



West End
presbyterian church

**The Tenth 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 FLEES FROM LABAN

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

--*Martin Luther*

"Our sin is the attempt to live as if we are the authors of our own stories. Our sin is a challenge to God's authorship and a denial that we are characters in the drama of the Kingdom."

--*Stanley Hauerwas*

"If we are faithless, he [Jesus Christ] remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself." --2 *Timothy 2:13*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 127. A Song of Ascents.
Of Solomon.*

Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

**Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.**

It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

**Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.**

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

**Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

BEHOLD OUR GOD

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the one who knows all things
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds...

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him*

3. Who has felt the nails
Upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign...

You will reign forever!
(Let Your glory fill the earth!)
You will reign forever!
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*"Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."
Hebrews 12:2*

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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.

PRESENTATION OF New MEMBERS (10:30am)

Michael Chen
Warren & Kimberly Tate

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30am)

Michael Chen

GOSPEL READING

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:7-12

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Psalm 43. Refrain v. 5b

****Hope in God; for I shall praise Him.***

** denotes congregation singing
the refrain*

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you rejected me?
Why do I go about mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?

****Hope in God; for I shall praise Him.***

Send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling!
Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre,
O God, my God.

****Hope in God; for I shall praise Him.***

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

****Hope in God; for I shall praise Him.***

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).

PSALM 121 (I LIFT MY EYES UP)

I lift my eyes up to the mountains
Where does my help come from
My help comes from You, Maker of heaven
Creator of the earth

Oh how I need You Lord
You are my only hope
You're my only prayer
So I will wait for You
To come and rescue me
Come and give me life

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help
come? My help comes from
the Lord, who made heaven
and earth." Psalm 121:1-2*

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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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GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE Reading

³⁸These twenty years I have been with you. Your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, and I have not eaten the rams of your flocks.

³⁹What was torn by wild beasts I did not bring to you. I bore the loss of it myself. From my hand you required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night. ⁴⁰There I was: by day the heat consumed me, and the cold by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes. ⁴¹These twenty years I have been in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times. ⁴²If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been on my side,

surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God saw my affliction and the labor of my hands and rebuked you last night."

Genesis 31:38-42

Sermon

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

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

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, You are full of grace and truth, but our faith is weak and we have not understood Your sovereign rule in our lives. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns instead of submitting to Your Word. We have sought our own glory instead of obeying Your Law. We have not waited to find Your will for us. We have been given to the fear of man, and rocked by uncertainty. We have not noticed the needs of others around us. We have not trusted Your favor. Father, forgive us for our sins against You. Lord Jesus, lead us to follow you as Lord. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that Your good hand might be upon us. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Rejoice and exult with all your heart...The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

Zephaniah 3:14-15

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

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 Calvary'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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*"At the name of Jesus every
knee should bow... and every
tongue confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord."
Philippians 2:10*

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YOUR GREAT NAME

1. Lost are saved, find their way
At the sound of Your great name
All condemned, feel no shame
At the sound of Your great name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name...

2. All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great name
Sick are healed, the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name...

*Jesus, worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name*

*"We know that for those
who love God all things work
together for good, for those
who are called according to his
purpose." Romans 8:28*

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ALL MUST BE WELL

1. Through the love of God our Savior
All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor
All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

2. Though we pass through tribulation
All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation
All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

3. We expect a bright tomorrow
All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow
All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes, in living or in dying
All must be well

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*

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. Elder Kevin Shaffer, Georgia Collier, Sarah Shrader, Jamison Taggart, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Gordon Kuhfuss and Deacon Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. Scott Dicken 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
- Adult Fellowship Grand Opening:
Sept 11 / 9:15AM / Rm 810
- Human Sexuality / Rm 810 / Starting Sept 18

Home Groups

Interested in leading a home group?

Contact: Joy Andrews (joy@wepc.org)

Save the Date: Marriage Conference

Oct 29 / 9AM-6PM / Roslyn Retreat Center

Registration information coming soon.

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)

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)

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!](#)

Contemplative Morning

August 27 / 9:30-11AM

Come and be refreshed as we reflect upon Scripture and spend time to be still and behold Jesus. Contact: Sandy Elder (santeecoop@gmail.com) to register.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Sunday School: 9AM / Youth Lounge

Please visit our website for the summer calendar of events.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Bryan Meeks, Wes Farkas, Matt Mailloux, & Sean Winterhalter

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](mailto:Kevin@wepc.org) (kevin@wepc.org)

Annual WEPC Camping Trip

Sept 16-18 / Sherando Lake / \$45 per family

Contact Andi Alberts (alberts.andrea@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

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)

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 8/7/22)

Operating gifts YTD: \$209,944

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$244,887

% of expected budget received: 85.73%

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: