



West End
presbyterian church

**The Eighteenth 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 SON OF MAN MUST BE LIFTED UP

"For truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place." --Acts 4:27-28

"Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."
--Philippians 2:9-11

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 47:1-8. To the choirmaster.
A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.*

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

COMETHOU FOUNT

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

3. Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up...He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far has the LORD helped us.'" 1 Samuel 7:12

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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

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

Linda Beverly

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).

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).

MAKE A WAY

1. Come, Son of God, and make us new
Light of the world, our hearts renew
Hope in our inner darkness lies
Oh, healing Sun of Justice rise

2. Come, Promised since our Eden's end
Child of the woman, come defend
Long have we felt the serpent's sting
Come, strike his head, and mercy bring...

*Oh make a way! Open wide the gates
Oh make a way! Through the sorrow and the pain
Oh make a way! Though the road is dark and winding
Oh come, come*

3. Come, Son of Man, to show the way
Oh, through the tears, may we see the day
So long did we in darkness dwell
Come down to break the chains of hell...

Oh come, make a way
Oh come, make a way
Oh come, make a way
Oh come, come

"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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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 3:11-15 ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

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

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, You humbled Yourself and made Yourself nothing. You died that we might live. We confess how unlike You we are. We strive to preserve ourselves, and are slow to pick up our cross to follow You. We are slow to trust that we are dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ. We have loved our own lives, and so failed to love God and our neighbor. Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Work in us by the power of your Spirit to change us into the likeness of Jesus Christ and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 1:19-20

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

JESUS PAID IT ALL

1. I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all...

*Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone....

3. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat...

O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead...

*"You are not your own,
for you were bought
with a price."
1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

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*"I count everything as loss
because of the surpassing
worth of knowing Christ Jesus
my Lord." Philippians 3:8*

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IN CHRIST ALONE

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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*

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(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. Elder Kevin Shaffer, Abbey Thomas, Buddy Miner, Tim Drummond, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered and Gordon Collier led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Gordon Kuhfuss and Deacon Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. Michael Whitman 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? Contact: Joy Andrews (joy@wepc.org)

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

Oct 9 & 16 / 9 AM / Rm. 21

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.

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/MASfellowship

Oct 15 / 4-5:30PM / WEPC Library

Join us for fellowship, devotional study, prayer, and an optional dinner. Contact: [Janice Sharp](mailto:JaniceSharp@outlook.com) (loljanice727@gmail.com)

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Healing Conversations Training

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)

Simple English Christian Service

www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

TODAY / 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

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9AM / FH
- **Youth Group: October 12**
Middle School: 6-7:30PM / Lounge
High School: 7:30-9PM / Lounge

MISSIONS

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)

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.

WORLD RELIEF RESOURCES

Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief

See the PCA's Mission to North America's [website](#) & byFaith's [website](#) for opportunities to give and support those affected by Hurricane Ian.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Brian Zollinhofer, Mike Glasgow, Matt Wilks, & Rick McMahon

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.

Inquirer's Weekend

www.wepc.org/inquirersweekend

November 11-13

Join us to learn about our church history, beliefs, ministries, and how to become a member at WEPC. Contact: Karen (karen@wepc.org)

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 10/2/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$499,191.39

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$571,162.03

% of expected budget received: 87.40%

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: