



West End
presbyterian church

Easter Sunday

We are now in the season of Easter—a celebration Jesus' victory over sin and death.

Followers of Christ are called to a life of dying to sin, rising to the life of the Spirit, and participating in His reign as the Sovereign Lord.

The Church now lives as those who are "risen with Christ," living under His rule.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & COMMUNION

BORN AGAIN TO A LIVING HOPE

"The longer a man lives, the more sin and wickedness and plague and sorrow he sees and feels. Nor is there respite or cessation this side of the grave. Beyond is repose, and we can then sleep in the rest Christ gives us until He comes again to wake us with joy. Amen. I commend you to Him who loves you more than you love yourself. He has proved His love in taking your sins upon Himself and paying for them with His blood, as He tells you by the Gospel."

--*Martin Luther*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

INVOCATION

DECLARATION OF FAITH

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

Heidelberg Catechism 45
(1563)

First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by His death.

Second, by His power we too are already now resurrected to new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

SONG OF ADORATION

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Christ the Lord is ris'n to day,
Lives a gain our glo - rious King,
Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
Soar we now where Christ has led,

*"Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."
1 Corinthians 15:20*

Charles Wesley (1749); Tune:
EASTER HYMN, Lyra Davidica
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Al - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say:
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,
Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Dy - ing once He all doth save,
Death in vain for - bids Him rise,
Made like Him, like Him we rise,
Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing ye heav'n's and earth re - ply:
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Job 19:23-27

Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Let us pray for the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve in wisdom, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. For President Biden, for the leaders of the nations, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth, we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Richmond, the Commonwealth of Virginia, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, all whose homes are broken or torn by strife, And for the sick, the wounded, and the suffering. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in the mist of their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those that have lost, in death, the ones they love. For all who continue in the hope of the resurrection of the dead, we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For comfort and help for the weak-hearted; For You to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet, we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have struggled in the faith, that they may rest in the truth of the Gospel, we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who endeavor to do us harm, we pray to You, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That it may please You to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts to You in repentance, we pray to You, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended. For the forgiveness and remission of our sins, we pray to You, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness she may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to You, Lord.
Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

I WILL RISE

1. There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well...

*Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead
I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow, no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise*

2. There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes...

3. And I hear the voice
Of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry
Of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb...

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).

"The Lord...redeems... crowns...satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." Psalm 103:2-6

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (9 & 10:30am)

Children, age 4 through 5th 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 (9 & 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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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith--more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Almighty God, in raising Your Son from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. By Your Spirit, You caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You promise an inheritance that is imperishable, but we have succumbed to doubt, fear, and perishable ways that lead to death. You promise to reveal Your salvation, but we have grown impatient and rebellious. We have been overwhelmed by grief and trial, and our faith and love wears thin. Forgive us, Father of mercy. We long to see our risen Lord. Grant us faith to believe in Him, and teach us to long for that Day of inexpressible joy filled with glory, in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

*from 1 Corinthians
15:20-22*

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

BECAUSE HE LIVES

"Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live." John 14:19
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*"For the word of the cross
is folly to those who are
perishing, but to us who are
being saved it is the power of
God." 1 Corinthians 1:18*

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THE POWER OF THE CROSS

1. Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood...

*This, the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross*

2. Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow...

3. Now the daylight flees
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two
Dead are raised to life
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry...

4. Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds
For through Your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death
Life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love...

*This, the pow'r of the cross
Son of God, slain for us
What a love! What a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross*

*"For He made Him who
knew no sin to be sin for us,
that we might become the
righteousness of God in Him."
2 Corinthians 5:21*

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GOD WHO SAVES

1. There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain
There is power, there is power in His name
There is love pouring out of the wounds that were made
Pouring out, pouring over our shame...

*So praise the God who saves
Praise the God who bled
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree
And wore our sins upon His head*

2. There is truth in his body, raised that third day
There is joy in a stone rolled away
There is hope pouring out of the tomb where he lay
Pouring out, pouring over the grave...

3. There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain
There is power, there is power in His name
There is love pouring out of the wounds that were made
Pouring out, pouring over our shame...

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly 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)

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. Mark & Rebecca Crutcher, Randall & Tammy Ingram, Gordon Collier, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Luke Smith led this morning's congregational singing. Chris & Andi Alberts provided the musical offering. Ross Bruning and Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. Michael Whitman 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

No Sunday school today, 4/17

- I Kings / Library (Beginning 4/24)

Parenting Book Club

Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family

www.wepc.org/parentingclass

Wednesdays / 6-7:30PM / Library

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

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
- *No Sunday school today, 4/17***

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

Vacation Bible School

June 27-30 / 5:30-8PM

Registration is now OPEN for children!

Many volunteers are needed!

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Sunday School: 9AM / Youth Lounge

No Sunday school today, 4/17

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)

Simple English Christian Service

www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

May 8 / 12PM / Chapel

Afghan Refugee Resettlement Ministry

WEPC is sponsoring the resettlement of two Afghan families here in Richmond. We are looking for volunteers to visit with the family and help with transportation needs.

Contact: Lori (lori@wepc.org)

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Warren Kempf, Tim Andrews, Stephen Hunn, & Wes Farkas

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.

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!

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 4/10/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,782,600.00
Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,727,732.42
% of expected budget received: 103.18

Food Pantry Needs

www.wepc.org/foodpantry

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: