



West End  
presbyterian church

### **Pentecost**

Today we reflect on the day on which, fifty days after Christ's resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was an established Jewish festival also known as the Feast of Weeks, which drew people from many nations back to Jerusalem (Lev 23:15-21; Deut 16:16).

Pentecost is a new beginning. It recognizes the empowering of the Church to reach the world with the Gospel. In celebrating Pentecost, the Church expresses its gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling His promise to send "another counselor" (John 14:16); celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit's power for mission; and grows in awareness of the immensity of its calling to reach the world with the Gospel.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & COMMUNION

### **BIRTH OF ESAU & JACOB**

"But is the typical image of predestination sound? Are we right to assume that all choices that cannot give reasons are indifferent, unreliable, remote, and thoughtless? Consider our situation. It is good that God does not choose for the sake of the justice or righteousness or goodness or piety of those he elects. For if he did so, then none would be found worthy."

--R.R. Reno

"The heart wants what the heart wants."

--Emily Dickinson

"What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! For he says to Moses, 'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.' So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy."

--Romans 9:14-16

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*From Psalm 105:1-2,  
Romans 5:5, Revelation 4:8*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

**We dwell in Him and He in us.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name;

**Make known His deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him,

**And speak of all His marvelous works.**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

**Who was and is and is to come!**

## INVOCATION

# DECLARATION OF FAITH

What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

New City Catechism  
(2017), Q&A 36

**That He is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants Him irrevocably to all who believe.**

س36: ماذا نؤمن عن الروح القدس؟  
ج36: أنه هو الله، سرمدى مع الآب والابن، وأن الله يعطيه بلا ندامة لكل من يؤمن.

# SONG OF ADORATION

## PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
The King of creation  
O my soul praise Him  
For He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear  
Now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

2. Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things  
So wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings  
Yea, so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen  
How all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

3. Praise to the Lord!  
Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

4. Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the "Amen"  
Sound from His people again  
Gladly for, aye, we adore Him

*"...all that is within me,  
bless His holy name!"  
Psalm 103:1*

Joachim Neander's  
paraphrase of Psalms  
103 and 150 (1680); tr.  
Catherine Winkworth  
(1863); Tune: LOBE DEN  
HERREN (1665).  
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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.*

# New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

## 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.*

## AMONG THE NATIONS

1. Though the mountains quake  
Though the oceans may roar  
We still believe  
That we are not forsaken

*We will be still  
And know that You are God  
Jesus, You will be exalted  
Among the nations  
We will be still*

2. Though the nations rage  
Though the peoples wage war  
There is a kingdom  
That cannot be shaken  
We will not give way to fear  
Jesus, You are with us here...

*And know that You are God  
Jesus, You will be exalted  
Among the nations*

Let every tribe and every tongue sing  
Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord  
Let every tribe and every tongue sing  
Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord

Yesu Huwa assayed  
Yesu Huwa assayed

*"Be still, and know that I  
am God. I will be exalted  
among the nations, I will  
be exalted in the earth!"  
Psalm 46:10*

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30am)

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GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

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## SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>19</sup>These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac, <sup>20</sup>and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife. <sup>21</sup>And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren. And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. <sup>22</sup>The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. <sup>23</sup>And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger." <sup>24</sup>When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. <sup>25</sup>The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. <sup>26</sup>Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. <sup>27</sup>When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents.

*Genesis 25:19-27*

# 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

*Luke 22:7-8, 14-20, 29-30*

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

"And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

### 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.

**Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith; we confess that we resist the force of Your Spirit among us, that we are slow to serve You and reluctant to spread the good news of Your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions and by Your Spirit draw us together. In flame us with a desire to do Your will and be Your faithful people for the sake of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Silent Confession of Sin*

# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God *Romans 5:1-2, 5* through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God...and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

## 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 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

### BETHOU MY VISION

1. Be Thou my Vision  
O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me  
Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought  
By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light

2. Be Thou my Wisdom  
And Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee  
And Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father  
And I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling  
And I with Thee one

3. Riches I heed not  
Nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine Inheritance  
Now and always  
Thou and Thou only  
Be first in my heart  
High King of heaven  
My Treasure Thou art

4. High King of heaven,  
My victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys  
O bright Heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart  
Whatever befall  
Still be my Vision  
O Ruler of all

*"Jesus Christ is all."  
from Colossians 3:11*

Text: 8th century  
Irish hymn, trans. by  
Mary Byrne (1905)  
Tune: SLANE (trad.  
Irish melody). Public  
Domain.

*"This God - His way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him." Psalm 18:30*

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## **GOOD, GOOD FATHER**

1. I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone...

*You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am*

*"Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25*

Charles Wesley, 1742.  
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## **ARISE MY SOUL, ARISE**

1. Arise my soul, arise  
Shake off your guilty fears  
The bleeding sacrifice  
On my behalf appears  
Before the throne my surety stands  
Before the throne my surety stands  
My name is written on His hands...

*Arise (arise), arise (arise)  
Arise, arise my soul arise  
Arise (arise), arise (arise)  
Arise, arise my soul arise  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

2. He ever lives above  
For me to intercede  
His all-redeeming love  
His precious blood to plead  
His blood atoned for every race  
His blood atoned for every race  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace...

2. I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all  
Searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word...

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

3. Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable  
I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love, love, love...

3. Five bleeding wounds He bears  
Received on Calvary  
They pour effectual prayers  
They strongly plead for me  
Forgive him, oh forgive they cry  
Forgive him, oh forgive they cry  
Don't let that ransomed sinner die...

4. My God is reconciled  
His pard'ning voice I hear  
He owns me for His child  
I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
And Father, Abba Father, cry...



# 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. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Trey & Jen Wickham, Pat Reynolds, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Pastor Kevin Greene, Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Magda Beshai read the declaration of faith. Elder Rick McWhorter and Deacon Tim Andrews managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick managed the in-house video system.*

*The tapestry has returned 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

### 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 ([rcrutcher72@gmail.com](mailto:rcrutcher72@gmail.com))

### Men's Ministry

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

#### Men's Basketball (ages 35+)

Thursdays / 7-9 PM / Gym

Contact: EJ ([efogarty@gmail.com](mailto:efogarty@gmail.com))

#### Second Monday

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

Contact: Mike ([atfmanhokie89@gmail.com](mailto:atfmanhokie89@gmail.com))

### Summer Fellowship 2022

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

Wednesdays, July 6- August 31

7-8:30 PM / Chapel

Join us for *Jesus Knows His Church: Revelation 1-3* and consider who Jesus is, and what it means to be known and led by Him. Outspoken skeptics, new Christians, and long-time believers are encouraged to attend. Contact: Kevin ([kevin@wepc.org](mailto:kevin@wepc.org))

### Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

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

June 18 / 4-5:30PM

### Women's Ministry

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

#### Sundays in the Psalms

Sundays in July / 9 AM / Chapel

Join us as we study and reflect on a different Psalm each week. All women are welcome!

Contact: Kim ([kim@wepc.org](mailto:kim@wepc.org))

#### Save the date: 2023 Women's Retreat!

February 25 & 26 / Roslyn Retreat Center

Look for more information coming this fall.

Contact: Heather ([hoberle@wepc.org](mailto:hoberle@wepc.org))

## 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 ([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. Contact: Joyce ([jl7577@comcast.net](mailto:jl7577@comcast.net))

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Senior Celebration/Move up:** TODAY / 9 AM / FH

**Youth Sunday School:** 9AM / Youth Lounge

**Youth Group: Wednesdays** (June 8 & 22, July 6)

6:30-8PM / Youth Lounge

*\*Middle & High School groups meet together*

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

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

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

## 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-1st grade); Chapel

### Vacation Bible School

June 27-30 / 5:30-8PM

Many volunteers are needed!

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Deacons of the Week

Chris Hennesey, Taylor Miller, & Ed Bowman

### Congregational Meeting

TODAY / 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

TODAY / 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.

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

July 24 / 12-4 PM  
To sign up, visit [www.wepc.org/arcdrive](http://www.wepc.org/arcdrive)

### Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 5/29/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$2,006,854.15  
Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,988,940.98  
% of expected budget received: 100.90

### 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 ([kevin@wepc.org](mailto:kevin@wepc.org))

### 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 teams. Please visit our [website](#) for more information about all the ways to donate to the food pantry.

## 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.

# 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: