



West End
presbyterian church

**The Nineteenth 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

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

"Grace is God loving, God stooping, God coming to the rescue, God giving Himself generously in and through Jesus Christ." --*John Stott*

"God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." --*Romans 5:8*

"You have been bitten by the great serpent. The poison of sin is through and through your whole heart, but Christ has been lifted up on the Cross that you may look and live. Now, do not look so long and so harassingly at your own heart and feelings... Do not take up your time so much with studying your own heart as with studying Christ's heart. For one look at yourself, take ten looks at Christ." --*Robert Murray M'Cheyne*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 36:5-10. To the
choirmaster. Of David, the
servant of the Lord.*

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O Lord.

How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

They feast on the abundance of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright of heart!

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

STEADFAST

1. I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the Rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In Your love, O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove...

*You are steadfast
Steadfast*

2. By the Word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As You lead us with Your light...

3. I will not trust
In the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy
I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb...

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for
he is good, for his steadfast
love endures forever."
Psalm 136:1*

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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.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Zachary Gill (9AM)

Laurie Smith, Ella Mailloux, Harrison Hunn, Graham & Laurie Howell (10:30AM)

COVENANT BAPTISMS

Thomas Hayden Freeze (9AM)

Braden Severn Smith (10:30AM)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 34:4-8

So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

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

Elliott Gravitt

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).

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

1. When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast...

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

2. Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast...

3. For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last...

*"Now to Him who is able
to keep you from stumbling
and to present you blameless
before the presence of His
glory with great joy." Jude 24*

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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 3:16 ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*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

from Matthew 26:17-29

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus. They did as He had directed them, and prepared the Passover. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Based on I Corinthians 13
After each verse is read,
quietly meditate on the
question that follows.*

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.

Love is patient.

(Am I willing to endure trying people?)

Love is kind.

(Am I thinking or acting uncharitably toward anyone?)

Love is not possessive.

(Am I manipulative? Do I use people?)

Love is not boastful or proud.

(Do I trust my love of God more than His love of me?)

Love is courteous.

(Am I considerate, thoughtful, warm?)

Love is not selfish.

(Am I fixed on my needs and rights?)

Love is not irritable or bitter.

(Am I forgiving? Do I keep a record of wrongs?)

Love delights in truth and righteousness.

(Am I eager to trust and follow Jesus?)

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

(Read by leader and people together)

1 John 4:9-10

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

First Communion: Zachary Gill (9AM), Harrison Hunn & Ella Mailloux (10:30AM)

Zachary, Harrison, and Ella recently met with the Elders, who heard their testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Gill, Hunn, and Mailloux families 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.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

1. What wondrous love is this
O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul, for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

2. When I was sinking down
Sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down, O my soul
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown
For my soul, for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown
For my soul

3. To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the great I AM
While millions join the theme
I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme
I will sing

4. And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity I'll sing on

"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died." II Corinthians 5:14

American Folk Hymn;
Tune: WONDROUS LOVE, Walker's Southern Harmony (1835).
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*"How wide and long and
high and deep is the love of
Christ." Ephesians 3:18*

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Thomas J. Williams (1890).
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O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Thy glorious rest above

2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He loveth, ever loveth
Changeth never, nevermore
How He watches o'er His loved ones
Died to call them all His own
How for them He intercedeth
Watcheth o'er them from the throne

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Love of every love the best
Tis an ocean vast of blessing
Tis a haven sweet of rest
The deep, deep love of Jesus
Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to Thee

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, administered the Lord's supper, and administered the covenant baptisms. Elder B-J Huff led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Sonya & Donald Smith, Sarah Shrader, Deacon Rick McMahon, Suzie Bird, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Scott Hoye managed today's audio and video live stream. Deacon Brian Zollinhofer 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 / Room 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
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TODAY! 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)

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

TODAY / 9 AM / Room 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.

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/MASfellowship

Nov 19 / 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 / 12:15-1:45 PM / Room 810

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

Nov 13 / 12PM / Chapel

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

<https://www.wepc.org/grow/children/>

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

Kids' Club: Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM / Room 25

Thankful for Jesus and Donuts: November 9 / 4:30-6:30 PM / WEPC Parking Lot

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9AM / FH
- **Youth Group: October 19**
Middle School: 6-7:30PM / Lounge
High School: 7:30-9PM / Lounge

MISSIONS

Serge Lunch Update with Karen Masso

TODAY / 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

Wes Farkas, Matt Mailloux, Sean Winterhalter, & Warren A. Kempf

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 10/9/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$529,858.24

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$601,102.62

% 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: