



West End  
presbyterian church

### The Second Sunday of Easter

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

### DO ALSO TO THEM

"All he [the disciple] needs do is to say 'I' instead of 'Thou,' and put himself in the other man's place...the moment he does that, the disciple forfeits all advantage over other men, and can no longer excuse in himself what he condemns in others...the evil in the other person is exactly the same evil as in ourselves. There is only one judgement, one law, and one grace. Henceforth the disciple will look upon other men as forgiven sinners who owe their lives to the love of God."

--*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'"

--*Matthew 22:36-40*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*1 Thessalonians 3:12-13*

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

## INVOCATION

## DECLARATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism 57  
(1563)

How does "the resurrection of the body" comfort you?

**Not only will my soul  
be taken immediately after this life  
to Christ its head,  
but also my very flesh will be  
raised by the power of Christ,  
reunited with my soul,  
and made like Christ's glorious body.**

# SONG OF ADORATION

## JESUS WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

1. Jesus! What a Friend for sinners  
Jesus! Lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me  
He, my Savior, makes me whole...

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
He is with me to the end*

2. Jesus! What a Strength in weakness  
Let me hide myself in Him  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing  
He, my Strength, my victory wins...

3. Jesus! What a Help in sorrow  
While the billows over me roll  
Even when my heart is breaking  
He, my Comfort, helps my soul...

4. Jesus! What a Guide and Keeper  
While the tempest still is high  
Storms about me, night overtakes me  
He, my Pilot, hears my cry...

5. Jesus! I do now receive Him  
More than all in Him I find  
He hath granted me forgiveness  
I am His, and He is mine...

*"...a friend of tax collectors and sinners." Luke 7:34*

John Wilbur Chapman (1910);  
Tune: HYFRYDOL, Rowland  
H. Prichard (1830).  
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## PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:30am)

Chris May

## COVENANT BAPTISM (10:30am)

Natalie Grace Bogle

## 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 a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity. You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. And you shall observe all my statutes and all my rules, and do them: I am the LORD.

*Leviticus 19:33-37*

# MINISTRY OF PRAYER

## 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).

*"Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall receive  
mercy." Matthew 5:7*

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*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.*

### **BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL**

Blessed are the merciful  
Blessed are the merciful  
Blessed are the merciful  
For they shall receive  
Mercy, mercy

Forgive us as we forgive  
Those who sin against us  
Forgive us as we forgive  
Those who sin against us

Lord, have mercy on us  
Show Your mercy through us  
Lord, have mercy on us  
Show Your mercy through us  
Lord, have mercy on us  
Show Your mercy through us  
Mercy, mercy

*"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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## 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)*

## 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

## SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>12</sup>So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 7:12*

## 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

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.

*1 Corinthians 11:23-32*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

**Forgive them all, O Lord; our sins of omission and our sins of commission; the sins of our youth and the sins of our riper years; the sins of our souls and the sins of our bodies; our secret and our more open sins; our sins of ignorance and surprise, and our more deliberate and presumptuous sin; the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others; the sins we know and remember, and the sins we have forgotten; the sins we have striven to hide from others, and the sins by which we have made others offend You; Forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all for His sake, Who died for our sins and rose for our justification, and now stands at Your right hand to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

John Wesley (1703-91)

**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

*1 John 4:9-10*

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

## 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.*

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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

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## SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

*"For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" Mark 8:36*

African-American  
Spiritual

### GIVE ME JESUS

1. In the morning when I rise  
in the morning when I rise  
in the morning when I rise  
Give me Jesus...

*Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
But give me Jesus*

2. And when I am alone  
And when I am alone  
When I am alone  
Give me Jesus...

3. And when I come to die  
And when I come to die  
When I come to die  
Give me Jesus...

## YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour, he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

*"And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6*

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*“Be steadfast, immovable,  
always abounding in the work  
of the Lord, knowing that in  
the Lord your labor is not in  
vain.” I Corinthians 15:58*

## **YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN**

### 1. Your labor is not in vain

Though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained  
Your planting and reaping are never the same  
But your labor is not in vain

### 2. Your labor is not unknown

Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
But your labor is not unknown...

*For I am with you, I am with you*

*I am with you, I am with you*

*For I have called you*

*Called you by name*

*Your labor is not in vain*

### 3. The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth  
For all that is old will at last be made new  
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit...

### 4. The houses you labored to build

Will finally with laughter and joy be filled  
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed  
And all that is broken be healed...



# 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)

### 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 Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Gordon Kuhfuss and Sean Winterhalter managed today's audio and video live stream. Scott Dicken managed the in-house video system.*

*The tapestry at the front of the sanctuary is the traditional liturgical color of white for this 50-day season of Easter. The tapestry will return to its many colors during the season of Pentecost. The piece is entitled "Psalm 148," and was created by a team of WEPC artists.*

*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/adults](http://www.wepc.org/adults)

- I Kings / Library (**Beginning TODAY**)

### Women's Ministry

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

Wellspring: Tuesdays AM - ends May 10

Restore: Wednesdays PM - ends May 4

### Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

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

April 30 / 4-5:30PM

### Young Singles Fellowship

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

May 15 / 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 - ends May 4

### 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](http://www.wepc.org/grow/youth)

**Youth Sunday School:** 9AM / Youth Lounge

- Parents invited **May 1st!**

### Youth Group: Wednesdays

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

## WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

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

### Prayer & Worship Night

Sunday, May 15 / 6-7:30PM / WEPC Courtyard

## 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))

### Simple English Christian Service

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

## WRAP-AROUND MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry/](http://www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry/)

### Monthly Meeting

TODAY / 9AM / Rm. 19

Welcoming all those interested in learning more about serving those in foster care and families in crisis.

### Foster Parents Night Out

Saturday, May 14 / 4:30-7:30PM / FH

This special event will provide foster moms and dads an opportunity to have some quiet time together while their precious foster children enjoy an evening of fun activities, food, and fellowship Sign up [here](#) to volunteer!

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## **Deacons of the Week**

Davison Long, Luke Shrader, Mike Glasgow, & Ed Bowman

## **Joe Brown's Sabbatical**

Associate Pastor Joe Brown is officially on will be taking a Sabbatical Leave and will be away from the church through 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!

## **Save the Date: American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Sunday, July 24 / 12-4PM

## **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.

## **Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 4/17/22):**

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,826,595.61  
Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,768,724.36  
% of expected budget received: 103.27

## **Food Pantry Needs**

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