



West End
presbyterian church

**The Second Sunday
after the Epiphany**

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is a time that helps us to remember Jesus as the long-awaited Hebrew Messiah and His mission to the nations. Epiphany has a particular focus on Jesus as the Light of the World and "God with us," and the Church's role in proclaiming that Jesus is Lord.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL

"Paul's eagerness to evangelize in Rome arose from his recognition that the gospel is an unpaid debt to the world and the saving power of God. The first gave him a sense of obligation (he had been put in trust with the good news), and the second a sense of conviction (if it had saved him, it could save others). Still today the gospel is both a debt to discharge and a power to experience." --*John Stott*

"To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things." --*Ephesians 3:8-9*

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

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam...

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2. O rushing wind that art so strong
You clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise Him! Alleluia!
O rising morn in praise rejoice
O lights of evening, find a voice...

3. All you who are of tender heart
Forgiving others, take your part
O sing ye! Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on Him
Cast your care...

4. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father
Praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One...

*"Bless the LORD, all
His works, in all places
of His dominion. Bless
the LORD, O my soul!"
Psalm 103:22*

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DECLARING THE FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

REFLECTING ON THE APOSTLES' CREED

Why do you call Him "our Lord"?

Because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—He has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be His very own.

*Heidelberg Catechism,
Q&A 34 (1563)*

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

Habakkuk 2:2-4

And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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).

*"You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you."
Psalm 86:5*

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THY MERCY, MY GOD

1. Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast

2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found

4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

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

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹²that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Sermon

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

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.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. You proclaimed the Gospel of God, but we have been slow to repent; forgive our cold hearts. You said the Kingdom was at hand, but we have been slow to trust; forgive our unbelief. You called us to follow You, but we are given to our own way; forgive our rebel lusts. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving,
even though we have rebelled against Him.
We do not make requests of You because we are righteous,
but because of Your great mercy.

Daniel 9:9, 18

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 I COME

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus, I come to Thee

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm
Out of life's storm and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus, I come to Thee

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus, I come to Thee

4. Out of the fear
And dread of the tomb
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus, I come to Thee

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

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"Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation." Isaiah 28:16

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CORNERSTONE

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name...

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all*

2. When darkness seems
To hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil...

When He shall come
With trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne...

"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise." Psalm 48:1

Carl Gustav Boberg (1885),
Stuart K. Hine (1949); Tune
O STORE GUD, Swedish folk
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HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. Oh Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed...

*Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art*

3. And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin...

4. When Christ shall come
With shouts of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim,
"My God how great Thou art!"...

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.”

A team is 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. Trey & Jen Wickham, Kristy Elliott, Rick Hepner, Pat Reynolds, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Gordon Collier led this morning’s congregational singing. Jay Smith and Deacon Tim Andrews 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: January 2023 Deconstruction

www.wepc.org/adults

Jan 15, 22, & 29 / Rm 810 / 9AM

What is driving the trend to "deconstruct" one's faith and how can we care for those who have left the church because of hypocrisy and sin? How can we build up our own faith? Contact: Joe Brown (joe@wepc.org)

Wednesday Night Fellowship: January 2023 The Believing Life

www.wepc.org/adults

Jan 11 - March 29 / Chapel / 6-7:30 PM

Believing is hard, and following Jesus changes how we live. Whether you consider yourself to be a long-time Christian or a skeptic, The Believing Life is designed to help you grow in and through the power of the Gospel.

Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

Praying Like Paul Prayer Group

Sundays / Jan 22 - Feb 19 / 9AM / Room 21

Join us as we pray for God's work in our church family, our ministries, neighborhood outreach, WEPC supported missionaries, and for God's work around the world. Contact: Mary McWhorter (marymcw1@gmail.com) or Jill Wiebe-King (wackfish@gmail.com)

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies

Join us as we continue studying the book of Ephesians. New women are welcome.

Wellspring: Tuesdays / 9:15-11:30 AM

Restore: Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM

Contact: Brice Bowman (brice@wepc.org) or visit [our website](#) to register.

Women's Retreat / Feb 25-26, 2023

Join us at Roslyn Retreat Center for a weekend of rest and refreshment in the Gospel, while growing in community with the women of WEPC. Register now or contact Heather Oberle (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)

***Will resume on 1/18**

Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM / Room 25

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9AM / Youth Lounge
- **Youth Group:** Wednesdays / Youth Lounge
6-7:30 PM--Middle School
7:30-9 PM--High School
- **Bring Your Own Lunch + Movie:**
January 29 / 12-3PM / Youth Lounge

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions/

Amelia Church Plant

Do you live in or near Amelia County, VA? Are you or someone you know interested in hearing more about a new Presbyterian Church in America church plant in Amelia County? Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

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 Rohrer (6806 University Drive 23229). Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

WRAP AROUND MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/wraparound

January 22 / 9 AM / Rm 19

Would you like to help moms in crisis (to prevent foster care) or wrap around foster families? All are welcome for our monthly meeting. Contact: Ali Fogarty (alifogarty@gmail.com)

General Information

Deacons of the Week

Taylor Miller, Wes Farkas, Matt Mailloux,
& Rick McMahon

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 1/8/2023):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,458,598.23

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,317,272.19

% of expected budget received: 110.73%

Inquirer's Weekend

www.wepc.org/inquirersweekend

January 27-29, 2023

Join us to learn about our church history, beliefs, ministries, and how to become a member at WEPC. Contact: Karen (karen@wepc.org)

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)

Night to Shine RVA

<https://nighttoshinerva.com>

February 10, 2023

Night to Shine is a way to share Jesus' love through a prom night experience for individuals with special needs. WEPC has partnered with 10+ churches to host Night to Shine RVA since 2015. Locations this year include Cool Spring Baptist and HOPE Church. Volunteers are needed to serve as buddies and more! Learn more and volunteer [here](#).

Inclement Weather Reminder

For updates on closings and delays, visit wepc.org or call the office at (804) 741-6562. You may also visit the "Community Closings" page at nbc12.com. In case of inclement weather on a Sunday morning, WEPC will meet for the 10:30 AM service.

Communion Prep Team volunteers needed

We are looking for 5 new folks to join our communion teams as they prepare trays for communion and assist during the worship services. Commitment would be 1 Sunday approximately every 12 weeks. Contact: Karen Howe (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.

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 list-free 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: