



West End
presbyterian church

**The Fifteenth 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

WHAT IS NEW BIRTH?

"We cannot give spiritual regeneration to ourselves. The very name which our Lord gives to it is a convincing proof of this. He calls it a birth. No one is the author of his own existence, and no one can quicken his own soul."

--J.C. Ryle

"By the new creation, or new birth, we re-exist."

--Jonathan Edwards

"To all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

--John 1:12-13

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 30:1-5. A Psalm of David.
A song at the dedication of the
temple.*

I will extol You, O Lord, for You have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to You for help,
and You have healed me.**

O Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;
You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints,
and give thanks to His holy name.**

For His anger is but for a moment,
and His favor is for a lifetime.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

1. Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God

2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He presents our souls to God

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He Who washed us with His blood (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God

4. Let us wonder, grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace
In Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood (3x)
Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3x)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

*"To him who loves us
and has freed us from
our sins by his blood...
to Him be glory and
power for ever and
ever!"*

Revelation 1:5-6

John Newton (1774);
Tune: Laura Taylor
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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

Patrick Winingger (9AM)
Nadine Kigeri, Kendra Niwekera, & Kendi Gisa (9AM)
Brian & Ligdabeth Shea (10:30AM)

Covenant BAPTISM (9am)

Kendra Niwekera & Kendi Gisa

NEW CREATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COMMISSIONING (10:30am)

New Creation Presbyterian Church is led by church planter Joel Passmore, and meets in Chester, VA. Visit www.newcreationpres.org for more information.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 2:1-10

And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

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

Tressa Camidge

OFFERING

You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. If you miss 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).

BY THY MERCY

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory
Bend from Heav'n Thy gracious ear
While our waiting souls
Adore Thee
Friend of helpless sinners, hear...

*By Thy mercy, O deliver us
Good Lord, good Lord
By Thy mercy, O deliver us
Good Lord, good Lord*

2. From the depth
Of nature's blindness
From the hardening power of sin
From all malice and unkindness
From the pride that lurks within...

3. In the weary hours of sickness
In the times of grief and pain
When we feel
Our mortal weakness
When all human help is vain...

4. In the solemn hour of dying
In the awful judgment day
May our souls, on Thee relying
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay...

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.

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, so that we may
receive mercy and find grace
to help us in our time of need."
Hebrews 4:16*

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

Children, age 4 through 2nd 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](http://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media).*

SERMON

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

O God of the highest heaven take full possession of my heart and reign supreme, lay low every rebel lust, let no vile passion resist Your holy war; manifest Your mighty power, and make me Yours forever. I was dead in iniquities, having no eyes to see You, no ears to hear You, no taste to relish Your joys, no intelligence to know You; but Your Spirit has quickened me, has brought me into a new world as a new creature, has given me spiritual perception, has opened to me Your Word as light, guide, solace, joy. Keep me, for I cannot keep myself.

Silent Confession of Sin

adapted from The Valley of Vision, "Regeneration"

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 anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come... For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

II Corinthians 5:17, 21

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

First Communion: Kendra Niwekera & Kendi Gisa (9AM)

Kendra and Kendi recently met with the Elders, who heard their testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Kigeri 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.

SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

*"Cast all your anxiety on him
because he cares for you."
1 Peter 5:7*

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COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED (LOOK TO JESUS)

1. Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus
Mercy flows through Him alone

2. Take His easy yoke and wear it
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While His grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory
Where His ransomed captives meet

3. Blessed are the eyes that see Him
Bless the ears that hear His voice
Blessed are the souls that trust Him
And in Him alone rejoice
His commandments
His commandments
His commandments
Then become their happy choice

4. Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it, all who taste it
All who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus
Look to Jesus
Mercy flows through Him alone

*"But far be it from me to
boast except in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ by
which the world has been
crucified to me, and I to the
world." Galatians 6:14*

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D. Walt | Jesse Reeves
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WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS (THE WONDROUS CROSS)

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

2. See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown...

*O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name*

3. Were the whole realm
Of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all...

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. Elder B-J Huff led worship. Elder Kevin Shaffer, Audrey Snyder, Jamison Taggart, and Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered led this morning's congregational singing. Andy Becker and Deacon Chris Scoggins managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick 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

- Human Sexuality / Rm 810 / Begins TODAY

Home Groups

Looking to get connected through Bible study and fellowship with other believers at WEPC? Sign up to join a home group [here](#).

WEPC Marriage Conference

www.wepc.org/marriage

Oct 29 / 9AM-6PM / Roslyn Retreat Center
Register [here](#).

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)

Second Monday

October 10 / 6:30 PM / FH

Join us for our monthly gathering of men from WEPC and the community for food, fellowship, & Gospel teaching.

Contact Mike Glasgow (atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com) with questions.

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. Register at kevin@wepc.org.

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.

Simple English Christian Service

www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

October 9 / 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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

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

YoungLives Metro Richmond Dessert Night

October 27 / 7 PM / FH

Join us to hear firsthand the impact YoungLives is having in our community and how you might partner with us.

RSVP at younglivesrva@gmail.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Taylor Miller, Rick McMahon, Chris Perry, & Mike Glasgow

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.

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 9/11/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$372,249.80

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$435,428.30

% of expected budget received: 85.49 %

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: