



West End
presbyterian church

**The Fourteenth 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

THE NECESSITY OF NEW BIRTH

"My brethren, it is quite certain that no man ever begins the new birth himself. The work of salvation never started with the efforts of any man. God the Holy Spirit must begin it. Now, the reasons no man ever started the work of grace in his own heart are apparent. The best reason of all is because he cannot...The will to love God, the desire to be in unison with Christ, is not to be found in any man who has not already been brought to be reconciled with God through the death of His Son."

--*Charles Spurgeon*

"We can no more assist the Holy Spirit in the quickening of our souls to spiritual life than Lazarus could help Jesus raise him from the dead."

--*R.C. Sproul*

"I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind, but now I see."

--*John Newton*

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 27

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the Stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek,
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

My heart says of You, "Seek His face!"

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

THE LORD OUR GOD IS GOOD

*The Lord our God is good
The Lord our God is good
Full of kindness and compassion
Merciful and just
The Lord our God is good*

1. Who else knows our deepest pain
Bears it as his own
Finds us in our naked shame
Clothes, and brings us home...

2. Who takes his inheritance
And gives it all away
Welcomes guests to feast with him
Who never can repay...

*"I will make all my
goodness pass before
you and will proclaim
before you my name 'The
LORD.'" Exodus 33:19*

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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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:25-28

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Comfortable Words

Our current sermon series comes from John 3. We will sing “The Comfortable Words” to open our time of prayer.

The Comfortable Words are traditionally used in the Book of Common Prayer to remind us of Jesus’ words in Matthew 11 & John 3. He provides rest for the weary and in Him we have eternal life.

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THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the words of Christ our Savior
Come to me, come to me
All you weary and heavy laden
I will give you rest

God so loved the world
He gave His only Begotten Son
That whoever believes in Him
Shall have everlasting life

STORIES FROM THE CHURCH: Meeting with Jesus

During the sermon series on John 3, brothers and sisters from our church will share the ways Jesus has met them, just as He did with Nicodemus.

Melissa Daniels

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).

I SHALL NOT WANT

1. From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me, O God

2. From the need to be understood
From a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me, O God
Deliver me, O God...

*And I shall not want
I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want*

3. From the fear of serving others
From the fear of death or trial
From the fear of humility
Deliver me, O God
Yes deliver me, O God...

"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1

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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

John 3:1-10

^{3:1}Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?"

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

Sermon

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

Holy Lord, You have prepared Your salvation in the presence of all peoples. Yet, we confess that we have not followed the light of Your Word. We have not been consoled by Your presence, and have sought comforts of our own design. We have not sought Your will, or trusted Your Good News to be good. We have failed to rejoice at Your Son's coming and refused His peace on earth. We have hoped for little from You, and the very thoughts of our hearts are revealed in the light of the glory of Your great mercy toward us.

Silence

Forgive our unbelief, and renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we might eagerly worship You, that we may watch and wait, and once more find the Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to be our greatest joy. Amen.

Silent 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.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved... For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Romans 10:9, 13

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

"Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'"
Mark 9:24

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HELP MY UNBELIEF

1. I know the Lord is nigh
And would but cannot pray
For Satan meets me when I try
And frights my soul away
And frights my soul away

2. I would but can't repent
Though I endeavor oft
This stony heart can ne'er relent
Till Jesus makes it soft
Till Jesus makes it soft...

*Help my unbelief
Help my unbelief
Help my unbelief
My help must come from Thee*

3. I would but cannot love
Though wooed by love divine
No arguments have power to move
A soul as base as mine
A soul so base as mine

4. I would but cannot rest
In God's most holy will
I know what He appoints is best
And murmur at it still
I murmur at it still...

"For by grace you have been saved through faith."
Ephesians 2:8

John Newton (1779); Tune:
AMAZING GRACE.
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AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

2. Twas Grace that taught
My heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

4. The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my Shield and Portion be
As long as life endures

5. When we've been there
Ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days
To sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all 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)

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. Robin Huff, Jill Wiebe-King, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, David Younkens, and Deacon Karl Kuder led this morning's congregational singing. Jay Smith and Aaron Suttan managed today's audio and video live stream. Luke Farkas 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

- Adult Fellowship Room Grand Opening:
TODAY / 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

www.wepc.org/marriage

Oct 29 / 9AM-6PM / Roslyn Retreat Center
Registration now open.

Wednesday Night Fellowship: Fall 2022

www.wepc.org/adults

Wednesdays, Sept 21 - Nov 16
6-7:30 PM / Chapel

Join us for *The Book of Judges* as we consider the amazing (and often hard) truth that God is glorified in our weakness. It's so true that we are flawed-- but Jesus is flawless. Outspoken skeptics, new Christians, and long-time believers are encouraged to attend. Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

Men's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/men

Men's Basketball (ages 35+)

Thursdays / 7-9 PM / Gym

Contact: EJ Fogarty (efogarty@gmail.com)

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 (atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com) 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)

How to Pray for Others

Sundays / 9AM / Oct 2, 9 & 16 / Rm. 160

Jesus knows that prayer is challenging for us all. In this brief training class, we will learn the basics of praying for others-- confessing our sin, boasting in Christ, and interceding for the needs of our congregation and the advancing of His Kingdom.

Led by Kevin & Kim Greene

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 (loljanice727@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

***No meeting in September**

October 9 / 12PM / Chapel

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

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

Parent's Night Out: Sept 30 / 5:30-8 PM / FH

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 A*

October 2 / 12 PM / FH

Come hear from long-time WEPC supported missions partner in Great Britain, A* (**name abbreviated for security*). Come be encouraged by the advance of the Gospel through this Muslim-background believer. 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: kmasso@serge.org

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

Matt Wilks, Stephen Hunn, Bryan Meeks, & Wes Farkas

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.

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.

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

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 9/4/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$332,938.20

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$401,391.31

% of expected budget received: 82.95 %

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: