



# 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-fifth 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**

*Worthy of the Gospel*

"Contemplation of the glory of Christ will restore and compose the mind, ...lift the hearts of believers above all the troubles of this life, and is the sovereign antidote that will expel all the poison that is in them; which otherwise might perplex and enslave their souls."

-John Owen

"Believers are prepared and, as it were, polished under God's anvil...to renounce the world and to aim at God's heavenly Kingdom." -John Calvin

"The church exists today as resident aliens...a colony of heaven."  
-Stanley Hauerwas

### **Call to Worship**

*1 Peter 2:4-6*

As you come to Him, a Living Stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

**You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

For it stands in Scripture:

**"Behold, I am laying in Zion a Stone, a Cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame."**

### **Invocation**

## **Song of Adoration**

### **Father Long Before Creation**

Father, long before creation, Thou hadst chosen us in love.  
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us, firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same.  
His compassion and His covenant through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children, must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day.  
Mercy free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us, that His only Son He gave.

Loving Father, now before Thee, we will ever praise Thy love.  
And our songs will sound unceasing, 'til we reach our home above.  
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.

*"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." -Psalm 90:2*

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## **Welcome**

### **Presentation of New Members (10:30 AM)**

Timothy & Joyce Graff  
Timothy A. Graff  
Alba Merino-Morales  
Giovanni Mendoza

### **The Ministry of Prayer**

*Psalm 119:81-88*

My soul longs for Your salvation;  
I hope in Your word.

**My eyes long for Your promise;  
I ask, "When will You comfort me?"**

For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,  
yet I have not forgotten Your statutes.

**How long must Your servant endure?  
When will You judge those who persecute me?**

The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;  
they do not live according to Your law.

**All Your commandments are sure;  
they persecute me with falsehood; help me!**

They have almost made an end of me on earth,  
but I have not forsaken Your precepts.

**In Your steadfast love give me life,  
that I may keep the testimonies of Your mouth.**

## **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.wepec.org/giving](http://www.wepec.org/giving) for online giving options.*

## Song of Praise

### Let Us Be Known

*Por la gloria del Padre, por la gloria del Jesús,  
Por la gloria del Espíritu, que alegría sea nuestra motor.*

Qué alegría sea nuestra motor;  
En cada lugar y corazón canta el Señor.  
Qué de nuestras vidas abundar en esperanza;  
Qué alegría sea nuestra motor.

*Por la gloria del Padre, Por la gloria del Jesús,  
Por la gloria del Espíritu, que alegría sea nuestra motor.*

Let us be known by our love;  
Let every word and every deed honor the Son.  
Let our light shine, in every eye;  
Let us be known by our love.

*For the glory of the Father, for the glory of the Son,  
For the glory of the Spirit, let us be known by our love.*

*"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." -1 John 4:7*

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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](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)*

## God the Son Renews Us through His Word

### Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:27-28

<sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

### Sermon

Each Sunday, Worship Notes with the Scripture text, study questions, and recordings are posted at [www.wepc.org/sermons](http://www.wepc.org/sermons).

## God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

### Confession of Sin

from the Book of Common Worship

**Righteous God, You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess we have not bowed before Him, and we are slow to acknowledge His rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by Your justice and love. In Your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Him as ruler of all, that we may be His loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Silent Confession of Sin*

## Words of Encouragement

*1 Peter 2:9-10*

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## Songs of Response to God's Grace

### Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit,  
Holy Communion, Three in One;

Come with Your peace, with Your invitation,  
Bind us together in holy love.

*"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you." -John 14:26*

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### By Thy Mercy

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from Heav'n Thy gracious ear.  
While our waiting souls adore Thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear...

*By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

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From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within...

When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace...

In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,  
May our souls, on Thee relying, find Thee still our Rock and Stay...

*"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." -Hebrews 4:16*

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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*  
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. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Elder Kevin Shaffer, Worship Arts Coordinator Becca Wethered, Mark & Rebecca Crutcher, Jamison Taggart, and Luke Smith led this morning's congregational singing. Jay Smith, Rob MacBride, and Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. Clara Bender managed the in-house video system.*

**Announcements** (listed alphabetically)

**Advent & Christmas at WEPC** [www.wepc.org/adventchristmas](http://www.wepc.org/adventchristmas)  
Upcoming Advent Reflections, Family Advent Tree, & Christmas Eve

**Children's Ministry** [www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)  
Backyard Children's Worship & upcoming Christmas activities

**Food Pantry needs:** [www.wepc.org/foodpantry](http://www.wepc.org/foodpantry)

**Monthly Communion** [www.wepc.org/communion](http://www.wepc.org/communion)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday/month, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

**Tutoring Ministry: Volunteers needed** [www.wepc.org/tutoring](http://www.wepc.org/tutoring)  
Tutors and students meet one-on-one for one hour a week.

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

**Wrap Around Foster Care** [www.wepc.org/fostercare](http://www.wepc.org/fostercare)  
Interest meeting TODAY (11/22) following the late service

**Young Singles Fellowship** [www.wepc.org/youngsingles](http://www.wepc.org/youngsingles)  
Join us for our monthly luncheon on Dec. 6; RSVP required.

**Youth Ministry** [www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://www.wepc.org/grow/youth)  
Youth Group & Parent Gatherings

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.