



West End
presbyterian church

**The Twenty-first 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

PERISHING

"Hell...begins with a grumbling mood, and yourself still distinct from it: perhaps even criticizing it...You can repent and come out of it again. But there may come a day when you can do that no longer. Then there will be no you left to criticize the mood or even enjoy it, but just the grumble itself going on forever like a machine."

--C.S. Lewis

"So brief a life, and then an endless Life
Or endless death;
So brief a life, then endless Peace or strife...
Where Love is, there is bliss
That will not pass;
Where Love is,
Dies away 'Alas!'"
--Christina Rossetti

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 2:7-8, 11-12

I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me,
"You are my Son; today I have begotten You.

**Ask of me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,
and the ends of the earth Your possession."**

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

**Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way,
for His wrath is quickly kindled.**

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

O COME TO THE ALTAR

1. Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling...

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling...

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen...

*"I will turn their mourning
into joy; I will comfort
them, and give them
gladness for sorrow."
Jeremiah 31:13*

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Steven Furtick, Wade Joye.
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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

Ezekiel 33:10-11

“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?”

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

Chris May

OFFERING

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).

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 Quiocassin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).

HALLELUJAH, SALVATION & 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

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

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

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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

"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

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

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GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:16-17

Sermon

A Worship Guide with sermon notes and recordings is posted each Sunday at wepc.org/worship/sermons-media.

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

Adapted from The Valley of Vision, "Love Shines at Calvary"

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.

Almighty God, Your grace removes my burdens and heaps them on Your Son, made a transgressor, a curse, and sin for me; Christ was all anguish that I might be all joy, cast off that I might be brought in, trodden down as an enemy that I might be welcomed as a friend, surrendered to hell's worst that I might attain heaven's best, stripped that I might be clothed, wounded that I might be healed, thirsty that I might drink, tormented that I might be comforted, made a shame that I might inherit glory, experienced reproach that I might receive welcome, closed His eyes in death that I might forever live. O Father, who did not spare Your only Son that You might spare me, all this Your love designed and accomplished. Help me to adore You with my words and my life. Go forth, O conquering God, and show me the Cross, mighty to subdue, comfort and save. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

John 5:24

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

HERE, O MY LORD

1. Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face
Here would I touch and handle things unseen
Here grasp with firmer hand, eternal grace
And all my weariness upon Thee lean
2. I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
No other Arm save Thine to lean upon
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone
3. Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing Blood
Here is my Robe, Thy Gift, my Refuge, Peace
Thy Blood, Thy Righteousness, O Lord my God
Thy Blood, Thy Righteousness, O Lord my God

*"Is it not a participation in Christ?"
I Corinthians 10:16*

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*“The peace of God... will
guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ Jesus”
Philippians 4:7*

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Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE,
Philip Bliss (1876).
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IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul...

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul...

3. My sin—O the joy of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the Cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul...

4. O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul...

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. Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Robin Huff, Jill Wiebe-King, Casey O'Dea, and Deacon Karl Kuder led this morning's congregational singing. Andy Becker and Chris Malak managed today's audio and video live stream. Luke Farkas 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 Fellowship Day

www.wepc.org/adults

Nov 6 / Rm 810 / 9AM

All adults welcome for food and fellowship.
BYOC (bring your own coffee).

Adult Sunday School:

Hope and the Coming of Christ

www.wepc.org/adults

Nov 13-Dec 18 / Rm 810 / 9AM

To help prepare for the season of Christmas, join us as we look at how the biblical concept of hope pops up in all of redemptive history, and how it culminates in the first and second advents of Jesus.

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

November 14 / 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)

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 \(loljanice727@gmail.com\)](mailto:Janice Sharp (loljanice727@gmail.com))

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Christian Service

www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

Nov 13 / 12PM / Chapel

Math Tutors Needed

The Tutoring Ministry is looking for math tutors for High School students who are on the waiting list for tutoring. If you are available Monday - Friday from 5 -6 pm, we would love to have you join the team. Contact: Evelyne Cubahiro (evelyne@wepc.org)

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: November 2**
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](#) & byFaith's [website](#) for opportunities to give and support those affected by Hurricane Ian.

MISSIONS

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

STEP Christmas Store

Collecting donations of new, unwrapped gifts for children living in Gilpin Court. For more information on suggested items or volunteering, please visit [our website](#). Donations due at WEPC November 27th.

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

Jon Greenhill, Rick McMahon, Ben Bacon, & Davison Long

Library Volunteers Needed

Library volunteers are needed to help with the church library. If you are interested, please contact Margi at library@wepc.org.

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 10/23/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$601,178.38

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$673,808.38

% of expected budget received: 89.22%

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: