

The Thirteenth 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

GATHERED TO HIS PEOPLE

"In giving this land he had conquered to Joseph's sons, Jacob was making provision for the future and declaring his faith in the certainty of God's promises... His conviction stood firm that the land would be given to his descendants because God had promised it to them. For this reason his old age was marked, not by regrets, but by hope and assurance. The Christian, who has the whole of Scripture to show how the purposes of God have been worked out over the centuries to find their culmination in Jesus Christ, has all the more reason for steadfast hope." --Joyce Baldwin

"By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff... And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect."

--Hebrews 11:21, 39-40

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:1-3 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses:

Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

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.

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

Invocation

Song of Adoration

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

1. The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice...

How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God 2. Age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the End Beginning and the End The Godhead, three in one Father, Spirit, Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb...

Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God "Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty." Psalm 104:1

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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)

Matt & Jennifer Crimmins

COVENANT BAPTISM (10:30am)

Hayes Judah Crimmins

New Testament Reading

I Corinthians 15:50-58 I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Psalm 126. A Song of Ascents; refrain v. 3.

* denotes congregation singing the refrain

*The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.

*The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Then it was said among the nations,

"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us,

and we are filled with joy.

*The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev. Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

*The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

*The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN

1. Your labor is not in vain Though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained Your planting and reaping Are never the same But your labor is not in vain

2. Your labor is not unknown Though the rocks they cry out And the sea it may groan The place of your toil May not seem like a home But your labor is not unknown...

For I am with you, I am with you I am with you, I am with you For I have called you Called you by name Your labor is not in vain 3. The vineyards you plant Will bear fruit The fields will sing out And rejoice with the truth For all that is old Will at last be made new The vineyards you plant Will bear fruit...

4. The houses you labored to build Will finally with laughter And joy be filled The serpent that hurts And destroys shall be killed And all that is broken be healed...

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." I Corinthians 15:58

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CHILDRen's Message (10:30am)

GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE ReadING

Genesis 48, 49:28-33

^{48:1}After this, Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is ill." So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. ²And it was told to Jacob, "Your son Joseph has come to you." Then Israel summoned his strength and sat up in bed. ³And Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty[a] appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, ⁴and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples and will give this land to your offspring after you for an everlasting possession.' ⁵And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are. ⁶And the children that you fathered after them shall be yours. They shall be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance. ⁷As for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath, and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."⁸When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?" ⁹Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." And he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them." ¹⁰Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, so that he could not see. So Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. ¹¹And Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face; and behold, God has let me see your offspring also."

¹²Then Joseph removed them from his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. ¹³And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him. ¹⁴And Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands (for Manasseh was the firstborn). ¹⁵And he blessed Joseph and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day, ¹⁶the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth." ¹⁷When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he took his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. ¹⁸And Joseph said to his father, "Not this way, my father; since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head." ¹⁹But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations." ²⁰So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will pronounce blessings, saying, 'God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh.'" Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh. ²¹Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your fathers. ²²Moreover, I have given to you rather than to your brothers one mountain slope that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow."...

^{49:28}All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each with the blessing suitable to him. ²⁹Then he commanded them and said to them, "I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, ³⁰in the cave that is in the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. ³¹There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah— ³²the field and the cave that is in it were bought from the Hittites." ³³When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people.

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

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you....And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful Father, You live in Your people by Your Holy Spirit and have sealed us for the day of redemption. Yet we have not lived like we are one with You and Your people. Bitterness, deceit, wrath, anger, clamor, slander, and malice have gripped us. We have not loved one another as You have loved us. We have been slow to forgive as You have forgiven us. We have not honored one another as those in whom Christ dwells. Forgive us for our offenses against You, and go on to subdue everything in us that is contrary to Your purposes. Teach us to number our days in the hope of Christ. By the power of your Spirit make us a tenderhearted church, joyfully repenting, longing to be transformed into Your likeness, trusting in Your promise, eager to live for Your glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF Encouragement

Luke 22:7-8, 14-20, 29-30

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.

Confession & Encouragement Often we find that our hearts

from I John 3:1-2

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are... We know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.

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

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 136:1

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STEADFAST

1. I will build my house Whether storm or drought On the Rock that does not move I will set my hope In Your love, O Lord And Your faithfulness will prove...

You are steadfast Steadfast You are steadfast Steadfast 2. By the Word You spokeAll the starry hostAre called out by name each nightIn Your watchful careI will rest secureAs You lead us with Your light...

3. I will not trustIn the strength of kingsOn Your promise I will standI will shout for joy,I will raise my voiceHallelujah to the Lamb...

ROCK OF AGES (WHEN THE DAY SEEMS LONG)

1. Rock of Ages, when the day seems long4. Rock of AgesFrom this labor and this heartache I have comeBroken, scorned for meThe skies will wear out but You remain the sameWho am I that You would dieRock of Ages, I praise Your nameTo make me free

2. Rock of Ages, You have brought me near You have poured out Your life-blood Your love, Your tears To make this stone heart come alive again Rock of Ages, forgive my sin...

Rock of Ages Rock of Ages Bind Your children until the kingdom comes Rock of Ages, Your will be done

3. Rock of Ages, when in want or rest My desperate need for such a Savior I confess Pull these idols out from my heart's embrace Rock of Ages, I need Your grace Who am I that You would die To make me free To give me glory You took the death and pain Rock of Ages, my Offering...

5. Rock of Ages It is done You cried The curtain's torn And I see justice satisfied Now write Your mercy On my heart and hands Rock of Ages, in faith I stand

6. Rock of Ages My great hope secure Your promise holds Just like an anchor to my soul Bind Your children With cords of love and grace Rock of Ages, we give You praise...

"He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken." Psalm 62:2

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FOREVER

1. Give thanks to the Lord our King His love endures forever For He is good, He is above all things His love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise

2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm His love endures forever For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise Sing praise, sing praise...

Doxology

Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong Forever God is with us Forever, forever

3. From the rising To the setting sun His love endures forever And by the grace of God We will carry on His love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise Sing praise, sing praise... "Give thanks to the LORD for He is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 136:1

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"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. Mark & Rebecca Crutcher, Randall & Tammy Ingram, Deacon Karl Kuder, and Gordon Collier led this morning's congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader and Chris Malak managed today's audio and video live stream. Cody Hahn managed the in-house video system. Children's Ministry Director Emily Meeks gave the Children's Message. 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.



<u>Announcements</u>

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School / 9AM www.wepc.org/adults *No Sunday School Today

- Adult Fellowship Room 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 (<u>efogarty@gmail.com</u>)

Men's Ministry Leadership Dinner

September 12'/ 6:30 PM / FH Open to all men in the church who want to get involved, discuss, and pray for men's ministry. Contact: Mike Glasgow (<u>atfmanhokie89@</u> <u>yahoo.com</u>) to RSVP.

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 (Joljanice727@gmail.com)

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 ESL is a great opportunity to develop relationships with people from all over the world, help teach language skills, and share the Gospel! Currently, we need 2 more volunteers for intermediate class on Thursdays beginning October 6. 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/

*No Sunday School Today Volunteers Needed for Fall Su

Volunteers' Needed for Fáll Sunday School, Nursery, & Kid's Club Contact: Emily Meeks (<u>emily@wepc.org</u>)

9 AM

- Nursery (infant-3 years); upstairs
- Sunday School (PreK-5); downstairs

10:30 AM

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

Parent's Night Out: Sept 30 / FH

Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

*No Sunday School Today

- Youth Śunday School: 9AM / FH
 - Youth Group: September 7 Middle School: 6-7:30PM / Lounge High School: 8-9:30PM / Lounge

MISSIONS

seeJesus Ministry Lunch & Missions Update

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

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: <u>kmasso@serge.org</u>

Keith & Kristyn Getty in Concert

October 2 / 6 PM

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

General Information

Deacons of the Week

Brian Zollinhofer, Chris Hennesey, & Taylor Miller

Prayer & Support Group

Email <u>pray4fam@wepc.org</u> for prayer and support for couples struggling with infertility.

Counseling

Lara Finnie, Licensed Professional Counselor at WEPC, is available by appointment. Visit <u>Abiding Branches</u> for more information.

Annual WEPC Camping Trip

www.wepc.org/camping Sept 16-18 / Sherando Lake / \$45 per family Contact Andi Alberts (<u>alberts.andrea@gmail.com</u>) for more information and to register.

Registration is <u>Now Open:</u> 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 <u>here</u>! Contact: <u>Kevin (kevin@wepc.org</u>)

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: 84.29 %

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 <u>website</u> for more information about all the ways to donate to the food pantry.

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Especially if this is your first S	Sunday with us	-welcome!
Date:		
Name:		
Children's Names:		
Address:		
City:		
Phone:		
Email:		
Who invited you to WEPC?	How did you	first hear about us?

() Check if this is <u>NEW</u> contact information for you. Please check the appropriate boxes: **Prayer Requests:** ◊ Visitor Age: $\langle \bar{2}0 \text{ or younger} \rangle$ ♦ Male ◊ Female ◊ 21-26 ♦ Single ◊ 27-34 ♦ Student (Grade ____) ♦ 35-49 ♦ Student (College) ♦ 50-64 ♦ 65 and older ♦ Married ◊ 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.