



West End
presbyterian church

**The Eleventh 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

WRESTLING JACOB

"The problem of why God would bother to strive at all is an awesome one. He had, as it were, reduced Himself to Jacob's size." --*John White*

"In vain Thou strugglest to get free,
I never will unloose my hold!
Art Thou the Man that died for me?
The secret of Thy love unfold;
Wrestling, I will not let Thee go,
Till I Thy name, Thy nature know.
'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me!
I hear Thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,
Pure, universal love Thou art;
To me, to all, Thy passion move;
Thy nature and Thy Name is Love." --*Charles Wesley*

"In the womb he took his brother by the heel,
and in his manhood he strove with God.
He strove with the angel and prevailed;
he wept and sought his favor." --*Hosea 12:3-4*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—

That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations.

Forever and ever. Amen.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

GIVE ME JESUS

1. In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus...

*Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus*

2. And when I am alone
And when I am alone
When I am alone
Give me Jesus...

3. And when I come to die
And when I come to die
When I come to die
Give me Jesus...

*"I call upon you, for you
will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me;
hear my words."
Psalm 117:6*

African-American Spiritual

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)

Lily Bowman

COVENANT BAPTISM (10:30am)

Hunter Todd Meeks

GOSPEL READING

And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Mark 7:24-30

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*Psalm 32. A Maskil of David;
Refrain v. 7*

** denotes congregation singing
the refrain*

****You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble.***

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

****You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble.***

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as
by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my
iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave
the iniquity of my sin.

****You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble.***

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may
be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a
hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts
of deliverance.

****You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble.***

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with
my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are
the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the
Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you
upright in heart!

****You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble.***

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).

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

1. I need Thee ev'ry hour
Most gracious Lord
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford
I need Thee ev'ry hour
Stay Thou nearby
Temptations lose their pow'r
When Thou art nigh...

*I need Thee, Oh I need Thee, Oh
I need Thee every hour
I need you Lord, O bless me now
My Savior, I come to Thee*

2. I need Thee ev'ry hour
In joy or pain
Come quickly and abide
Or life is vain
I need Thee ev'ry hour
Teach me Thy will
And Thy rich promises
In me fulfill...

3. I need Thee ev'ry hour
Most Holy One
O make me Thine indeed
Thou Blessed Son!...

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).

*"Let us then approach
God's throne of grace with
confidence..." Hebrews 4:16*

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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 32

¹Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. ²And when Jacob saw them he said, "This is God's camp!" So he called the name of that place Mahanaim. ³And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, ⁴instructing them, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, 'I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now. ⁵I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.'" ⁶And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him." ⁷Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps, ⁸thinking, "If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape." ⁹And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,' ¹⁰I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. ¹¹Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. ¹²But you said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'" ¹³So he stayed there that night, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau, ¹⁴two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, ¹⁵thirty milking camels and their calves, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. ¹⁶These he handed over to his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass on ahead of me and put a space between drove and drove." ¹⁷He instructed the first, "When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, 'To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And whose are these ahead of you?' ¹⁸then you shall say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a present sent to my lord Esau. And moreover, he is behind us.'" ¹⁹He likewise instructed the second and the third and all who followed the droves, "You shall say the same thing to Esau when you find him, ²⁰and you shall say, 'Moreover, your servant Jacob is behind us.'" For he thought, "I may appease him with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will accept me." ²¹So the present passed on ahead of him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp. ²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

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

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

My soul longs for communion with You, for mortification of indwelling corruption, especially spiritual pride. Lord, give me more of Your likeness; enlarge my soul to contain fullness of holiness; engage me to live more for You. Blessed Lord, let me climb up near to You, and love, and long, and plead, and wrestle with You, and pant for deliverance from the body of sin, for my heart is wandering and lifeless, and my soul mourns to think it should ever lose sight of its Beloved. Wrap my life in divine Love, and keep me ever desiring You, always humble and resigned to Your will, more fixed on Yourself, that I may be more fitted for doing and suffering.

Silent Confession of Sin

adapted from The Valley of Vision, "Longings After God"

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

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Isaiah 44:21-22

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

First Communion: Lily Bowman (10:30AM)

Lily recently met with the Elders, who heard her testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Bowman family to receive communion first.

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

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men..." I Timothy 2:5-6

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ALAS AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die
Would He devote
That sacred head
For sinners such as I

2. Thy body slain, sweet Jesus, Thine
And bathed in its own blood
While the firm mark of wrath divine
His Soul in anguish stood

3. Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree
Amazing pity! grace unknown
And love beyond degree

4. Well might the sun
In darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When Christ, the mighty Maker died
For man the creature's sin

5. Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt my eyes to tears

6. But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe
Here, Lord, I give my self away
Tis all that I can do

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His mercy is everlasting." Psalm 118:1

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YOU ARE GOOD

Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever....

People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

We worship You
Hallelujah! Hallelujah
We worship You for who You are

You are good

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

1. O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

2. O Light that follow'st all my way
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

4. O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from Thee
I lay in dust, life's glory dead
And from the ground
There blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

5. O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness." Jeremiah 31:3

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DOXOLOGY

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

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

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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 Joe Brown led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Emily Baish, Lori Bowman, Deacon Rick McMahon, Suzie Bird, Tim Drummond, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Andy Becker and Scott Hoye 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 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.

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 study through the book of Ephesians. Contact: Brice Bowman

(brice@wepc.org)

Contemplative Morning

August 27 / 9:30-11AM

Come and be refreshed as we reflect upon Scripture and spend time being still and beholding 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.

Good News Can't Lose Running Club

Richmond 8K Informational Meeting & Lunch

TODAY / 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

September 11 / 12PM / Chapel

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9AM / Youth Lounge
- **Movie Afternoon:** August 24 / 1-3PM / Lounge
- **Parent Summer Recap:** August 28 / 9AM / Lounge
- **Youth Group:** August 31 / 6:30-8PM / Lounge

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
- Sunday School (PreK-5); downstairs

10:30 AM

- Nursery (infant-3 years old); upstairs
- Children's Worship (4 years-2nd grade); Chapel

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Chris Perry, Mike Glasgow, Chris May,
& Warren Kempf

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.

Isaiah Thomas Ordination Service

TODAY / 4:30PM / Sanctuary
Join us for Isaiah's Ordination Service - all are
welcome! Light Reception in the WEPC Lobby to
follow.

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)

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.

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 8/21/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$231,680.94
Forecasted gifts YTD: \$285,093.64
% of expected budget received: 81.26

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: