



West End
presbyterian church

**The Ninth 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

JACOB & LABAN

"In Laban, Jacob met his match and his means of discipline. Twenty years of drudgery and friction were to weather his character. Through this man he also drank deeply of his own medicine of duplicity... Yet the story reveals that God, not Laban, had the last word."

--*Derek Kidner*

"Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."

--*Hebrews 12:3*

"In all my distress and persecution I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me."

--*Heidelberg Catechism, 52*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 46:3-4, 8-11

"Listen to me, O house of Jacob,
all the remnant of the house of Israel,
who have been borne by me from before your birth,
carried from the womb;

**Even to your old age I am He,
and to gray hairs I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
I will carry and will save.**

Remember this and stand firm,
recall it to mind, you transgressors,
remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other;

**I am God, and there is none like me,
declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, 'My counsel shall stand,
and I will accomplish all my purpose,'**

I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;
I have purposed, and I will do it."

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

1. Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

2. Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name...

3. Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

*Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say*

4. Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name...

"Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!" Psalm 113:2

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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.

GOSPEL READING

About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood."

John 7:14-18

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*Psalm 55:1-8, 12-19, 22.
Refrain v. 16*

** denotes congregation singing
the refrain*

*Led by WEPC Missionaries in
Residence Rob & Rebecca
Musser*

****But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.***

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy! Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan, because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me. My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me. Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me. And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest; yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest."

****But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.***

For it is not an enemy who taunts me, then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me, then I could hide from him. But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend. We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng. Let death steal over them; let them go down to Sheol alive; for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart.

****But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.***

But I call to God, and the LORD will save me. Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice. He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me. God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old, because they do not change and do not fear God.

****But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.***

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

****But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.***

OFFERING

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).

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

1. When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast...

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

2. Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast...

3. For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last...

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).

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy." Jude 24

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30am)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 30:25-43

²⁵As soon as Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country. ²⁶Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, that I may go, for you know the service that I have given you." ²⁷But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your sight, I have learned by divination that the Lord has blessed me because of you. ²⁸Name your wages, and I will give it." ²⁹Jacob said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you, and how your livestock has fared with me. ³⁰For you had little before I came, and it has increased abundantly, and the Lord has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?" ³¹He said, "What shall I give you?" Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this for me, I will again pasture your flock and keep it: ³²let me pass through all your flock today, removing from it every speckled and spotted sheep and every black lamb, and the spotted and speckled among the goats, and they shall be my wages. ³³So my honesty will answer for me later, when you come to look into my wages with you. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if found with me, shall be counted stolen." ³⁴Laban said, "Good! Let it be as you have said." ³⁵But that day Laban removed the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white on it, and every lamb that was black, and put them in the charge of his sons. ³⁶And he set a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob pastured the rest of Laban's flock. ³⁷Then Jacob took fresh sticks of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white streaks in them, exposing the white of the sticks. ³⁸He set the sticks that he had peeled in front of the flocks in the troughs, that is, the watering places, where the flocks came to drink. And since they bred when they came to drink, ³⁹the flocks bred in front of the sticks and so the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted. ⁴⁰And Jacob separated the lambs and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban. He put his own droves apart and did not put them with Laban's flock. ⁴¹Whenever the stronger of the flock were breeding, Jacob would lay the sticks in the troughs before the eyes of the flock, that they might breed among the sticks, ⁴²but for the feebler of the flock he would not lay them there. So the feebler would be Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. ⁴³Thus the man increased greatly and had large flocks, female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

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

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us: restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, merciful Father, for His sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and obedient life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Micah 7:18-20

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.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God." 1 John 3:1

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HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

1. How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the Man upon a cross
My guilt upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no pow'r's, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain
From His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

"Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation." Isaiah 28:16

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CORNERSTONE

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

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Savior's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all*

2. When darkness seems
To hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil...

3. When He shall come
With trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne...

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

2. All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away...

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for Promised Land

3. No chilling winds
Nor pois'nous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness and sorrow
Pain and death
Are felt and feared no more...

4. When shall I reach
That happy place
And be forever blest
When shall I see
My Father's face
And in His bosom rest...

*"They were longing for a better country...a heavenly one."
Hebrews 11:16*

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures
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."
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. Children's Message given by Pastor Joe Brown. Trey & Jen Wickham, Elder Tom Krieger, Pastor Kevin Greene, Pat Reynolds, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Deacon Tim Andrews managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick 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

Fall Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies

Wellspring: Tuesdays AM - *begins Sep 20*

Restore: Wednesdays PM - *begins Sep 21*

Register now for our fall study through the book of Ephesians. Childcare options available - visit our website for more info. Register [here!](#)

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 (loljanice727@gmail.com)

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Urgent Need for ESL Volunteers

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

As the number of walk-in registrants grows, we are in great need of volunteers to help with our ESL program. We are especially in need of men, though we welcome all volunteers! ESL is a great opportunity to develop relationships with people from all over the world, help teach language skills, and share the Gospel! Contact: Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org) for more info.

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 / Room 21

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](#).

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

First Sundays Breakfast: 9AM / FH

Bingo Night: Aug 10 / 6:30-8PM / FH

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

MISSIONS

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. Deadline is August 10. Contact: Alden (alden76@gmail.com)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Taylor Miller, Ed Bowman, & Jake Porter

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.

Registration is **Now Open:**

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. Register [here!](#)

Contact: Kevin (kevin@wepc.org)

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)

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.

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: