



West End
presbyterian church

**The Eighth 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

THEN GOD REMEMBERED RACHEL

"Could it be that desire for a good thing has become a bad thing because that desire has become a ruling thing?"

--*Paul David Tripp*

"If we love someone more than we love God, it is worse than inordinate - it is idolatry. When God is first in our hearts, all other loves are in order and find their rightful place."

--*Elisabeth Elliot*

"Thus says the LORD: 'A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.'"

--*Jeremiah 31:15*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 16:24-26

Jesus told his disciples,

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. Oh Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all
The worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed...

*Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art*

2. And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin...

3. When Christ shall come
With shouts of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim,
"My God how great Thou art!"...

"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise." Psalm 48:1

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Stuart K. Hine (1949); Tune
O STORE GUD, Swedish folk
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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

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Psalm 71:1-16; refrain, v.12

****O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!***

** denotes congregation singing
the refrain*

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me,
and save me! Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

****O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!***

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust
and cruel man. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my
mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. I have been as a portent to many,
but you are my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your
glory all the day.

****O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!***

Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is
spent. For my enemies speak concerning me; those who watch for my life consult
together and say, "God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him, for there is none
to deliver him." O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

****O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!***

May my accusers be put to shame and consumed; with scorn and disgrace may
they be covered who seek my hurt. But I will hope continually and will praise
you yet more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds
of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. With the mighty
deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness,
yours alone.

****O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!***

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 (Romans 12:1).

You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. If you missed today's offering, please visit www.wepc.org/giving for online giving options or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).

WE BRING YOU ALL OUR SORROWS

1. Lord, we bring You all our sorrows
All the words it hurts to say
In Your hands our grief is hallowed
Take it as our gift, we pray
Lay our tears upon Your altar
Like the bread You bless and break
Work Your mercy in our heartache
Come transfigure all our pain

2. Christ, You came
To share our burdens
All our human pain, You feel
Walk beside us on our journey
Through the wounds that never heal
Place the yoke upon our shoulders
That You bore to Calvary
Let the weight of grief transform us
Bear with us our suffering

3. Here on Calvry's hill, You meet us
In the pain You know so well
Bread of heaven, here You feed us
With a gift no tongue can tell
You said You would never leave us
You who caught us when we fell
Stay with us, O loving Jesus
While in shadows here we dwell

"For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too." 2 Corinthians 1:5

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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

"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

Genesis 30:1-2, 22-24

¹When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I shall die!" ²Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

²²Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. ²³She conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach." ²⁴And she called his name Joseph, saying, "May the LORD add to me another son!"

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

From 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

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.

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed by the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving,
even though we have rebelled against Him.
We do not make requests of You because we are righteous,
but because of Your great mercy.

Daniel 9:9,18

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

LET US BE KNOWN

1. Que la alegría sea nuestra motor
En cada lugar y corazón canta al Señor
Que de nuestras vidas
Abundar en esperanza
Que la alegría sea nuestra motor...

*Por la gloria del Padre
Por la gloria de Jesús
Por la gloria del Espíritu
Que la alegría sea nuestra motor*

2. Let us be known by our love
Let every word and every deed
Honor the Son
Let our light shine, in every eye
Let us be known by our love...

*For the glory of the Father
For the glory of the Son
For the glory of the Spirit
Let us be known by our love*

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7

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*"The LORD is my chosen
portion and my cup; you hold
my lot." Psalm 16:5*

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ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

1. I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

2. But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace...

*Hallelujah, all I have is Christ
Hallelujah, Jesus is my life*

3. Now Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You...

*"These are they which follow
the Lamb... they are without
fault before the throne."
Revelation 14:4-5*

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Tune: Hubert Parry (1916).
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BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest
Whose name is "Love"
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

3. Behold Him there! The risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6

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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. Robin Huff, Mya Wilcox, Buddy Miner, Deacon Karl Kuder, Rachel Becker, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered and Luke Smith led this morning's congregational singing. Andy Becker and Rob MacBride managed today's audio and video live stream. Luke Farkas 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 August 28

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 (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 through 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)

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/MASfellowship

August 20 / 4-5:30PM / WEPC Library

Join us for fellowship, devotional study, prayer, and an optional dinner. Contact: [Janice Sharp](mailto:loljanice727@gmail.com) (loljanice727@gmail.com)

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Back to School Ice Cream Party

August 17 / 6:30PM

Join us as we fellowship with families in the community and celebrate the start of school! The party will be held at the playground at 9001 Landmark Patterson apartments. All are welcome! Contact: Evelyne Cubahiro (evelyne@wepc.org)

Good News Can't Lose Running Club Richmond 8K Informational Meeting & Lunch

August 21 / 12PM / Fellowship Hall

Join us to learn about the training team & 8k race with Sports Backers. All fitness levels and ages are encouraged to join us! Contact: Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org)

Simple English Christian Service

www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

***No Simple English Service in August**

September 11 / 12PM / Chapel

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/>

Volunteers Needed for Fall Sunday School, Nursery, & Kid's Club

Contact: Emily Meeks (emily@wepc.org)

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

***No Youth Sunday School today**

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

WRAP-AROUND MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry/

Monthly Meeting

TODAY / 9AM / Rm. 21

Join us for our regular meeting and to learn more about the mission of Patty's Hope. Coffee and bagels will be served. Contact: Ali Fogarty (alifogarty@gmail.com)

MISSIONS

Missionaries-in-Residence: The Musser Family

Missions Update with Lunch

TODAY / 12PM / Fellowship Hall

Come hear from the Musser Family, one of our WEPC missionary families, who will be in Richmond this summer from July 30-August 18, and will be giving a lunch update about their mission.

STEP School Supply Drive

www.wepc.org/missions

WEPC mission partner STEP is hosting their annual school supply drive and is looking for those willing to donate supplies. Supplies can be dropped off at the church and are **due August 9**.

Cambodia Vision Trip: November 14-22, 2022

WEPC member Alden Weichel is part of a team serving with Mission to the World missionaries, church planters, and national partners in Cambodia. Cost is \$1350 plus airfare. Contact: Alden (alden76@gmail.com)

FOOD PANTRY

www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Consider 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Rick McMahon, Stephen Hunn, Davison Long, & Jon Greenhill

Prayer & Support Group

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

Counseling

Lara Finnie, Licensed Professional Counselor at WEPC, is available by appointment. Visit [Abiding Branches](#) for more information.

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 7/24/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$138,530.93
Forecasted gifts YTD: \$154,886.08
% of expected budget received: 89.44

Employment Opportunities

Wellsquirts Children't Program

Wellspring Women's Ministry is hiring workers for their Wellsquirts Children's Program. Commitment would include Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:15 AM, during the 2022-23 school year. Contact Casey Zollinhofer (casey@wepc.org)

WEPC Community Preschool

Now hiring teachers and assistants for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. Preschool classes meet 9-12 AM on M, T, W, & F, depending on the age of the child. Contact Casey Zollinhofer (casey@wepc.org)

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 (kevin@wepc.org)

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:

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| ◇ 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: