



West End
presbyterian church

The Fourth 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

PEARLS BEFORE PIGS

“The point of the parable is he is saying to his disciples, ‘Don’t push the gospel on people in such a way that they can’t digest it. Don’t be insensitive. Don’t just push truth on people in such a way which is not relevant to their concerns or is too quick or not sensitive to the pace of God in their lives. Don’t push. Don’t press. Be discerning friends. Be gentle. Be careful. Never treat two people the same.’”

—*Tim Keller*

“Every attempt to impose the gospel by force, to run after people and proselytize them, to use our own resources to arrange the salvation of other people is both futile and dangerous. It is futile, because the swine do not recognize the pearls that are cast before them, and dangerous, because it profanes the word of forgiveness, by causing those we fain would serve to sin against that which is holy.”

—*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 45:21-25

There is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Savior;
there is none besides me.

**Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.**

By myself I have sworn;
from my mouth has gone out in righteousness
a word that shall not return:

**To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear allegiance.**

Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me,
are righteousness and strength;
to Him shall come and be ashamed
all who were incensed against Him.

**In the Lord all the offspring of Israel
shall be justified and shall glory.**

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

3. Let ev'ry kinsman, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all

4. O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all

"God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name..." Philippians 2:9

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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

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

Leviticus 19:9-18

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

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever 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 Quiocasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229), or visit www.wepc.org/giving for online giving options.

SONG OF PRAISE

*"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."
Philippians 2:10-11*

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YOUR GREAT NAME

1. Lost are saved, find their way
At the sound of Your great name
All condemned, feel no shame
At the sound of Your great name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name...

2. All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great name
Sick are healed, the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name...

*Jesus, worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name*

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

"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

SCRIPTURE READING

"Do not give dogs what is holy and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you."

Matthew 7:6

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

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

1 Timothy 3:9; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8, 10:16-17, 15:3-4; from the Book of Common Prayer

CONFESSION OF SIN

Based on Psalm 5

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.

Hear our words and our groanings, O Lord. Give attention to our cry for mercy. You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; You abhor the bloodthirsty and deceitful. Forgive us, good Lord. We have sinned against You and our neighbor. We have sought to justify ourselves before You. We have attempted to atone for our own sins and punish the sins of others. And so, we have boasted in sin and self. By Your mercy alone, by the abundance of Your steadfast love may we enter Your house. Because of Your Son, O Lord, let us find refuge in You. Take away our sins and let us ever sing for joy. Cover us with Your favor as with a shield. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Kevin Greene, Lent 2022

LORD HAVE MERCY



Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

John 5:24

Jesus said "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

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

JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL

1. Jesus, lover of my soul
Let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll
While the tempest still is high
Hide me, O my Savior, hide
Til life's storm is past
Safe into the haven guide
Receive my soul at last

2. Other refuge have I none
I helpless, hang on Thee
Leave, oh leave me not alone
Support and comfort me
All my trust on Thee is stayed
All help from Thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want
Here more than all I find
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint
Heal the sick, and lead the blind
Just and holy is Thy Name
I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am
Thou art full of truth and grace

4. Plenteous grace
With Thee is found
Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound
Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art
Let me take of Thee
Spring Thou up within my heart
For all eternity

*"You have been...a refuge
for the needy in his distress."
Isaiah 25:4*

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"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

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AMAZING LOVE

My Lord, what love is this
That pays so dearly
That I, the guilty one
May go free...

*Amazing love, O what sacrifice
The Son of God given for me
My debt he pays, and my death he dies
That I might live, that I might live*

And so they watched him die
Despised, rejected
But oh, the blood he shed
Flowed for me...

And now, this love of Christ
Shall flow like rivers
Come wash your guilt away
Live again...

"You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."
Micah 7:19

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HIS MERCY IS MORE

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more*

1. What love could remember
No wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
Without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more...

2. What patience would wait
As we constantly roam
What Father, so tender
Is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest
The vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more...

3. What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
We could never afford
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more...

DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

"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. Trey Wickham, Pat Reynolds, Robin Huff, Jill Wiebe-King, Rick Hepner, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Rick McWhorter and Deacon Tim Andrews managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick 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/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

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

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/MASfellowship

April 30 / 4-5:30PM

Young Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/youngsingles

April 10 / 12:15 PM

Join us for lunch and fellowship!

Lent & Easter 2022

www.wepc.org/lent-easter

Worship Services

- Maundy Thursday / April 14 / 7PM

We gather to worship, to remember Christ's work on the cross, to celebrate communion, and to respond to Christ's mandate to serve each other.

- Good Friday / April 15 / 7PM

This service of corporate prayer, Scripture reading, confession, and celebration of our Lord's death helps us consider and respond to the crucifixion and atonement of Jesus Christ for us.

- Easter Sunday / April 17 / 9 & 10:30AM

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

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)

Simple English Christian Service

www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

April 10 / 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

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 (AACPF)

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

Q&A with Mike & Renee Higgins: TODAY!

9AM / Library

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!

Youth Ministry Employment Opportunities

The Youth Ministry Staff is currently looking for summer interns and a male assistant director and would love to talk to you about joining the team. Please visit [our website](#) or email [Isaiah](#) and [Marcela](#) for more information.

Deacons of the Week

Wes Farkas, Ben Bacon, Bryan Meeks, & Tim Andrews

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.

Food Pantry Needs

[www.wepc.org/foodpantry](#)

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 3/20/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,669,643.77

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,594,991.25

% of expected budget received: 104.68

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
- ◇ 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: