



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Third 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

Rejoice and Look Out

"I am afraid of being seen by You, Lord,
for You loved me, and I forgot You.
I forgot You because I was thinking of myself."
-- *Sri Lankan Liturgy of Confession*

"We shall never be clothed with the righteousness of Christ except we first know assuredly that we have no righteousness of our own."
-- *John Calvin*

Call to Worship

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches,

But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me,

That I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth.

For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

Invocation

Song of Adoration

How Great Thou Art

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!*

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....

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!"...

*"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 melody. Public domain.*

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 "Keep in Touch" form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.

The Ministry of Prayer

Psalm 34:1-8.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!

**I sought the LORD, and He answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to Him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

**Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

Offering

If participation in the offering is part of your weekly worship, please place your offering in one of the 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

How Long, O Lord?

How long, O Lord, shall I complain
like one that seeks his God in vain?
Canst Thou Thy face forever hide
and I still pray and be denied?

*But I have trusted in Thy grace,
and shall again behold Thy face,
behold Thy face (2x)*

Shall I forever be forgot
as one whom thou regardest not?
Still shall my soul Thy absence mourn
and still despair of Thy return?...

How long shall my poor troubled breast
be with these anxious thoughts oppressed?
And Satan, my malicious foe
rejoice to see me sunk so low?...

*Psalm 13
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Backyard Children's Worship

TODAY during 10:30AM Service

God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:1-3

¹ Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. ² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

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

Confession of Sin

Based on Exodus 20:1-17

O LORD, our God who brought His people out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery and by Christ delivered us from sin, You have been faithful to keep all the promises of Your covenant. But we, O LORD, have been a stiff-necked people who love unfaithfulness.

We have loved other gods before You and become their servants.

We have not worshipped You in spirit and in truth, and so we have mocked Your glory in heaven.

We have used Your name in vain and profaned Your reputation on earth.

We have desecrated Your Sabbath because we have not trusted You to give us rest.

We have not honored our fathers and mothers, and so we have proved ourselves rebels.

We have hated our neighbors and murdered them in our hearts.

We have made adulterers of ourselves in the lust of our eyes or in the deeds of our flesh.

We have stolen honor and wealth and privileges that are not ours.

We have lied and falsely accused for we love gossip more than truth.

We have coveted blessings You wisely and righteously gave to others.

O LORD, have mercy on us for we have not kept Your law.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

1 Timothy 1:15a

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus...

Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus

You can have all this world

But give me Jesus

And when I am alone
And when I am alone
When I am alone
Give me Jesus...

And when I come to die
And when I come to die
When I come to die
Give me Jesus...

*"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23
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Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus...

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus...

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus...

*"The blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin." I John 1:17
Robert Lowry (1876); Tune: PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowry (1876). Public Domain.*

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. ***Elder Changjwok Deng*** led worship. ***Pastor Kevin Greene, Lori Bowman, Deacon Rick McMahon, Deacon Karl Kuder, and Jake Bruning*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Ross Bruning, Jonathan Greenhill, Deacon Tim Andrews, and Aaron Suttan*** managed today's audio and video live stream. ***Brian Zollinhofer*** managed the in-house video system.

Q & A with Pastor Steve

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, the sermon, or general encouragement. We plan on the Q & A lasting approximately 15 minutes. Please text **804-608-9372** with your questions and encouragements.

End-of-Year Contribution Statements

WEPC 2020 Giving Statements were emailed on January 15. Please check your email to confirm receipt of this document. If you did not receive one, or if you have questions about your statement, please contact AmyCaroline Wilks.

Announcements (listed alphabetically)

Adult Ministry: A Season for Everything www.wepc.org/book-panel-study

Ecclesiastes Livestreamed Panel Discussion and Bible Study
Wednesdays through March 3, 7:30-8PM, WEPC website

Children's Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/children
Backyard Children's Worship resumes TODAY during the 10:30 AM service.

Food Pantry needs www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Simple English Christian Service www.wepc.org/simpleenglish
2nd Sunday of the month, 12 PM, Chapel

Spanish Bible Study www.wepc.org/grow/spanish-bible-study
Saturdays, 7-8 PM, Chapel

Tutoring Ministry volunteers needed www.wepc.org/tutoring
One-on-one tutoring help with virtual learning

Wednesday Night Fellowship
www.wepc.org/wednesdaynightfellowship
TRUE: A study of the New Testament letter to Titus
Wednesdays through March 3, 6PM, Chapel ***RSVP Required***

WEPC Community Preschool www.wepc.org/preschool

Women's Ministry: SOW Together www.wepc.org/grow/women
Winter 2021: Book of Ruth Study continues (study & panel discussion recordings)

Wrap Around Ministry www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry
Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth
Youth Group meets on Sundays at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.