



West End
presbyterian church

**The Seventeenth 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 WIND AND THE SPIRIT

"O God the Holy Ghost
Who art Light unto thine elect
Evermore enlighten us.
Thou who art Fire of Love
Evermore enkindle us.
Thou who art Lord and Giver of Life,
Evermore live in us.
As the wind is Thy symbol,
So forward our goings."

--Christina Rossetti, from "A Prayer to the Holy Spirit"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 104:1-3, 27, 30-33

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, You are very great!

You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering Yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.

**He makes the clouds His chariot;
He rides on the wings of the wind.**

All look to You. When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,
and You renew the face of the ground.

**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in His works.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

10,000 REASONS

*Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

1. The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes...

2. You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find...

3. And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul
Will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore...

*"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!"
Psalm 103:1*

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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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth. If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth, and if a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-5

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

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.

STORIES FROM THE CHURCH: MEETING WITH JESUS

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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).

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).

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

1. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

2. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

3. Come behold
The Wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

4. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30am)

GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

^{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?"

John 3:1-10

Sermon

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

from Mark 14:16-25

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."

CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Valley of Vision, "The
Spirit's Work"*

O God the Holy Spirit, You who proceed from the Father and the Son,
Have mercy on me. When You did first hover over chaos, order came to birth, beauty
robed the world, and fruitfulness sprang forth.

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.

I pray that You move upon my disordered heart; take away the sickness of ungodly desires and hateful lusts; lift the mist and darkness of unbelief; brighten my soul with the pure light of truth; make it fragrant as the garden of paradise, rich with every goodly fruit, beautiful with heavenly grace, radiant with rays of divine light.

Fulfill in me the glory of Your divine purposes, be my Advocate, Comforter, Helper,
Light, Guide, Sanctifier; show the blessings of Christ to my soul; through You may I
daily learn more of His love, grace, compassion, faithfulness and beauty. Lead me to
the cross and show me His wounds, the hateful nature of evil, the power of Satan;

**May I there see my sins as the nails that held Him, the cords that bound Him, the
thorns that tore Him, the sword that pierced Him.**

O Holy Spirit, deepen in me these saving lessons. Write them on my heart, that my
walk may be sin-loathing, sin-fleeing, Christ-loving; Do not allow me to be deceived
or beguiled by any of Satan's schemes.

**Help me to find in His death the reality and immensity of His love. Open for me the
wondrous volumes of truth in His cry that, "It is finished." Increase my faith in the
clear knowledge of atonement achieved, expiation completed, satisfaction made, guilt
done away with, my debt paid, my sins forgiven, my person redeemed, my soul saved,
hell vanquished, heaven opened, and eternity made mine.**

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:3-7

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.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

1. Breathe on me, breath of God
Fill me with life anew
That I may love what Thou dost love
And do what Thou wouldst do

2. Breathe on me, breath of God
Until my heart is pure
Until my will is one with Thine
To do and to endure

3. Breathe on me, breath of God
Till I am wholly Thine
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine

4. Breathe on me, breath of God
So shall I never die
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity

"He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" John 20:22

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"And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Revelation 21:5

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ALL THINGS NEW

1. Come Lord and tarry not
Bring the long looked for day
O why these years of waiting here
These ages of decay

2. Come for Thy saints still wait
Daily ascends their sigh
The Spirit and the Bride say come
Does Thou not hear the cry...

*O come and make all things new
Come and make all things new
O come and make all things new
Build up this ruined earth
Come and make all things new*

3. Come for creation groans
Impatient of Thy stay
Worn out with these long years of ill
These ages of delay

4. Come for love waxes cold
Its steps are faint and slow
Faith now is lost in unbelief
Hope's lamp burns dim and low...

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. Mark & Rebecca Crutcher, Randall & Tammy Ingram, Donald Smith and Gordon Collier led this morning's congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader and Deacon Tim Andrews 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.

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

Contact: Brice Bowman (brice@wepc.org)

How to Pray for Others

Starting TODAY / 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: October 5**
Middle School: 6-7:30PM / Lounge
High School: 7:30-9PM / Lounge
- **High School Fall Overnight:** October 7-8

MISSIONS

Serge Lunch Update with A*

TODAY / 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.

Serge Lunch Update with Karen Masso

October 16 / 12-1:30 PM

Karen Masso, Serge Leadership Development and Language Coordinator, will be visiting for a lunch gathering at Kevin & Kim Greene's house (10603 Orkney Road, Henrico, VA 23228). RSVP to Karen Masso (kmasso@serge.org)

Keith & Kristyn Getty in Concert

TODAY / 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 American Church-Planter Fund (AACPF)

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

Ben Bacon, Davison Long, Matt Wilks & Chris Hennesey

Save the Date: Church-Wide Tailgate

October 23 / 12 PM / WEPC Side Parking Lot
Join us for a fun lunch served by the youth for the whole church! Please bring a chair and visit www.wepc.org/tailgate to RSVP and sign up to bring food.

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.

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 9/25/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$458,137.31

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$521,149.65

% of expected budget received: 87.91%

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: