call them all His own  
How for them He intercedeth  
Watcheth o'er them from the throne

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
Love of every love the best  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me  
And it lifts me up to glory  
For it lifts me up to Thee

*"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Ephesians 3:18*

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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

*"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 Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Gordon Kuhfuss and Aaron Suttan managed today's audio and video live stream. Scott Dicken 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](http://www.wepc.org/adults)

### **Adult Sunday School / 9AM**

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

- 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/parentingclass](http://www.wepc.org/parentingclass)

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

### **Women's Ministry**

[www.wepc.org/grow/women](http://www.wepc.org/grow/women)

Wellspring: Tuesdays AM

Restore: Wednesdays PM

## **Lent & Easter 2022**

[www.wepc.org/lent-easter](http://www.wepc.org/lent-easter)

### **Worship Services**

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

### **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 (registration closes on March 23); 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.'

## **NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY**

[www.wepc.org/neighborhood](http://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](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 ([lori@wepc.org](mailto:lori@wepc.org))

### **Simple English Christian Service**

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

April 10 / 12PM / Chapel

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

[www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://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

## **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

### **Easter Celebration**

April 14

## **WORLD RELIEF RESOURCES**

### **Ukraine Crisis Church Fund**

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

## CHURCH PLANTING

### **African American Church Planter-Fund (AACFF)**

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. See [our website](#) for info on giving.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **Joe Brown's Sabbatical**

Associate Pastor Joe Brown will be taking a Sabbatical Leave this spring/summer and will be away from the church from April 19-July 31. The general goals of a Sabbatical Leave are to enhance the personal ministry of our pastors and to further the long-term ministry objectives of the church. Sabbatical time could include, but are not limited to: spiritual renewal, physical rest and restoration, and professional growth.

Other staff members will be covering Joe's routine responsibilities during this time. We look forward to what God is going to do in and through his time away this summer. Please pray for Joe and his family in the coming months!

### **Deacons of the Week**

Luke Shrader, Chris Perry, Warren Kempf, & David Creasy

### **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](http://wepc.org/preschool) or email Casey Zollinhofer at [casey@wepc.org](mailto:casey@wepc.org)

### **Counseling**

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

### **Food Pantry Needs**

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

### **Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 3/13/22):**

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,629,651.70

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,552,066.72

% of expected budget received: 105.00

# 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: