



West End
presbyterian church

**The Twentieth 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

“I experience religious dread whenever I find myself thinking that I know the limits of God’s grace, since I am utterly certain it exceeds any imagination a human being might have of it. God does, after all, so love the world.” --*Marilynne Robinson*

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved” --*Ephesians 2:4-5*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 98:1-3

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for He has done marvelous things;

**His right hand and His holy arm
have worked salvation for Him.**

The Lord has made His salvation known
and revealed His righteousness to the nations.

**He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear
Now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

2. Praise to the Lord! Who over all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

3. Praise to the Lord!
Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

4. Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the "Amen"
Sound from His people again
Gladly for, aye, we adore Him

*"All that is within me,
bless His holy name!"
Psalm 103:1*

Joachim Neander's
paraphrase of Psalms
103 and 150 (1680); tr.
Catherine Winkworth
(1863); Tune: LOBE DEN
HERREN (1665).
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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

Isaiah 53:5-12

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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

Kate Burns

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).

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

1. How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the Man upon a cross
My guilt upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no powr's, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain
From His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God." 1 John 3:1

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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.

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

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.

Holy God, we are guilty of rejecting Your commands, of doubting Your promises, of proud self-reliance, of neglect to rest in You. Daily we fail to love You and our neighbor as we ought. We praise You for providing the Savior in Jesus, who takes our sin and gives us His righteousness! Lord, continue the work of salvation in us: conquer our weakness with Your strength, blot out our self-centeredness with Your glory. Meet us in our suffering and disappointments, refine us as You see fit. Keep us from returning to sin's bondage, brighten our hearts with Your grace. Redirect our desires so that we delight deeply in You. Amen.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! *1 John 3:1*

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

AMAZING LOVE

1. My Lord, what love is this
That pays so dearly
That I, the guilty one
May go free...

*Amazing love, O what sacrifice
The Son of God given for me
My debt he pays, and my death he dies
That I might live, that I might live*

2. And so they watched him die
Despised, rejected
But oh, the blood he shed
Flowed for me...

3. And now, this love of Christ
Shall flow like rivers
Come wash your guilt away
Live again...

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

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"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:8

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GOD IS LOVE, LET HEAVEN ADORE HIM

1. God is love, let heav'n adore Him
God is love let earth rejoice
Let creation sing before Him
And exalt Him with one voice
God who laid the earth's foundation
God who spread the heavens above
God who breathes through all creation
God is love, eternal love
God is love, eternal love

2. God is love and love enfolds us
All the world in one embrace
With unfailing grasp God holds us
Every child of every race
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod
Then we find that self same aching
Deep within the heart of God
Deep within the heart of God

3. God is love and though with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life
God's eternal loving kindness
Guides us through our earthly strife
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain
God is love so love forever
O'er the universe shall reign
O'er the universe shall reign

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. Roger Johnson led worship. Trey & Jen Wickham, Sonya Smith, Pat Reynolds, Rick Hepner, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Rick McWhorter and Deacon Sean Winterhalter 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 / 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)

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)

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](mailto:janicesharp@loljanice727@gmail.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 / 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 (K-5th grade)

Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM / Room 25

Thankful for Jesus and Donuts (Donut Truck)

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 26**
Middle School: 6-7:30PM / Lounge
High School: 7:30-9PM / Lounge

WORLD RELIEF RESOURCES

Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief

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

MISSIONS

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

Prison Discipleship Ministry

Help us in bringing the good news to those who are incarcerated. Henrico Jail West has opened for Men's and Women's Bible Studies on Thursdays, 11 AM-12 PM & 12:30-1:30 PM, respectively. Contact: Jerry Gill (jdgygrace@gmail.com) / 804-933-5707

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

Brian Zollinhofer, Warren A. Kempf, & Karl Kuder

Church-Wide Tailgate

TODAY / 12 PM / WEPC Side Parking Lot

Join us for a fun lunch served by the youth for the whole church! Please bring a chair.

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: \$565,267.08

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$641,945.88

% of expected budget received: 88.06%

FOOD PANTRY

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

There are 3 ways to donate to our food pantry:

- Use the CURRENT NEEDS list from the website.
- Join a FOOD ITEM TEAM described on the website for regular giving.
- Designate MONETARY GIFTS 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: