

# West End

presbyterian church



**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

We are now in the season of Easter—a celebration of 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

### BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

--*Jeremiah 17:9-10*

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep...I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life abundantly." --*John 10:1-2, 9-10*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*1 Peter 2:1, 4*

Put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

**Come to Him, a Living Stone rejected by men  
but in the sight of God chosen and precious.**

## INVOCATION

## DECLARATION OF FAITH

from Heidelberg Catechism  
(1563)  
Q&A 58

How does the promise of "life everlasting" comfort you?

**Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forever.**

# SONG OF ADORATION

## A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

1. A mighty Fortress is our God  
A Bulwark never failing  
Our Helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow'r are great  
And, armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not His equal

2. Did we in our own strength confide  
Our striving would be losing  
Were not the right Man on our side  
The Man of God's own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be  
Christ Jesus, it is He  
The Lord of Hosts His Name  
From age to age the same  
And He has won the battle

3. And though this world  
With devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear  
For God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us  
The Prince of Darkness grim  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure  
For lo! His doom is sure  
One little Word shall fell him

4. That Word above all earthly pow'rs  
No thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go  
This mortal life also  
The body they may kill  
God's truth abideth still  
His Kingdom is forever

*"...the God of Jacob is our fortress" Psalm 46:7*

Based on Psalm 46; Martin Luther (1529); Tune: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther (1529). Arr. by Luke Salik, Tyler Stitt, Matthew Westerholm. Used by permission

## 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

Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak faithfully.

*Jeremiah 23:23-28*

# 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).

*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.*

*"All that the Father gives  
me will come to me, and  
whoever comes to me I  
will never cast out."  
John 6:37*

Charlotte Elliott (1836);  
Tune: WOODWORTH,  
William B. Bradbury  
(1849). Arr. by Norton Hall  
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### JUST AS I AM

1. Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou biddest me  
Come to Thee  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

2. Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee Whose blood  
Can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

3. Just as I am  
Thou tossed about  
With many conflicts, many doubts  
Fightings and fears within, without  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

4. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive  
Wilt welcome, pardon  
Cleanse, relieve  
Because Thy promise I believe  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

*"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>15</sup>Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

*Matthew 7:15-20*

## 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

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

**Lord God, every day we are reminded that we fall short of Your glory: You are strong; we are blown about by every whim. You call for justice; we play favorites and prefer man-made comfort. You are holy through and through; our best efforts are marred by sin and cannot save us. Oh how we need a Savior to ransom us from bondage to sin! Thank You for providing exactly what we need in Jesus. Oh how we need continued renewal in Your image! Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to continue Your work in your Church. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to rest in Your grace. 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.

*Silent Confession of Sin*

# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*1 Peter 2:22-24*

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. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

## 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

*"Immediately the father  
of the child cried out  
and said, 'I believe;  
help my unbelief!'"  
Mark 9:24*

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### HELP MY UNBELIEF

1. I know the Lord is nigh  
And would but cannot pray  
For Satan meets me when I try  
And frights my soul away  
And frights my soul away

2. I would but can't repent  
Though I endeavor oft  
This stony heart can ne'er relent  
Till Jesus makes it soft  
Till Jesus makes it soft...

3. I would but cannot love  
Though wooed by love divine  
No arguments have power to move  
A soul as base as mine  
A soul so base as mine

4. I would but cannot rest  
In God's most holy will  
I know what He appoints is best  
And murmur at it still  
I murmur at it still...

*Help my unbelief  
Help my unbelief  
Help my unbelief  
My help must come from Thee*

## YES AND AMEN

### 1. Father of kindness

You have poured out grace  
You brought me out of darkness  
You have filled me with peace  
Giver of mercy  
You're my Help in time of need  
Lord I can't help but sing...

*Faithful You are*

*Faithful forever You will be*

*Faithful You are*

*All Your promises are yes and Amen*

*All Your promises are yes and Amen*

### 2. Beautiful Savior

You have brought me near  
You pulled me from the ashes  
You deliver from fear  
Blessed Redeemer  
You have set this captive free  
Lord I can't help but sing...

*"For all the promises of God  
find their Yes in Him. That is  
why it is through Him that  
we utter our Amen to God  
for His glory."  
II Corinthians 1:20*

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*"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18*

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## COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

1. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

2. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suff'ring  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in Him we stand

3. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured, love untold

4. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord, He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when He comes



# DOXOLOGY



*"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD."*  
*Psalms 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.*

*Youth Director Isaiah Thomas preached today's sermon. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship and administered the Lord's supper. Robin Huff, Sonya Smith, Stanton Coman, Deacon Karl Kuder, Rachel Becker, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Luke Smith led this morning's congregational singing. Andy Becker and Chris Malak managed today's audio and video live stream. Luke Farkas and Cody Hahn 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

### Men's Ministry

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

Second Monday: May 9 / 6:30-8PM / FH

### Women's Ministry

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

Women's Bike Ride / Friday, June 3 / 9:30AM

Contact: Brice Bowman ([brice@wepc.org](mailto:brice@wepc.org))

### Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

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

May 21 / 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

### 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

### Youth Group: Wednesdays

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

**Senior Celebration/Move up Day:** June 12

**757 Service Trip:** July 10-15

**The Landing:** July 31-Aug 5

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

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## 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)

TODAY / 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))

## Wrap-Around Ministry

[www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry/](http://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](mailto:jdgbygrace@gmail.com) for more info.

## WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

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

### Inquirer's Weekend

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

July 29-31

### Deacons of the Week

Ed Bowman, Bryan Meeks, Matt Wilks, & Stephen Hunn

### Prayer & Support Group

Email [pray4iam@wepc.org](mailto:pray4iam@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 5/1/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,895,960.70

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,846,925.02

% of expected budget received: 102.65

### 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

## FOOD PANTRY

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

We are adding a new way to donate food items to the WEPC In Jesus' Name Food Pantry! Simply choose a Food Item "team" and add those items to your personal grocery list each time you shop.

Examples include:

- Team Flour/Sugar
- Team Oil/Salt
- Team Garbanzo
- Team Tomato
- Team Peach

There are no formal signups for these donations - please visit [our webpage](#) for more info!

# 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: