



West End  
presbyterian church

**The Fifth 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

### TREE & FRUIT

"God never throws us back to rely upon ourselves and our own resources. He encourages us rather to grow up as Christians by digging down ever more deeply into the riches of His grace in Jesus Christ. Christ Himself is the rich and fertile soil in which Christian holiness puts down strong roots, grows tall and bears the fruit of the Spirit. Thus the New Testament always links two things together in an important piece of spiritual logic. The new situation creates the new lifestyle."

--*Sinclair Ferguson*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 1*

Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on His law he meditates day and night.

**He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.**

The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## INVOCATION

# DECLARATION OF FAITH

What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

Westminster Larger Catechism  
(1643), Q&A 87

**We are to believe that at the last day there will be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. At that time those who are found alive will be changed in a moment, and the same bodies of the dead that were laid in the grave will then be united to their souls again forever, raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ and by virtue of His resurrection as their head, will be raised in power, and will be spiritual, incorruptible, and made like His glorious body. The bodies of the wicked will be raised up in dishonor by Him, as an offended judge.**

# SONG OF ADORATION

## 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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# 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.*

# PRESENTATION OF New MEMBERS

Chris May (10:30AM)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 55:10-12*

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

## 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.*

*"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."  
I Corinthians 15:57*

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### LOVE DIVINE, VICTORIOUS

1. Love Divine, victorious  
Risen Life, all glorious  
One with the Father, one with us

2. No more need we fear the grave  
Some day soon You'll wipe our  
tears away  
The night is breaking into day...

*Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again (2x)*

3. Sin and death You overthrew  
Risen One  
Make all grief come untrue  
Son of God make all things new...

*Christ has died, victorious  
Christ is risen, glorious  
Christ will come again for us  
Love divine, victorious  
Risen Savior, glorious  
King of kings reign over us...*

## 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)*

## COMMISSIONING

Children's Worship Lab, Elder Mike Perzanowski (10:30AM)

*"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

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## 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 [www.wepc.org/sermons](http://www.wepc.org/sermons).*

# PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*from Mark 14:16-25*

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."

## CONFESSION OF SIN

### **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.

**Heavenly Father, forgive us. Instead of hearing Your Word, we have sought other voices. Our only hope is in Your Son's finished work. You lived the life we should have lived. You died the death we should have died: in our place, as our substitute, to make atonement for our sins. Fill our lives with the fruit of Your Spirit and restore us after Your likeness. Grant us to walk as Christ walked. Forgive us and change us, O Lord, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Silent Confession of Sin*

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*1 Peter 2:24-25*

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. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## 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.*

## SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

### HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

1. When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast...

*He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast*

2. Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast...

3. For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last!...

*"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy..." Jude 24*

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### BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God  
Fill me with life anew  
That I may love what Thou dost love  
And do what Thou wouldst do

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God  
Until my heart is pure  
Until my will is one with Thine  
To do and to endure

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God  
Till I am wholly Thine  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glow with Thy fire divine

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God  
So shall I never die  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity

*"He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" John 20:22*

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*"We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28*

## **ALL MUST BE WELL**

1. Through the love of God our Savior  
All will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor  
All is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

2. Though we pass through tribulation  
All will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation  
All is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

3. We expect a bright tomorrow  
All will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow  
All is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

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All must be well

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# DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low Praise Him a - bove ye heavn - ly host; Praise Fa - ther Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD."*  
Psalm 150:6

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(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 and administered the Lord's supper. Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Lori Bowman, Deacon Rick McMahon, Suzie Bird, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Aaron Suttan managed today's audio and video live stream. Deacon Brian Zollinhofer 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 (ends May 22)
- I Corinthians / Library / Jun 5-Aug 28

### Women's Ministry

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

Women's Bike Ride / 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)

TODAY / 12:15 PM

Join us for lunch and fellowship!

### First Five Summer Initiative

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

May 18 / 7-8:30PM / Fringe Benefits

Join folks in their first five years out of college for tacos and trivia as they build community together and navigate what it means to faithfully follow Christ as young adults. Contact: [Rebecca Crutchner](mailto:Rebecca.Crutchner@wepc.org) with questions.

## 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!

## Wrap-around Ministry

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

### Monthly Meeting

May 22 / 9AM / Rm. 19

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

## 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.**

## 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)

June 12 / 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))

## 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 [jdgbgrace@gmail.com](mailto:jdgbgrace@gmail.com) for more info.

### Gideons International Ministry

There are new materials in the gallery for those interested in finding out more about the Gideons International ministry supported by James River Presbytery.

## WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

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

### Prayer & Worship Night

TONIGHT / 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.

### For Richmond United Festival & Worship Night

June 5 / 5-8PM / City Stadium

Join us for a night of prayer and worship as we celebrate God's faithfulness to His Church in Richmond.

## 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

Wes Farkas, Sean Winterhalter, Jake Porter, & Mike Glasgow

### 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

### Inquirer's Weekend

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

July 29-31

Join us to learn about our church history, beliefs, ministries, and how to become a member at WEPC. Contact: Karen ([karen@wepc.org](mailto:karen@wepc.org))

### Prayer & Support Group

Email [pray4fam@wepc.org](mailto:pray4fam@wepc.org) for prayer and support for couples struggling with infertility.

### Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 5/8/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,927,098.52

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,890,366.04

% of expected budget received: 101.94

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

Sunday, July 24 / 12-4PM

To sign up, visit [www.wepc.org/arcdrive](http://www.wepc.org/arcdrive)

### Counseling

Lara Finnie, Licensed Professional Counselor at WEPC, is available by appointment.

Visit [Abiding Branches](#) for more information.

## FOOD PANTRY

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

Check out this great 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: