



West End  
presbyterian church

**The Twenty-fourth 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

### LIGHT

"No half-heartedness and no worldly fear must turn us aside from following the Light unflinchingly." --*J.R. Tolkien*

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." --*John 1:5-7*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 18:1-3, 28-30; To the  
choirmaster. A Psalm of David.*

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

**For it is you who light my lamp;  
the LORD my God lightens my darkness.**

For by you I can run against a troop,  
and by my God I can leap over a wall.

**This God—his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.**

## INVOCATION

# SONG OF ADORATION

## I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon My breast"  
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live"  
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light  
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright"  
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my Star, my Sun  
And in that light of life I'll walk, till traveling days are done

*"Come to Me, all you who  
are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest."  
Matthew 11:28-30*

Horatius Bonar (1846);  
Tune: KINGSFOLD;  
Traditional English Tune.  
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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 (10:30am)

Ella Mailloux  
Daniel Nida

# OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

# 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

*Johnny Minor*

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](http://www.wepc.org/giving) for online giving options or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quiocassin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).*

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## GOD IS GOOD

May your struggles keep you near the Cross  
May your troubles show that you need God  
May your battles end the way they should  
May your bad days prove that God is good  
May your whole life prove that God is good

*"Truly God is good to Israel." Psalm 73:1*

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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](http://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

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## SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

*John 3:16-21*

# Sermon

## PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night 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, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Adapted from The Valley of  
Vision, "God and Myself"*

#### **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 God Almighty, Your understanding is unsearchable and infinite, Your arm cannot be stayed. Holy is your wisdom, power, mercy, ways, works. How can I stand before You with my numberless offenses? I have often loved darkness, observed lying vanities, forsaken Your given mercies, trampled underfoot Your beloved Son, mocked Your providences, flattered You with my lips, broken Your covenant. It is only in light of Your compassion that I am not consumed. At the Cross may I contemplate the evil of sin, and abhor it. May I look on Him whom I pierced, as One slain for me, and by me. May I never despise His death by fearing its efficacy for my salvation. And whatever cross I am required to bear, let me see Jesus suffering mine.**

*Silent Confession of Sin*

### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*Colossians 1:12-14*

Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**First Communion:** Ella Mailloux & Daniel Nida (10:30AM)

*Ella and Daniel 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.*

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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

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## SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

### JESUS, MY GREAT HIGH PRIEST

1. Jesus, my great High Priest  
Offered His blood and died  
My guilty conscience seeks  
No sacrifice beside  
His powerful blood did once atone  
And now it pleads before the throne  
And now it pleads before the throne

2. To Christ, my Substitute  
Will I commit my cause  
He answers and fulfils  
His Father's broken laws  
Behold my soul at freedom set  
My Surety paid the dreadful debt  
My Surety paid the dreadful debt....

*Now I approach the throne  
And I have confidence  
Jesus, my great High Priest  
Offered His blood and died (2x)*

3. My Advocate appears  
For my defense on high  
A gracious Father hears  
And lays His thunder by  
Not all that hell or sin can say  
Shall turn His heart, His love, away  
Shall turn His heart, His love, away...

4. Should all the hosts of death  
And powers of hell unknown  
Put their most dreadful forms  
Of rage and mischief on  
I shall be safe, for Christ displays  
His conquering power  
And guardian grace  
His conquering power  
And guardian grace...

*"A merciful and faithful  
High Priest in service to  
God, and that He might  
make atonement for  
the sins of the people."  
Hebrews 2:17*

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*"You have been...a refuge  
for the needy in his distress."  
Isaiah 25:4*

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## **JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL**

1. Jesus, Lover of my soul  
Let me to Thy bosom fly  
While the nearer waters roll  
While the tempest still is high  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide  
'Til life's storm is past  
Safe into the haven guide  
Receive my soul at last

2. Other refuge have I none  
I helpless hang on Thee  
Leave, oh, leave me not alone  
Support and comfort me  
All my trust on Thee is stayed  
All help from Thee I bring  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want  
Here more than all I find  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind  
Just and holy is Thy Name  
I am all unrighteousness  
False and full of sin I am  
Thou art full of truth and grace

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found  
Grace to cover all my sin  
Let the healing streams abound  
Make and keep me pure within  
Thou of life the Fountain art  
Let me take of Thee  
Spring Thou up within my heart  
For all eternity



# 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. Elder Mike Perzanowski led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Sonya & Donald Smith, Suzie Bird, Deacon Rick McMahon, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Rob MacBride 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](http://www.wepc.org/adults)

### **Adult Sunday School: Hope and the Coming of Christ**

[www.wepc.org/adults](http://www.wepc.org/adults)

Through 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.

### **Men's Ministry**

[www.wepc.org/grow/men](http://www.wepc.org/grow/men)

**Men's Basketball** (ages 35+)  
Thursdays / 7-9 PM / Gym  
Contact: EJ Fogarty ([efogarty@gmail.com](mailto:efogarty@gmail.com))

### **Women's Ministry**

[www.wepc.org/grow/women](http://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](mailto:brice@wepc.org))

#### **Women's Retreat: Registration Open!**

Feb 25-26, 2023 / Roslyn Retreat Center

Join us for a weekend of rest and refreshment in the Gospel, while growing in community with the women of WEPC. Visit the retreat table in the Gallery TODAY to learn more!

Register now or contact Heather Oberle ([hoberle@wepc.org](mailto:hoberle@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

## YOUTH MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://www.wepc.org/grow/youth)

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9AM / FH
- **No Youth Group November 23rd**
- **No Sunday School on November 27th**

## NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/neighborhood](http://www.wepc.org/neighborhood)

### **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](mailto:evelyne@wepc.org))

### **Sewing Friends Volunteers Needed**

Wednesdays / 9:15-11:45AM / Room 23

Join us as we make simple machine-sewn projects with immigrant women and share Bible stories. Sewing experience is helpful, but not necessary. Contact: Christine Morobe ([christine@wepc.org](mailto:christine@wepc.org))

## MISSIONS

### **Prison Discipleship Ministry**

Help us in bringing the good news to those who are incarcerated. Henrico Jail West has Men's and Women's Bible Studies on Thursdays, 11 AM-12 PM & 12:30-1:30 PM, respectively. Contact: Jerry Gill ([jdjbygrace@gmail.com](mailto:jdjbygrace@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.

### **Angel Tree**

WEPC is again working with Prison Fellowship to provide gifts to children whose parents are currently incarcerated. The Angel Tree cards are now available - sign up in the Gallery. Gifts due at WEPC December 4th. Contact Steve Glissman ([steveglissman@gmail.com](mailto:steveglissman@gmail.com)) for more details.

## Reformed University Fellowship at the University of Richmond

Interested in learning more about plans for a new RUF work at UR? A group will gather to talk and pray about vision and support on Saturday January 28 (time TBD) at the home of Phil and Rachel Rohr (6806 University Drive 23229). Contact: Kevin Greene ([kevin@wepc.org](mailto:kevin@wepc.org))

## African American Church-Planter Fund (AACPF)

[www.wepc.org/aacpf](http://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

Warren Kempf, Chris Perry, Matt Mailloux, & Karl Kuder

### Library Volunteers Needed

Library volunteers are needed to help with the church library. If you are interested, please contact Margi at [library@wepc.org](mailto:library@wepc.org).

### Prayer & Support Group

Email [pray4fam@wepc.org](mailto:pray4fam@wepc.org) for prayer and support for couples struggling with infertility.

### Counseling

Lara Finnie, LPC, is facilitating a counseling group for women who struggle with their relationship with food and body image. Text Lara at 804-552-1524 or email [lara@wepc.org](mailto:lara@wepc.org).

### Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 11/13/22):

Operating gifts YTD: \$707,788.33  
Forecasted gifts YTD: \$801,883.42  
% of expected budget received: 88.27%

### Barnabas Training Basic

February 11, 2023 / 9 AM-4 PM / WEPC  
Led by the counseling staff at The Barnabas Center, the seminar equips you to better encourage friends and loved ones facing difficult times in life and faith. **Register now!** Contact: Kim Johnson ([kjohnson@barnabasrva.org](mailto:kjohnson@barnabasrva.org))

### Sandra McCracken Christmas

December 1 / 7:30PM / Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church  
Join us for an evening of Christmas music, folk songs, and some Sandra originals as we begin this Advent season. Tickets available [online](#).

## 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.

### Advent 2022 Devotional

A weekly worship devotional to guide the church in celebrating the coming of our Savior through Scripture, prayer, and song. Available TODAY online and in the church gallery.

### Neighborhood 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](mailto: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.
- **Scripture Readers Needed:** If you are interested in reading Scripture at the 4PM or 7PM Christmas Eve services, please contact Becca Wethered ([becca@wepc.org](mailto:becca@wepc.org)).

### 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](http://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              | 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: