



West End

presbyterian church

**The Twelfth 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

NOW ISRAEL LOVED JOSEPH MORE

"Israel had learnt nothing from his early experiences of favouritism. It would bear an even heavier crop of hatred and deceit than it had yielded in his own youth."

--*Derek Kidner*

"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good."

--*Genesis 50:20a*

"Grace has long and strong arms."

--*John Newton*

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 2:4-6

As you come to Him, a Living Stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a Stone, a Cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame."

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

COME YE SINNERS POOR AND NEEDY

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready, stands to save you
Full of pity, love, and pow'r

2. Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

3. Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him

4. Come, ye weary, heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all

5. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready, stands to save you
Full of pity, love and pow'r

*"Come and take the free
gift of the water of life."
Revelation 22:17*

Joseph Hart (1759);
Traditional American
melody, Walker's Southern
Harmony (1835).
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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

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Ephesians 4:17-25

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*Psalm 46. To the choirmaster.
Of the sons of Korah. According
to Alamo. A Song; refrain v. 1.*

** denotes congregation singing
the refrain*

****God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.***

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

****God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.***

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

****God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.***

Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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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 126

1. Our mouths they were filled
Filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed
Loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord

*Although we are weeping
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your kingdom
For the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry
Lord, please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy*

2. The nations will say
He has done great things
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord

*"He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts
of joy, bring his sheaves with
him." Psalm 126:6*

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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 37

¹Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan. ²These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him. ⁵Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. ⁶He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: ⁷Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words. ⁹Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." ¹⁰But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?" ¹¹And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind. ¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." And he said to him, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring me word." So he sent him from the Valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. ¹⁵And a man found him wandering in the fields. And the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said. "Tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷And the man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colors that he wore. ²⁴And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵Then they sat down to eat. And looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing gum, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him. ²⁸Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt. ²⁹When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes ³⁰and returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where shall I go?" ³¹Then they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a goat and dipped the robe in the blood. ³²And they sent the robe of many colors and brought it to their father and said, "This we have found; please identify whether it is your son's robe or not." ³³And he identified it and said, "It is my son's robe. A fierce animal has devoured him. Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." ³⁴Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father wept for him. ³⁶Meanwhile the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard.

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

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."

from Mark 14:16-25

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal Father, You are good beyond all thought, but I am wretched, miserable, blind. My lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel, and my ways reluctant to amend. I bring my soul to You; break it, wound it, bend it, mold it. Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving Cross. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

from The Valley of Vision

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

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

II Corinthians 5:17

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

*"Come to me, all you who
are weary and burdened, and
I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28*

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Music: Greg Thompson.
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JESUS I COME

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus, I come to Thee

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm
Out of life's storm and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus, I come to Thee

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus, I come to Thee

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus, I come to Thee

*"Hear, O LORD, and answer
me, for I am poor and needy."
Psalm 86:1*

Text/tune: Christy Nockels,
Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves,
Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher
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LORD, I NEED YOU

1. Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart...

*Lord, I need You, Oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one Defense, my Righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me...

3. Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay...

GOD WHO SAVES

1. There is life in the blood
Of the Lamb who was slain
There is power, there is power
In His name
There is love pouring out
Of the wounds that were made
Pouring out, pouring over our shame...

*So praise the God who saves
Praise the God who bled
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree
And wore our sins upon His head*

2. There is truth in His body
Raised that third day
There is joy in a stone rolled away
There is hope pouring out
Of the tomb where He lay
Pouring out, pouring over the grave...

3. There is life in the blood
Of the Lamb who was slain
There is power
There is power in His name
There is love pouring out
Of the wounds that were made
Pouring out, pouring over our shame...

*"For He made Him who
knew no sin to be sin for
us, that we might become
the righteousness of God in
Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21*

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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 Ghost
Amen

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

Text: Thomas Ken (1709)
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH
(Bourgeois, 1551)

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 Chris Newlin, Erin Bouknight, Buddy Miner, Donald Smith, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered and Deacon Jason Weppert*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Elder Rick McWhorter and Deacon Sean Winterhalter*** 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

***No Sunday School Sep. 4**

- 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)

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)

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/MASfellowship

September 17 / 4-5:30PM / WEPC Library
Join us for fellowship, devotional study, prayer,
and an optional dinner. Contact: [Janice Sharp](mailto:JaniceSharp@loljanice727@gmail.com)
(loljanice727@gmail.com)

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Parent Summer Recap:** August 28 / 9AM / FH
- **Youth Group:** August 31 / 6:30-8PM / Lounge

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Healing Conversations Training

Oct 23, 30 & Nov 6, 13

Sundays / 12:15-1:45 PM

Interested in exploring how to talk with refugees or others who have been through trauma? Join us for a training where we'll discuss trauma, listening skills, healing, and stories from Job and Elijah. All are welcome. Contact: Lori Bowman (lori@wepc.org)

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

Join us to train with friends for the 8k race with Sports Backers. All fitness levels and ages are encouraged to join us! **Official Training starts on September 17.** Contact: Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org) to register.

Simple English Christian Service

www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

September 11 / 12PM / Chapel

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

MISSIONS

seeJesus Ministry Lunch & Missions Update

Sunday / September 25 / 12 PM / FH

Come hear from WEPC supported missions partner, code named "Mafdi", an Arabic translator with seeJesus Ministry who lives and works in the Middle East/North Africa.

RSVP to missions@wepc.org.

Serge Lunch Update with Karen Masso

Sunday / October 16 / 12:30 PM

Karen Masso, Serge Leadership Development and Language Coordinator, will be visiting for a lunch gathering at Doug & Joanne Wallace's house. RSVP to Karen Masso: kmasso@serge.org

Keith & Kristyn Getty in Concert

Sunday / October 2 / 6 PM

WEPC Missions Partner, Child Evangelism Fellowship is sponsoring a concert at Mount Vernon Baptist Church on Nuckols Road in Glenn Allen. An opportunity to support CEF of VA will be provided. Tickets through iTickets.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Bill Phillips, Jon Greenhill, Rick McMahon, & Ben Bacon

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)

Annual WEPC Camping Trip

www.wepc.org/camping

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: \$274,889.66

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$319,476.72

% of expected budget received: 86.04

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	<u>Age:</u>
◇ 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: