

Dear Ones,

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

Warmly,

Steve

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Seventeenth 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

Grace to You and Peace

"Grace remits sin, and peace quiets the conscience. Sin and conscience torment us, but Christ has overcome these fiends now and forever...These two terms, grace and peace, constitute Christianity." *-Martin Luther*

Call to Worship

Isaiah 26:12-13

O Lord, You will ordain peace for us,

For You have indeed done for us all our works.

O Lord our God, other lords besides You have ruled over us,

But Your name alone we bring to remembrance.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

O seed of Israel's chosen race, now ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all! Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every tongue and every tribe responsive to His call. To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all! To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with all the sacred throng, we at His feet may fall. We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

"God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name." -Philippians 2:9 Edward Perronet (1780); Tune: CORONATION, Oliver Holden (1793) Public domain

Order of Worship

Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning! If you are visiting our church for the first time, we encourage you to use our online <u>"Keeping in Touch"</u> form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.

Presentation of New Members (10:30AM)

Anna Caroline Tetterton Tucker Milton Tetterton

The Ministry of Prayer

Psalm 86:1-13. A Prayer of David.

Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am godly; save Your servant, who trusts in You—You are my God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry all the day.

Gladden the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

In the day of my trouble I call upon You, for You answer me.

There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours.

All the nations You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.

For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.

For great is Your steadfast love toward me; You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Offering

If participation in the offering is part of your weekly worship, please place your offering in one of offering plates near the rear Sanctuary doors, mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229), or visit <u>www.wepc.org/giving</u> for online giving options.

Song of Praise

All of Your Ways are Peace

All of Your ways are peace, all of Your ways are peace, Though we are pressed on ev'ry side, We trust that You are peace.

All of Your words are true, all of Your words are true, Though we have heard so many lies, We trust Your words are true.

All of Your ways are just, all of Your ways are just, Though we may say it through our tears, We trust that You are just.

All of Your ways are peace, all of Your ways are peace, All of Your ways are peace.

"He is the Rock...and all His ways are just." -Deuteronomy 32:4 Jessica Fox, Paul Zach, Latifah Alattas, Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Orlando Palmer; ©2020 Integrity Worship Music/PG Songs & Hymns/ASCAP; Used by permission. CCLI #708363

Backyard Children's Worship (10:30 AM)

Children, age 3 through 5th grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for an outdoor Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship on the WEPC playground. Pick-up at the end of the service on the playground. RSVP required weekly. <u>www.wepc.org/grow/children</u>

God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:1-2

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Each Sunday, Worship Notes with the Scripture text, study questions, and recordings are posted at www.wepc.org/worship/sermons.

God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

Confession of Sin

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we come before You, unworthy of Your grace;

We have forfeited Your love and peace.

We are restless sinners.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Too often have we chosen the fruit over the garden.

Too often have we bowed down to the golden calf.

Too often have we begged for a sign.

Too often have we declared Caesar to be Lord. Too often have we demanded to see the wounds in Your hands.

Too often have we substituted our image of you, for You. Too often have we neglected Your call to be salt and light. Too often have we reduced Christianity to a moral code. Too often have we forgotten Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Too often have we acted on sight and not on faith. Lord, have mercy upon us; Grant us Your peace.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

Colossians 1:19-20

God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Christ, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the Cross.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord. No tender voice like Thine can peace afford. I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou nearby. Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh...

> I need Thee, O I need Thee, O I need Thee every hour. I need you Lord, O bless me now. My Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain. Come quickly and abide or life is vain. I need Thee ev'ry hour, teach me Thy will, And Thy rich promises in me fulfill...

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One, O make me Thine indeed, Thou Blessed Son!...

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." -Hebrews 4:16 Annie Hawks (1872); Tune: ©1998 Kevin Twit Music (ASCAP) Used by permission. CCLI #708363

For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith, before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, Be forever blest. *Alleluia, Allelu!*

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might, Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness Drear, their One True Light. *Alleluia, Allelu!*

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, And win with them the Victor's crown of gold. *Alleluia, Allelu!*

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. *Alleluia, Allelu!*

But, lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. *Alleluia, Allelu!*

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia, Allelu-ia!*

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..." -Hebrews 12:1 William W. How (1864); Tune: ©1997 Christopher Miner Music; Used by permission. CCLI #708363

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." -Psalm 150:6 Thomas Ken (1709); Tune: "OLD 100th", Louis Bourgeois (1551)

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." -*Romans* 12:12-13

Benediction

Our Elders are available for prayer in the West Foyer following both services.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon. Elder B-J Huff led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Becca Wethered, Lori Bowman, Rick McMahon, and Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning, Stanton Coman, Chris Scoggins, and Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. Brian Zollinhofer and Luke Farkas managed the in-house video system.

Q & A with Pastor Steve Shelby

Join Steve this morning after the 10:30 AM worship service, as he responds live to some of your text inquiries related to the worship service. We welcome questions related to the sermon, as well as general responses to something that encouraged your heart during the service. We plan on the Q & A lasting approximately 10-15 minutes. Please text **804-608-9372** with your questions and encouragements.

Announcements (listed alphabetically)

Children's Ministry: Backyard Children's Worship Sundays, 10:30 AM, RSVP required weekly www.wepc.org/grow/children

ESL Ministry: Prayer Partners needed Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 PM Contact: Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org)

Estudio bíblico en español Sábado, 6:30-7:30 PM, comienza el 26 de septiembre www.wepc.org/grow/spanish-bible-study

Food Pantry needs: www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Inquirer's Weekend Oct. 23-25: Join us to learn about WEPC and church membership. www.wepc.org/inquirersweekend

Men's Ministry: 2nd Monday Mondays, 6:00-7:30 PM, beginning Oct 12 www.wepc.org/grow/men

Neighborhood Learning Adventures: Volunteers needed Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:30-11:30 AM Contact: Bryan and Emily Meeks (learningadventures@wepc.org)

Outdoor Communion Worship Service Sunday, Oct 11, 5 PM, WEPC Side Parking Lot www.wepc.org/outdoorservice

Tutoring Ministry: Volunteers needed Tutors and students meet one-on-one for one hour a week. www.wepc.org/tutoring

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM, through Nov. 11 www.wepc.org/wednesdaynightfellowship

Women's Ministry: S.O.W. (Sisters Of WEPC) Together Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM, beginning Oct 7 www.wepc.org/grow/women

Yard Groups: Enrollment is open! www.wepc.org/yard-groups

Youth Ministry Fall 2020

Community Groups, Youth Group, & Parent Gatherings www.wepc.org/grow/youth

In the event that an attender of a worship service tests positive for COVID-19, WEPC will contact the Virginia Department of Health and follow the advised protocols for notifying attenders who may have been exposed to the virus.