



Order of Worship

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 Eighteenth 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

Partnership in the Gospel

"For believers in Christ, despite enormous differences in class, temperament, culture, race, sensibility, and personal history, there is an underlying commonality that is more powerful than them all... We have all had our identity changed at the root, so now God's calling and love are more foundational to who we are than any other thing. And we also long for the same future, journey to the same horizon, to what the Bible calls the 'new creation'... Any two Christians, with nothing else but a common faith in Christ, can have a robust friendship, helping each other on their journey toward the new creation, as well as doing ministry together in the world." -Tim Keller

Call to Worship

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,

**Who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation, who says to Zion,
"Your God reigns."**

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;

For eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem,

**For the LORD has comforted His people;
He has redeemed Jerusalem.**

The LORD has bared His holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,

**And all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.**

Invocation

Song of Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for all we adore Him.

"You will delight yourself in the Almighty." -Job 22:26
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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 "[Keeping in Touch](#)" form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.

The Ministry of Prayer

Psalms 133. A Song of Ascents. Of David.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,**

On the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

**It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!**

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

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 www.wepc.org/giving for online giving options.

Song of Praise

His Love is My Resting Place (Psalm 23)

The Lord is my guide and friend;
I rest well when I'm with him.
No hunger or thirst or anxious need
When my Lord is here with me.

*His love is my resting place;
My Shepherd is kind, and full of grace.
The arms of my Lord are strong and safe;
His love is my resting place.*

The shadow of death may fall,
With darkness upon my way.
But always my Lord is near to me,
His love is my resting place.

Your goodness will be my feast;
Your kindness will overflow,
And always your love will follow me,
And your house will be my home.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." -Psalm 23:1
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Children's Message (10:30AM)

Emily Meeks, Director of Children's Ministry

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. www.wepc.org/grow/children

God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:3-5

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

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

I John 1:8-9

**If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.**

**If we confess our sins,
He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

I Timothy 1:15; I Peter 2:24

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the Cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Christ is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered;
I was made to walk with Him,
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings.

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer,
Though I fall, His love is sure,
For Christ has paid for every failing,
I am His forevermore.*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
Darkness not yet understood,
Through the valley I must travel,
Where I see no earthly good.

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven,
And the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted;
Christ completes His work in me.*

Mine are days here as a stranger,
Pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter,
Harm and hatred for His name.

*But mine is armor for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war,
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore.*

*And mine are keys to Zion city,
Where beside the King I walk,
For there my heart has found its Treasure.
Christ is mine forevermore, Christ is mine forevermore,
Christ is mine forevermore.*

"Your life is hidden with Christ in God..." -Colossians 3:3
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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found;
 He is my light, my strength, my song.
 This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,
 My Comforter, my All in All,
 Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
 Fullness of God in helpless babe.
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 Scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Till on that cross as Jesus died,
 The wrath of God was satisfied,
 For every sin on Him was laid;
 Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
 Light of the world by darkness slain.
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
 Up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory,
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 For I am His and He is mine,
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 This is the power of Christ in me.
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man
 Can ever pluck me from His hand.
 Till He returns or calls me home,
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

"I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." -Philippians 3:8
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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
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"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. ***Pastor Kevin Greene*** led worship. ***Worship Arts Coordinator Becca Wethered, Mark Crutcher, Robin Huff, Karl Kuder, and Harrison Weippert*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Elder Rick McWhorter, Elder Gordon Kuhfuss, and Chris Malak*** managed today's audio and video live stream. ***Clara Bender*** 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 \(heatheresl@wepc.org\)](mailto: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 \(learningadventures@wepc.org\)](mailto: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 attendee of a worship service tests positive for COVID-19, WEPC will contact the Virginia Department of Health and follow the advised protocols for notifying attendees who may have been exposed to the virus.