



West End
presbyterian church

**The Sixteenth 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?

"How does God save His people from the pleasure of sin? The answer is, 'By imparting to them a nature which hates evil and loves holiness.' This takes place when they are born again, so that actual salvation begins with regeneration. Of course it does; where else could it commence? Fallen man can neither perceive his desperate need of salvation, nor come to Christ for it, till he has been renewed by the Holy Spirit."

--A.W. Pink

"He did not know that the new life would not be given him for nothing, that he would have to pay dearly for it, that it would cost him great striving, great suffering. But that is the beginning of a new story — the story of the gradual renewal of a man, the story of his gradual regeneration, of his passing from one world into another, of his initiation into a new unknown life. That might be the subject of a new story, but our present story is ended."

--Fyodor Dostoevsky, *Crime & Punishment*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 65:1-4

Praise awaits You, our God, in Zion;
to You our vows will be fulfilled.

**You who answer prayer,
to You all people will come.**

When we were overwhelmed by sins,
You forgave our transgressions.

**Blessed are those You choose
and bring near to live in Your courts!**

We are filled with the good things of Your house,
of Your holy temple.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come."
 Revelation 4:8

Reginald Heber (1826);
 Tune: NICAEA, John Dykes (1861).
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Ear - ly in the mor - ning our song shall rise to Thee.
 cas - ing down their gol - den crowns a - round the glas - sy sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!
 che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fal - ling down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!

God in three Per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!
 Who wert and art, and e - ver - more shali be,
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty,
 God in three per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

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

Michael Chen

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.

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).

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).

HALLELUJAH, SALVATION AND GLORY

Hallelujah, salvation and glory
Honor and power to the Lord, our God
For the Lord, our God, is mighty
Yes the Lord, our God, is omnipotent
The Lord, our God, He is wonderful

"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God." Revelation 19:1

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All praises be to the King of Kings
And the Lord, our God
He is wonderful

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

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

"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

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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 Corinthians 11:23-32

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when 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 also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven, we confess that in our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have sinned and grieved Your Holy Spirit, who dwells within us. Rather than be led by You, we have followed the spirit of our age into self-reliance and self-worship. You created us for fellowship with Yourself and one another; but we rebelled, and made enemies of our Maker and each other. We have acted as if the Cross of Christ had no power to reconcile us to God. We have lived as if there was no Spirit of God convicting, sanctifying, encouraging, and helping us. Forgive us, good Lord. And give us grace that we might eagerly forsake our self-directed paths and keep in step with Your Spirit. 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

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*from 1 Timothy 1:15;
1 Peter 2:24*

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the Cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

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

*"Go out to the highways
and hedges and compel
people to come in, that
my house may be filled."*
Luke 14:23

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COME TO THE FEAST

1. Go to the highways and hedges
Go to the farthest of fields
Go and compel, the sick and the well
For our Father's house will be filled

2. Go to the streets of the city
Bring in the crippled and blind
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste no more time...

3. In the robe of the Lamb
You'll be covered
Dressed in His pure righteousness
For all of your guilt
His blood it was spilt
So come by your Father
Be blessed...

*Come to the Feast, come to the Table
The great and the least, the rich and the poor
Come to the Feast, come to the Table
Come and hunger no more*

*"The blood of Jesus, His Son,
cleanses us from all sin."*
1 John 1:7

Robert Lowry (1876); Tune:
PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowry
(1876). Public Domain

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

1. What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus...

*Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

2. For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus...

3. This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus...

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. Pastor Kevin Greene, Georgia Collier, Kristy Elliott, Elder Tom Krieger, Donald Smith, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Rick McWhorter and Deacon Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. Cody Hahn 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 / through Oct 30

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

Weekly through 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.

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 / 9:15-11:30 AM

Restore: Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM

Register now for our study through the book of Ephesians. Contact: Brice Bowman

(brice@wepc.org)

How to Pray for Others

Sundays / Oct 2, 9 & 16 / 9 AM / 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

Sundays / Oct 23, 30 & Nov 6, 13 / 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 28**
Middle School: 6-7:30PM / Lounge
High School: 7:30-9PM / Lounge

MISSIONS

seeJesus Ministry Lunch & Missions Update TODAY / 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.

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 as we reach out with Jesus' love to teen moms, pregnant teens, and their children, and how you might partner with us. RSVP: younglivesrva@gmail.com

African Church-Planter Fund (AACFF)

www.wepc.org/aacpf

The AACPF seeks to fund African-American led church plants in the James River Presbytery. New gifts given to the AACPF before December 31, 2022 will be matched through a generous grant, up to a total of \$7,500.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Brian Zollinhofer, Karl Kuder, Bill Phillips, & Jon Greenhill

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. Register [here!](#)

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

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 9/18/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$429,362.21

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$480,395.93

% of expected budget received: 89.38%

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: