



Order of Worship

Dear Ones,

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:30-31).

Warmly,

Steve

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Twenty-third 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

Whether by Life or by Death

"Christian joy is a basic and constant orientation of the Christian life, the fruit and evidence of a relationship with the Lord. It comes from what the Lord has done in the past, from what He is doing now, and from the hope of what He will do in the future."

-Markus Bockmuehl

Call to Worship

Romans 14:8, Heidelberg Catechism 1 (1563)

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Silence

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong--body and soul, in life and in death--to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

A Mighty Fortress is our God

A mighty Fortress is Our God, a Bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
The Lord of Hosts His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure,
One little Word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still,
His Kingdom is forever.

"The God of Jacob is our fortress." -Psalm 46:7

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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 "[Keep in Touch](#)" form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.

The Ministry of Prayer

Psalm 16. A Mikram of David.

Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.
I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from You."

**As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.**

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

**The LORD is my chosen Portion and my Cup;
You hold my lot.**

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

**I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.**

I have set the LORD always before me;
because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.**

For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

**You make known to me the path of life;
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures 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

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

Come, Holy Spirit, come, with energy divine,
And on this poor, benighted soul with beams of mercy shine.

Melt, melt this frozen heart; this stubborn will subdue;
Each evil passion overcome, and form me all anew.

Mine will the profit be, but Thine shall be the praise;
And unto Thee will I devote the remnant of my days.

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"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness." -Acts 4:31

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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. (In case of inclement weather, Children's Worship will meet in the WEPC Chapel.) www.wepc.org/grow/children

God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:19-20

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

Sermon

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

God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

I 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

Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, You humbled Yourself and made Yourself nothing. You died that we might live. We confess how unlike You we are. We strive to preserve ourselves, and are slow to pick up our cross to follow You. We are slow to trust that we are dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ. We have loved our own lives, and so failed to love God and our neighbor. Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Work in us by the power of your Spirit to change us into the likeness of Jesus Christ and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Rejoice and exult with all your heart... The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

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.

There will be four tables on the floor at the front of the sanctuary. Please come forward as you are ready to participate in the Lord's Supper individually, with a friend, or as a family. Feel free to take additional elements to bring back to your seats to serve others in your family or group. After all are served and have returned to their seats, we will take the bread and the cup together as a congregation. We recognize that some in the congregation may wish to abstain from partaking of the Lord's Supper for health reasons.

Wine and gluten free bread are in the double-cups. Grape juice and a wheat flour wafer are in the pre-packaged cups.

The elements of communion are prepared by healthy, trained members of WEPC taking the utmost care to be sanitized, gloved, and masked.

The Elders and/or Deacons presiding over the Supper are gloved and masked, standing at a safe distance from each communion table. Know that they are praying for you as the congregation participates in the sacrament.

If you need special assistance and are not able to come forward for Communion, please raise your hand and an Elder will come to serve you the elements. If you are unable to attend a worship service and desire Elders to come to your home to administer the Lord's Supper, please let the church office know.

If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please contact the church office.

First Communion (9:00 AM)

AnnaCaroline & Tucker Tetterton

AnnaCaroline & Tucker recently met with the Elders, who heard their testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Tetterton family to receive communion first.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Here, O My Lord

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen.
Here grasp with firmer hand, eternal grace;
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

I have no help but Thine; nor do I need,
No other Arm, save Thine to lean upon;
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing Blood.
Here is my Robe, Thy Gift, my Refuge, Peace,
Thy Blood, Thy Righteousness, O Lord, my God;
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"Is it not a participation in Christ?" -I Corinthians 10:16
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Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder;
Let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder;
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood; (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by His grace and taught us;
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood; (3x)
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation,
Threatens hard to bear us down.
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He Who washed us with His blood (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He Who washed us with His blood (3x)
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; (3x)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

*"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood...
to Him be glory and power for ever and ever!" -Revelation 1:5-6*
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Doxology

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. **Director of Neighborhood Outreach Changjwok Deng** led worship. **Pastor Kevin Greene, Worship Arts Coordinator Becca Wethered, Lori Bowman, Rick McMahon, and Jason Weippert** led this morning's congregational singing. **Ross Bruning, Stanton Coman, Scott Hoyer, and Chris Malak** 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)

2nd Monday Men's Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/men
Nov. 9, 6:30-8:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, *RSVP Required*

Backyard Children's Worship www.wepc.org/grow/children
Sundays, 10:30 AM; Rain location: WEPC Chapel

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 15, 12 PM, Sanctuary
Presentation of WEPC's budget & voting on Terms of Call for Pastors

Food Pantry needs: www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Monthly Communion www.wepc.org/communion
2nd Sunday/month, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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

WEPC Community Preschool www.wepc.org/preschool
Interested in being a substitute teacher? Contact: [Casey Zollinhofer](mailto:Casey.Zollinhofer@wepc.org)

Wrap Around Foster Care www.wepc.org/fostercare
Learn more about the WEPC foster care team that is forming.

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

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.