



West End
presbyterian church

The Third 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

THE NARROW GATE

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death."
--*Proverbs 14:12*

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." --*John 14:6*

"The gate is narrow, but not the life." --*Elisabeth Elliott*

"Why must the gate be narrow? Because you cannot pass beyond it burdened. To come in among these trees you must leave behind the six days' world, all of it, all of its plans and hopes. You must come without weapon or tool, alone." --*Wendell Berry*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 16:7-11. A Miktam of David.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**I have set the LORD always before me;
because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

**For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**

You make known to me the path of life;
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

INVOCATION

DECLARATION OF FAITH

Since death is the wages of sin,
why are the righteous not delivered from death,
if all their sins are forgiven in Christ?

Westminster Larger Catechism,
Q&A 85 (1643)

**The righteous will be delivered from death itself at the last day,
and even in death they are delivered from the sting and curse of it,
so that, although they die, yet in God's love He frees them perfectly
from sin and misery and makes them capable of further communion
with Christ in glory, which they then enter.**

SONG OF ADORATION

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

1. The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice...

*How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God*

2. Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead, three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb...

3. Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, You are very
great; You are clothed with
splendor and majesty."
Psalm 104:1*

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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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

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).

"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want"
Psalm 23:1

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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 for online giving options.

I SHALL NOT WANT

1. From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me, O God

2. From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me, O God
Deliver me, O God...

*And I shall not want
No I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want*

From the fear of serving others
From the fear of death or trial
And from the fear of humility
Deliver me, O God
Yes, deliver me, O God...

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30am)

SCRIPTURE READING

¹³Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Matthew 7:13-14

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

CONFESSON OF SIN

**You have searched me, Lord, and You know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
You perceive my thoughts from afar.
Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Where can I flee from Your presence?
Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Silent Confession of Sin

Psalm 139:1-2, 7, 23-24

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

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-7

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

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28*

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JESUS I COME

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus I come to Thee

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm
Out of life's storm and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus I come to Thee

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus I come to Thee

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus I come to Thee

ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME

1. All the way my Savior leads me
Who have I to ask beside
How could I doubt His tender mercy
Who through life has been my Guide

2. All the way my Savior leads me
Cheers each winding path I tread
Gives me grace for every trial
Feeds me with the living Bread...

*You lead me and keep me from falling
You carry me close to Your heart
And surely Your goodness and mercy
Will follow me*

3. All the way my Savior leads me
O, the fullness of His love
O, the sureness of His promise
In the triumph of His blood...

4. And when my spirit clothed immortal
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages
Jesus led me all the way
Jesus led me all the way...

*"...for the sake of Your
name, lead me and guide
me." Psalm 31:3*

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Arr. Chris Tomlin, Matt
Redman (2008), Sixsteps
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*"I count everything as loss
because of the surpassing
worth of knowing Christ Jesus
my Lord." Philippians 3:8*

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IN CHRIST ALONE

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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. Trey & Jen Wickham, Jill Wiebe-King, Rick Hepner, Jamison Taggart, Pastor Kevin Greene, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Rick McWhorter and Sean Winterhalter managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick 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

Adult Sunday School / 9AM

www.wepc.org/adults

- I Kings / Library

Men's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/men

- Men's Basketball (35+): May 5 / 7-9PM / Gym
- Contact: EJ Fogarty (efogarty@gmail.com)
- Second Monday: May 9 / 6:30-8PM / FH

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Wellspring: Tuesdays AM - ends May 10
Restore: Wednesdays PM - ends May 4

Young Singles Fellowship

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

Youth Sunday School: 9AM / Youth Lounge

Youth Group: Wednesdays

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

***Please visit our website for the summer calendar of events.**

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)

WRAP-AROUND MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry/

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!

Monthly Meeting

May 22 / 9AM / Rm. 19

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

MISSIONS

Prison Discipleship Ministry

Volunteers are needed to join James River Presbytery in sharing the gospel at Henrico Jail West through bible studies or helping with worship services. Contact Elder Jerry Gill at jdgbygrace@gmail.com for more info.

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/worship

Prayer & Worship Night

Sunday, May 15 / 6-7:30PM / WEPC Courtyard
Join us for an evening of singing, prayer, scripture reading, and fellowship! Bring a chair and join us in the courtyard by the playground.

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

Ben Bacon, Davison Long, Jake Porter, & Chris Hennesey

Prayer & Support Group

Email pray4fam@wepc.org for prayer and support for couples struggling with infertility.

Save the Date: American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, July 24 / 12-4PM

Counseling

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

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 4/24/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,858,332.22
Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,804,142.13
% of expected budget received: 103.00

Food Pantry Needs

www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Congregational Meeting

June 5 / following the 10:30 AM service
Join us to review the 2022-2023 budget, vote on the pastors' terms of call, and elect new & returning officers of the church. Everyone is welcome; members will vote.

Deacon Re-Election:

Jake Porter
Matt Wilks
Brian Zollinhofer

Elder Re-Election:

Chris Newlin
Michael Oberle
Phil Soldan

Deacon Election:

Jon Greenhill
Matt Mailloux
Chris May
Sean Winterhalter

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:

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| ◇ 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: