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

“All 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.

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

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...

1 Corinthians 3:11

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...

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

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

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

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.

GLORIA PATRI
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”…

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). Public domain.

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

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

“And 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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Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:24-29

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 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. 26 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. 27 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." 28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 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.

Preparation for the Lord’s Supper

Words of Institution

1 Timothy 3:9; 1 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.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

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);
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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
I have called you
Called you by name
Your labor is not in vain

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…

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…

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…
Pastor Steve Shelby preached today’s sermon and administered the Lord’s supper. Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok 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.

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Doxology

“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.

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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 Corinthians / Library / Jun 5-Aug 28

Men’s Ministry
www.wepc.org/grow/men
Second Monday
June 13 / 6:30-8PM / Parking Lot
Contact: Mike Glasgow

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 *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
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

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)

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 jdgbygrace@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

ForRichmond 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 5/22/22):
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

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

Counseling
Lara Finnie, Licensed Professional Counselor at WEPC, is available by appointment. Visit Abiding Branches 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 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
◊ Male
◊ Female
◊ Single
◊ Student (Grade ___ )
◊ Student (College)
◊ Married
◊ Parent
◊ Widowed

Age:
◊ 20 or younger
◊ 21-26
◊ 27-34
◊ 35-49
◊ 50-64
◊ 65 and older

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.