

West End

presbyterian church



**The Twenty-second 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

FAITH

“Nothing binds me to my Lord like a strong belief in His changeless love.” --*Charles H. Spurgeon*

“You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you.” --*C.S. Lewis*

“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” --*I John 5:4-5*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 118

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good
and His love endures forever.

**Let those who fear the Lord say
“His love endures forever.”**

The Lord is our Strength and our Song;
He has become our Salvation.

**I will give you thanks, for You answered me;
You have become my Salvation.**

The Lord is God, and He has made His light shine upon us.

**You are our God, and we will give You thanks:
You are our God, and we will exalt You.**

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

YOUR GREAT NAME

1. Lost are saved, find their way
At the sound of Your great name
All condemned, feel no shame
At the sound of Your great name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great name
The enemy, he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name...

*Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name*

2. All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great name
Sick are healed, the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name...

Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty
Defender, my Savior, You are my King

*"At the name of Jesus
every knee should bow...
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord."
Philippians 2:10*

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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 26:1-4

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: “We have a strong city; he sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks. Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in. You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

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

Brigitte Bakiala

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 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

3. Behold Him there! the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

*"These are they which
follow the Lamb...
they are without fault
before the throne."
Revelation 14:4-6*

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Parry (1916). ©1997
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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

Luke 22:7-8, 14-20, 29-30

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

"And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lutheran Prayer (1536)

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 am a poor sinner, I confess before You, my God and Creator, that I have grievously sinned against You in many ways, not only by gross outward sins, but much more through inward natural blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, secret envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections which You see in me, my Lord and God, and which, alas, I cannot always see in myself. I repent of these, and cry to You for Your mercy, through Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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, WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

1. Jesus! What a Friend for sinners
Jesus! Lover of my soul
Friends may fail me, foes assail me
He, my Savior, makes me whole...

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving
He is with me to the end*

2. Jesus! What a Strength in weakness
Let me hide myself in Him
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing
He, my Strength, my victory wins...

3. Jesus! What a Help in sorrow
While the billows over me roll
Even when my heart is breaking
He, my Comfort, helps my soul...

4. Jesus! What a Guide and Keeper
While the tempest still is high
Storms about me, night overtakes me
He, my Pilot, hears my cry...

5. Jesus! I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am His, and He is mine...

*"A friend of tax
collectors and sinners."
Luke 7:34*

John Wilbur Chapman
(1910); Tune:
HYFRYDOL, Rowland
H. Prichard (1830).
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*"Because of the Lord's great
love we are not consumed."
Lamentations 3:22*

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WE ARE NOT OVERCOME

1. Flesh will fail, and bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away...

*Because of His great love
We are not overcome
Because of His great love
We are not overcome*

2. Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us...

3. Have no fear for your life
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke of love and death
The Lord will give life and breath...

DOXOLOGY

*"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 Aaron Suttan** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Cody Hahn** 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

TODAY / 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:janice727@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 9**
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 (jdgbygrace@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 (AACFF)

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

Chris Hennessey, Brian Zollinhofer, & Ed Bowman

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 10/30/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$632,875.27

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$714,483.82

% of expected budget received: 88.58%

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS at WEPC

Advent Worship Service: *Every Longing Heart*

Nov 27 / 7PM / Sanctuary

Advent is a season of waiting. As we look forward to celebrating Christ's birth, we all know grief, loss, and longing. Join us as we gather for a service of remembrance, redemption, and hope. At this service we will lament the losses experienced in this broken world, and look expectantly in hope to Jesus, the Desire of every nation, the true Joy of every longing heart.

Cookies & Caroling

Dec 15 / 6PM / Fellowship Hall

Join us for a night of fellowship and Christmas caroling with your WEPC family! Contact Becca Wethered (becca@wepc.org) with any questions.

Christmas Eve Services

- **4PM: Family-friendly Service** celebrating our Savior's Advent through Scripture and song. Children are encouraged to bring an offering of non-perishable food for the WEPC Food Pantry.
- **7PM: Communion Service of Lessons & Carols** celebrating our Savior's Advent through Scripture and song.

Sunday December 25 & January 1 Services

We will have ONE worship service at **10:30 AM** on Christmas Day & New Year's Day with nursery services provided. The following ministries will NOT meet: Adult, Youth, & Children's Sunday School, and Children's Worship.

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:

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| ◇ Visitor | <u>Age:</u> |
| ◇ 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: