



# Order of Worship

## God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

### The Fourth 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

*That I May Gain Christ*

"In his letter to the Philippians Paul writes about his own identity culturally. He calls it 'the flesh'... Each one of us needs to substitute whatever our own cultural history, cultural identity, cultural heritage, racial identity—whatever we like to put in there—in place of Paul's words right there. We need to be prepared to say with the apostle Paul, 'I am white, I am English, I am Reformed, I am Presbyterian'—or whatever it may be for you—and say, 'I consider this manure.' Those are Paul's words. It is not just rubbish, I consider this dung in comparison to knowing Jesus Christ."

--Jerram Barrs

"Pharisees only repent of their sins, but Christians repent for the very roots of their righteousness, too... the antidote to being bad is not just being good... If you follow through, it will change everything—how you relate to God, self, others, the world, your work, your sins, your virtue."

--Tim Keller

### Call to Worship

*Matthew 16:24-26*

Jesus told his disciples,

**"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.**

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

**For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"**

### Invocation

## Song of Adoration

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be...

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside...

*"Great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:23  
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## 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 97*

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!

**Clouds and thick darkness are all around Him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.**

Fire goes before Him  
and burns up His adversaries all around.

**His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens proclaim His righteousness,  
and all the peoples see His glory.**

All worshipers of images are put to shame,  
who make their boast in worthless idols;  
worship Him, all you gods!

**Zion hears and is glad,  
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,  
because of Your judgments, O LORD.**

For You, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;  
You are exalted far above all gods.

**O you who love the LORD, hate evil!  
He preserves the lives of His saints;  
He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light is sown for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to His holy name!**

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

### Song of Praise

#### **O God, Show Mercy to Us (Psalm 67C)**

O God, show mercy to us  
And bless us with Your grace  
And cause to shine upon us  
The brightness of Your face  
So that the whole world over  
May truly know Your way  
And so that Your salvation  
All nations see displayed

O God, let peoples praise You  
Let all the peoples praise  
Let nations come rejoicing  
And songs of gladness raise

For You will judge the peoples  
With perfect equity  
To nations of the whole earth  
A governor You'll be  
O God, let peoples praise You  
Let all the peoples praise  
The earth has brought its bounty  
Throughout its harvest days

Since God, our God, will bless us  
Yes, God will blessing send  
That all the earth may fear Him  
To its remotest end

*"God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen." Acts 28:28  
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Psalms for Worship © 2009, Crown & Covenant Publications. Used by permission.*

### Backyard Children's Worship (10:30 AM)

*Children, age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3:4-8*

<sup>4</sup> though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

### 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

*Adapted from "The Valley of Vision"*

**Our Father, enlarge our hearts, warm our affections, open our lips to proclaim the glory of the Cross of Jesus Christ. There grace removes our burdens and heaps them on Your Son, made a transgressor, a curse, and sin for us; There the sword of Your justice struck the God-man; There Your infinite attributes were magnified, and infinite atonement was made; There infinite punishment was due, and infinite punishment was endured.**

**Christ was all anguish that we might be all joy, cast off that we might be brought in, trodden down as an enemy that we might be welcomed as a friend, surrendered to hell's worst that we might attain heaven's best, stripped that we might be clothed, wounded that we might be healed, thirsty that we might drink, tormented that we might be comforted, made a shame that we might inherit glory.**

**Our Savior wept that all tears might be wiped from our eyes, groaned that that we might have endless song, endured all pain that we might have unfading health, bore thorns that we might have a crown of glory. Bowed His head that we might uplift ours, experienced reproach that we might receive welcome, closed His eyes in death that we might gaze on unclouded brightness, expired that we might forever live.**

**O Father, You did not spare Your only Son that You might spare us. Go forth, O conquering God, and show us the Cross, mighty to subdue, comfort, and save.**

*Silence*

### Words of Encouragement

*Galatians 6:14-15*

Far be it from me to boast except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

## Songs of Response to God's Grace

### All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night  
 Yet thought I knew the way  
 The sin that promised joy and life  
 Had led me to the grave  
 I had no hope that You would own  
 A rebel to Your will  
 And if You had not loved me first  
 I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
 Indifferent to the cost  
 You looked upon my helpless state  
 And led me to the cross  
 And I beheld God's love displayed  
 You suffered in my place  
 You bore the wrath reserved for me  
 Now all I know is grace...

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ  
 Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Now Lord I would be Yours alone  
 And live so all might see  
 The strength to follow Your commands  
 Could never come from me  
 O Father, use my ransomed life  
 In any way You choose  
 And let my song forever be  
 My only boast is You...

*"The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot." Psalm 16:5  
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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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### 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); Public Domain*

"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 Director Becca Wethered, Pastor Kevin Greene, Robin Huff, Rick Hepner, Deacon Karl Kuder, and Luke Smith*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Jay Smith, Rob MacBride, and Chris May*** managed today's audio and video live stream. ***Luke Farkas*** 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. [acwilks@wepc.org](mailto:acwilks@wepc.org)

## **Announcements (listed alphabetically)**

### **Adult Ministry: A Season for Everything**

[www.wepc.org/book-panel-study](http://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](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)

Backyard Children's Worship meets during the 10:30 AM service.

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

### **Pointing Kids to the Gospel During a Pandemic**

[www.wepc.org/pointingtogospel](http://www.wepc.org/pointingtogospel)

Panel Discussion about the issues facing parents, children, & youth during quarantine Feb. 4 or Feb. 7, 7PM

### **Simple English Christian Service** [www.wepc.org/simpleenglish](http://www.wepc.org/simpleenglish)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 12 PM, Chapel

### **Spanish Bible Study** [www.wepc.org/grow/spanish-bible-study](http://www.wepc.org/grow/spanish-bible-study)

Saturdays, 7-8 PM, Chapel

### **Tutoring Interest and Training Meeting** [www.wepc.org/tutoring](http://www.wepc.org/tutoring)

Sunday, February 21, 9AM, Fellowship Hall **\*RSVP Required\***

### **Wednesday Night Fellowship**

[www.wepc.org/wednesdaynightfellowship](http://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](http://www.wepc.org/preschool)

### **WEPC Youth Pastor Search** [www.wepc.org/wepcemployment](http://www.wepc.org/wepcemployment)

To apply, please send cover letter, resume, and application (visit link above) by Friday February 26, 2021.

### **Women's Ministry: SOW Together** [www.wepc.org/grow/women](http://www.wepc.org/grow/women)

Winter 2021: Book of Ruth Study continues

### **Wrap Around Ministry**

[www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry](http://www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry)

### **Youth Ministry** [www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://www.wepc.org/grow/youth)

Youth Group meets this Sunday at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.