



West End  
presbyterian church

**The Seventh 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

### ROCK & SAND

"Only a storm will reveal the truth. Sometimes a storm of crisis or calamity betrays what manner of person we are for 'true piety is not fully distinguished from its counterfeit till it comes to the trial' (Calvin)... We need to consider that the Bible is a dangerous book to read, and that the church is a dangerous society to join. For in reading the Bible we hear the words of Christ, and in joining the church we say we believe in Christ." --*John Stott*

"...Build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." --*1 Corinthians 3:10-11*

"Upon a life I have not lived, upon a death I did not die, Another's Life, Another's Death, I stake my whole eternity." --*Horatius Bonar*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 86:9-12*

All the nations You have made  
shall come and worship before You, O Lord,  
and shall glorify Your name.

**For You are great and do wondrous things;  
You alone are God.**

Teach me Your way, O Lord,  
that I may walk in Your truth;  
unite my heart to fear Your name.

**I give thanks to You, O Lord my God,  
with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify Your name forever.**

## INVOCATION

# DECLARATION OF FAITH

What does Christ's exaltation consist of?

**Christ's exaltation consists  
of His rising again from the dead on the third day,  
ascending to heaven,  
sitting at the right hand of God the Father,  
and coming to judge the world on the last day.**

Westminster Shorter  
Catechism (1647),  
Q&A 28 and 37

What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

**The souls of believers at their death  
are made perfect in holiness  
and immediately pass into glory;  
their bodies, being still united to Christ,  
rest in their graves until the resurrection.**

# SONG OF ADORATION

## MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus Name...

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand*

2. When darkness veils  
His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil...

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay...

4. When He shall come  
With trumpet sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the Throne...

*"No one can lay any  
foundation other than the  
one already laid, which is  
Jesus Christ." I Corinthians  
3:11*

Edward Mote (1834); Tune:  
SOLID ROCK, William B.  
Bradbury (1863).  
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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

*Proverbs 1:29-2:5*

Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of My counsel and despised all My reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices. For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but whoever listens to Me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster. My son, if you receive My words and treasure up My commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

## 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).

*"...In His temple all cry,  
'Glory!'" Psalm 29:9*

2nd Century Greek Hymn;  
Tune: GREATOREX, Henry  
W. Greatorex (1851).  
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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 Quioccas Road, Henrico, VA, 23229), or visit [www.wepc.org/giving](http://www.wepc.org/giving) for online giving options.*

### GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er  
shall be. World with - out end. A - men, a - men.

## IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

1. When peace, like a river  
Attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot  
Thou hast taught me to say  
“It is well, it is well  
With my soul”...

*It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul*

2. Though Satan should buffet  
Though trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ has regarded  
My helpless estate  
And has shed His own blood  
For my soul...

3. My sin—O the joy  
Of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the Cross  
And I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
O my soul!...

4. O Lord, haste the day  
When the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound and the  
Lord shall descend  
“Even so”—it is well with my soul...

*“The peace of God... will  
guard your hearts and  
your minds in Christ Jesus”  
Philippians 4:7*

Horatio G. Spafford (1873);  
Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE,  
Philip Bliss (1876).  
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## 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](http://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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## SCRIPTURE READING

*Matthew 7:24-29*      <sup>24</sup>“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup>And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup>And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” <sup>28</sup>And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

## 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

*I Timothy 3:9; I Corinthians  
5:7-8, 10:16-17, 15:3-4  
from the Book of  
Common Prayer*

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.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Ambrose of Milan,  
4th century*

**O Lord, who has mercy upon all, forgive my sin, and mercifully kindle the fire of Your Holy Spirit in me. Take away my heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore You, a heart to delight in You, to follow and to enjoy You, for Christ’s sake. Amen.**

*Silent Confession of Sin*

# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1:18a*

## 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 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

### HOW SWEET THE NAME

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear  
It soothes his sorrows,  
Heals his wounds  
And drives away his fear

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the troubled breast  
Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary rest

3. Dear Name! The Rock  
On which I build  
My Shield and Hiding Place  
My never-failing Treas'ry filled with  
Boundless stores of grace

4. Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend  
My Prophet, Priest, and King  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, My End  
Accept the praise I bring

5. Weak is the effort of my heart  
And cold my warmest thought  
But when I see Thee as Thou art  
I'll praise Thee as I ought

6. Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death

*"Your name is like  
perfume poured out."  
Song of Solomon 1:3*

John Newton (1779);  
Tune: Alexander  
Reinagle & Bill  
Moore.  
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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." 1 Corinthians 15:58*

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## **YOUR LABOR IS NOT 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*

*"For a people shall dwell in  
Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall  
weep no more."  
Isaiah 30:19*

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## **WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION**

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
"He has done great things"  
We will say together  
We will feast, and weep no more*

1. We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up...

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...

2. In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning  
Oh how long  
O God of Jacob, be my strength!...

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful One  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom...



# 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 and administered the Lord's supper. Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changwok Deng led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Georgia Collier, Sonya & Donald Smith, Deacon Rick McMahon, Suzie Bird, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Rob MacBride 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 Corinthians / Library / Jun 5-Aug 28

### Men's Ministry

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

Second Monday

June 13 / 6:30-8PM / Parking Lot

Contact: [Mike Glasgow](mailto:Mike Glasgow)

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

### First Five Summer Initiative

[www.wepc.org/firstfive](http://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](mailto:Rebecca Crutcher) with questions.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

<https://www.wepc.org/grow/children/>

### 9 AM \*No Preschool or SS today

- 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

Many [volunteers](#) are needed!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Youth Sunday School: \*No Sunday School TODAY**

### Youth Group: Wednesdays

- Middle AND High School / 6:30-8PM / Gym

**Wepcies Night:** June 4 / Lounge

**Senior Celebration/Move up Day:** June 5

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

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

## NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

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

### 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](mailto:Lori) ([lori@wepc.org](mailto:lori@wepc.org))

## 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](mailto: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 [jdg-bygrace@gmail.com](mailto:jdg-bygrace@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

Jake Porter, Taylor Miller, Ben Bacon, & Davison Long

### 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](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 5/22/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,989,856.42

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,960,636.57

% of expected budget received: 101.49

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

July 24 / 12-4PM

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

### Save the Date: The Church as Refuge Seminar

[www.wepc.org/churchrefuge](http://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](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](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              | 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: