



West End

presbyterian church

The Sixth 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

I NEVER KNEW YOU

"If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God."

-- *1 Corinthians 8:2-3*

"I am Thy servant to do Thy will, and that will is sweeter to me than position or riches or fame, and I choose it above all things on Earth or in Heaven."

--*A.W. Tozer*

"Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne"

--*Frances R. Havergal*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 14. To the choirmaster.
Of David.*

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;
there is none who does good, not even one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the Lord?

There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. You would shame the plans of the poor, but the Lord is his refuge.

**Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice,
let Israel be glad.**

INVOCATION

DECLARATION OF FAITH

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

Westminster Shorter Catechism
(1647), Q&A 38

**At the resurrection,
believers, being raised up in glory,
shall be openly acknowledged
and acquitted in the day of judgement,
and made perfectly blessed
in the full enjoying of God
to all eternity.**

SONG OF ADORATION

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

1. O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

2. O light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be

3. O Joy that seekest me
Through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

4. O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground
There blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

"The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.'" Jeremiah 31:3

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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

Hosea 6:1-6

“Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.’ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

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 for online giving options.

*“For by grace you have
been saved through faith.
And this is not your own
doing; it is the gift of God,
not a result of works, so
that no one may boast.”
Ephesians 2:8-9*

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AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

2. 'Twas grace that taught
My heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed...

*My chains are gone I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace*

3. The Lord has promised
Good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield
And portion be
As long as life endures

4. The earth shall soon
Dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me
Here below
Will be forever mine...

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

Children, age 4 through 1st 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 (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

SCRIPTURE READING

²¹"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

Matthew 7:21-23

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

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night 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, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

Father of glory, our hearts cannot be hidden from Your sight. Our blind self-pity, self-serving and self-justifying are laid bare before Your eyes. Have mercy upon us, most merciful God. Grant us the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Christ, so that the eyes of our hearts might be enlightened. Help us to know the hope to which Jesus called us, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

STEADFAST

1. I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the Rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In Your love, O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove...

*You are steadfast
Steadfast*

2. By the Word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As You lead us with Your light...

3. I will not trust
In the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy,
I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb!...

*"Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good, for His
steadfast love endures
forever." Psalm 136:1*

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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...*

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

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*"Whoever does not love does
not know God, because God
is love." 1 John 4:8*

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GOD IS LOVE, LET HEAVEN ADORE HIM

1. God is love, let heav'n adore Him
God is love, let earth rejoice
Let creation sing before Him
And exalt Him with one voice
God who laid the earth's foundation
God who spread the heavens above
God who breathes through all creation
God is love, eternal love
God is love, eternal love

2. God is love and love enfolds us
All the world in one embrace
With unfailing grasp God holds us
Every child of every race
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod
Then we find that self same aching
Deep within the heart of God
Deep within the heart of God

3. God is love and though with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life
God's eternal loving kindness
Guides us through our earthly strife
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain
God is love so love forever
O'er the universe shall reign
O'er the universe shall reign

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.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Elder Kevin Shaffer, Sarah Shrader, Rick Hepner, Pastor Kevin Greene, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Jake Bruning led this morning's congregational singing. Jay Smith, Jon Greenhill, and Deacon Chris Scoggins managed today's audio and video live stream. Michael Whitman 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 (ends today)
- I Corinthians / Library / Jun 5-Aug 28

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

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

Contact: Brice Bowman (brice@wepc.org)

First Five Summer Initiative

www.wepc.org/firstfive

Join folks in their first five years out of college as they build community together and navigate what it means to faithfully follow Christ as young adults. Contact: [Rebecca Crutcher](#) 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!

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Sunday School: 9AM / Youth Lounge

Youth Group: Wednesdays

No meeting on 5/25.

- 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

Simple English Christian Service

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)

Wrap-around MINISTRY

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.

MISSIONS

YoungLives Metro Richmond Summer Camp

Volunteers are needed for childcare at summer camp to serve teen moms from August 1-6, 2022. Visit <https://goyounglives.younglife.org> for more info or contact Joyce Lawrence (jcl7577@comcast.net) with questions.

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 jdgrace@gmail.com for more info.

Gideons International Ministry

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

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, Chris Perry, Brian Zollinhofer, & Karl Kuder

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

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.

Inquirer's Weekend

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)

Prayer & Support Group

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

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 5/15/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,947,616.74

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,928,961.27

% of expected budget received: 100.97

Save the Date: American Red Cross Blood Drive

July 24 / 12-4PM

To sign up, visit www.wepc.org/arcdrive

Save the Date: The Church as Refuge Seminar

www.wepc.org/churchrefuge

October 1 / 8:30AM-12:30PM

Stony Point Presbyterian Church

Come hear Dr. Diane Langberg discuss power and its abuse and the church's response in truth and grace, offered by WEPC & other Richmond churches and ministries. Contact: [Kevin Greene](mailto:Kevin.Greene@wepc.org)

Counseling

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

Visit [Abiding Branches](http://AbidingBranches.org) for more information.

Food Pantry

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](http://ourwebpage) 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 | <u>Age:</u> |
| ◇ 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: