

West End

presbyterian church



**The Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost: Ordinary Time**

We are now in the season after Pentecost, known as "Ordinary Time." Having celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost, Ordinary Time signals the interim of the Church until Christ comes again in glory. Jesus is faithfully advancing His Kingdom in the power of His Spirit in this season. We anticipate the consummation of all things when Christ comes in His glory as King of all.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

GOD'S GRACE TO A MAN IN TROUBLE

"What God promised to Jacob through Isaac's blessing is nothing less than the beginning of the Israel of God: a community of brothers dwelling together in unity."

—*Iain M. Duguid*

"The bridge of grace will bear your weight...thousands of big sinners have gone across that bridge, yea, tens of thousands have gone over it. Some have been the chief of sinners and some have come at the very last of their days but the arch has never yielded beneath their weight. I will go with them trusting to the same support. It will bear me over as it has for them."

—*Charles Spurgeon*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 33:2, 5-6

O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for You.

Be our Arm every morning, our Salvation in the time of trouble.

The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high.

He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness.

He will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge.

The fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

COME THOU FOUNT



1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - ez - er hith - er by Thy help I've
3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
come; and I hope, by Thy good plea - sure, safe - ly
be! Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my

songs of lou - dest praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
wan - dering heart to Thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the
strang - er, from the fold of God; He, to
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my

mount— I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's re - deem - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up...He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far has the LORD helped us.'" 1 Samuel 7:12

Robert Robinson (1758);
Tune: NETTLETON,
Wyeth's Repository of
Sacred Music (1843).
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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

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Psalm 143. A Psalm of David. Refrain, vv. 1, 8

** denotes
congregation singing
the refrain*

****LORD, hear my cry for mercy; answer me, for in You I trust.***

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.

Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.

****LORD, hear my cry for mercy; answer me, for in You I trust.***

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

****LORD, hear my cry for mercy; answer me, for in You I trust.***

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge! Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

****LORD, hear my cry for mercy; answer me, for in You I trust.***

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.

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 (Romans 12:1).

APPROACH MY SOUL, THE MERCY SEAT

1. Approach, my soul, the Mercy-seat
Where Jesus answers prayer
There humbly fall before His feet
For none can perish there...

*For none can perish there
For none can perish there
There humbly fall before His feet
For none can perish there*

2. Thy promise is my only plea
With this I venture nigh
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee
And such, O Lord, am I...

*And such, O Lord, am I
And such, O Lord, am I
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee
And such, O Lord, am I*

3. Bowed down beneath a load of sin
By Satan sorely pressed
By wars without, and fears within
I come to Thee for rest...

*I come to Thee for rest
I come to Thee for rest
'Mid wars without
And fears within
I come to Thee for rest*

4. Be Thou my Shield
And Hiding Place
That, sheltered near Thy side
I may my fierce accuser face
And tell him, "Thou hast died!"...

*And tell him, "Thou hast died"
And tell him, "Thou hast died"
I may my fierce accuser face
And tell him, "Thou hast died!"*

5. O wondrous Love! to bleed and die
To bear the Cross and shame
That guilty sinners such as I
Might plead Thy gracious name...

*Might plead Thy gracious name
Might plead Thy gracious name
That guilty sinners such as I
Might plead Thy gracious name*

*"Since we have a great high priest...let us approach the throne of grace with confidence."
Hebrews 4:14, 16*

John Newton (1779); Tune:
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SCRIPTURE Reading

Genesis 28:1-5, 10-22

¹Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and directed him, "You must not take a wife from the Canaanite women. ²Arise, go to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel your mother's father, and take as your wife from there one of the daughters of Laban your mother's brother. ³God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. ⁴May he give the blessing of Abraham to you and to your offspring with you, that you may take possession of the land of your sojournings that God gave to Abraham!" ⁵Thus Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother....¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹²And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."¹⁸So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, ²²and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

*A Worship Guide with
sermon notes and
recordings is posted
each Sunday at
wepc.org/sermons.*

Sermon

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Adapted from The Valley of Vision, "God and Myself"

Heavenly Father, loving King, all of our sins are laid bare before Your eyes: We love ourselves, but not those around us. We have nursed anger and envy, and have forsaken Your humility, gentleness, patience, love and unity. We tie our joy to our circumstances, rather than to Your Gospel. We repent of our fruitless wanderings, and ask that You renew us in Jesus Christ. Let us hear Your voice saying: "Awake and rise! His blood is your Peace, His death is your Life, His Spirit is your Power." Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and persuade us that a life lived in Your service is a life of perfect freedom. Amen.

Silent 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.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7

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.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

HERE O MY LORD

1. Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face
Here would I touch
And handle things unseen
Here grasp with firmer hand, eternal grace
And all my weariness upon Thee lean

2. I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
No other Arm save Thine to lean upon
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone

3. Mine is the sin
But Thine the righteousness
Mine is the guilt
But Thine the cleansing Blood
Here is my Robe, Thy Gift
My Refuge, Peace
Thy Blood, Thy Righteousness
O Lord, my God
Thy Blood, Thy Righteousness
O Lord, my God

"...Is it not a participation in Christ?" 1 Corinthians 10:16

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*"I will make all my goodness
pass before you and will
proclaim before you my
name 'The LORD.'"*
Exodus 33:19

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THE LORD OUR GOD IS GOOD

*The Lord our God is good
The Lord our God is good
Full of kindness and compassion
Merciful and just
The Lord our God is good*

1. Who else knows our deepest pain
Bears it as his own
Finds us in our naked shame
Clothes, and brings us home...

2. Who takes his inheritance
And gives it all away
Welcomes guests to feast with him
Who never can repay...

*"Know therefore that the
Lord your God is God, the
faithful God who keeps
covenant."*
Deuteronomy 7:9

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PROMISES

1. God of Abraham, You're the God of covenant
And of faithful promises
Time and time again, You have proven
You'll do just what You said...

*Though the storms may come and the winds may blow
You'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn, when You speak a word
It will come to pass
Great is Your faithfulness to me
Great is Your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun to the setting same
I will praise Your name
Great is Your faithfulness to me*

2. God from age to age, though the earth may pass away
Your word remains the same
And history can prove, there's nothing You can't do
You're faithful and true...

3. I put my faith in Jesus
My anchor to the ground
My hope and firm foundation
He'll never let me down...

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures 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."
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. Elder B-J Huff led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Sonya & Donald Smith, Suzie Bird, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Deacon Sean Winterhalter managed today's audio and video live stream. Deacon Brian Zollinhofer managed the in-house video system.

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 / Through Aug 28

College-Age Young Adults

www.wepc.org/college-aged-young-adults

July 17 / 5-9 PM

Join us for tacos and a hang out time. Open to all college-aged students! RSVP: [Heather Oberle](mailto:HeatherOberle)

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 (rcrutcher72@gmail.com)

Men's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/men

Men's Basketball (ages 35+)

Thursdays / 7-9 PM / Gym

Contact: EJ Fogarty (efogarty@gmail.com)

Summer Fellowship 2022

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 Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Sundays in the Psalms

Sundays in July / 9:15 AM / Chapel

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

Contact: Kim Greene (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 Oberle (hoberle@wepc.org)

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Cross-Cultural Ministry Interest Meeting

July 24 / 12PM / Library (lunch provided)

Did you know that families from Afghanistan, Egypt, Brazil, Venezuela and the countries of Central America come through the doors of our church everyday? Come learn about the **many** ways that WEPC ministries are building relationships and sharing the Gospel with those from around the world. Contact Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org) or Lori Bowman (lori@wepc.org).

Simple English Christian Service

www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

July 10 / 12PM

Afghan Refugee Resettlement Ministry

WEPC has settled three Afghan families here in Richmond. If you would like to get involved or would like more information, contact Lori or Changjwok. Any financial donations for this ministry can be directed towards the WEPC Deacon Fund.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

***No Children's Worship or Sunday School today.**

9 AM

- Nursery (infant-3 years); upstairs

10:30 AM

- Nursery (infant-3 years old); upstairs

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Sunday School: 9AM / Youth Lounge

Youth Group: Wednesday, July 6

6:30-8PM / Youth Lounge

**Middle & High School groups meet together*

Girls Pool Party: July 7

757 Service Trip: July 10-15

The Landing: July 31-Aug 5

Please visit our website for the summer calendar of events.

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/

Prayer & Worship Night: Praying for Children

Sunday, July 10 / 6-7:30PM / WEPC Courtyard
Join us as we unite in worship, testimony, and prayer for children in our community. All are welcome!

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)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Warren Kempf, Jake Porter, Chris Hennesey, & Chris May

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.

Save the Date: American Red Cross Blood Drive

July 24 / 12-4 PM

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

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 6/26/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$2,170,600.76

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$2,134,000.00

% of expected budget received: 101.72

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](mailto:Kevin@wepc.org) (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

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

Children's 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: