



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The First Sunday in Lent

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to ask God to help us confront our own mortality and sinfulness, to ask Him to show us our need for grace, to grow in repentance, and to reflect on the amazing truth of the Church's participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The season of Lent—the period between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday before Easter—lasts 40 days (not including Sundays), reminiscent of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness.

Preparation for Worship for the First Sunday in Lent

My Own, His Own

"You have said, 'Seek my face.' My heart says to You, 'Your face, LORD, do I seek'."

—*Psalm 27:8*

"I do not run aimlessly."

—*I Corinthians 9:26*

"To see the Law by Christ fulfilled,
To hear His pardoning voice,
Changes a slave into a child
And duty into choice."

—*William Cowper*

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:1-3

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith,

Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

Rejoice The Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King
Your Lord and King adore
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore
And triumph evermore...

Lift up your heart

Lift up your voice

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice

His Kingdom cannot fail
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n
Are to our Jesus giv'n...

Rejoice in glorious hope
Our Lord, the King will come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home
To their eternal home...

*"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice." Philippians 4:4
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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.

Presentation of New Members (10:30 AM)

Joseph Ramus
Christine Morobe

The Ministry of Prayer

Psalm 18:1-3, 6, 27-30

I love you, O LORD, my Strength.

**The LORD is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer,
my God, my Rock, in whom I take refuge,
my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my Stronghold.**

I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

**In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.**

From His temple He heard my voice,
and my cry to Him reached His ears.

**For You save a humble people,
but the haughty eyes You bring down.**

For it is You who light my lamp;
the LORD my God lightens my darkness.

**For by You I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.**

This God—His way is perfect;
the Word of the LORD proves true;
He is a Shield for all those who take 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

Those Who Trust

Those who trust in the Lord
Are a strong mountain
They will not...not be moved...

*Though the world fades away
You, O Lord, are faithful
Jesus, You...You will not...
Not be changed*

Those who trust in the Lord
Are as Mount Zion
They will not...not be moved...

Christ the King sets my feet
On a firm foundation
He will not...not be moved...

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."
Proverbs 3:5
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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 3:12-15

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

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

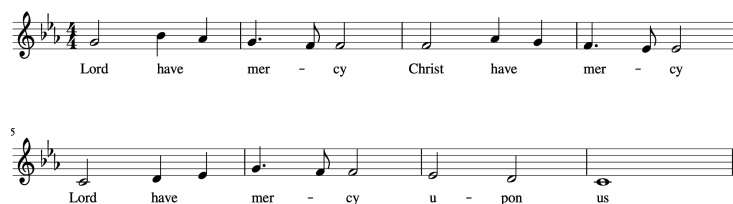
Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Holy Father, We confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have resisted being led by You. We have followed the spirit of our age into self-reliance, self-worship, and autonomy. We have acted as if the Cross has no power. We have lived as if You did not dwell in us by Your Holy Spirit convicting, encouraging, and helping us. Forgive us, and grant that we might walk in the Spirit and not in our self-directed paths. Amen.

Silence

Lord Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy upon us



*"Have mercy on me God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions." Psalm 51:1
Becca Wethered, Lent 2021.*

Words of Encouragement

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Jesus I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night
Jesus, I come, Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss
 Jesus I come, Jesus I come
 Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
 Jesus, I come to Thee
 Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm
 Out of life's storm and into Thy calm
 Out of distress into jubilant psalm
 Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride
 Jesus I come, Jesus I come
 Into Thy blessed will to abide
 Jesus, I come to Thee
 Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
 Out of despair into raptures above
 Upward forever on wings like a dove
 Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
 Jesus I come, Jesus I come
 Into the joy and light of Thy home
 Jesus, I come to Thee
 Out of the depths of ruin untold
 Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
 Ever Thy glorious face to behold
 Jesus, I come to Thee

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
 Matthew 11:28*

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Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands
 Who has numbered every grain of sand
 Kings and nations tremble at His voice
 All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord
 Who can question any of His words
 Who can teach the one who knows all things
 Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds...

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
 Come let us adore Him
 Behold our King, nothing can compare
 Come let us adore Him*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
 Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
 God eternal, humbled to the grave
 Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign...

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth!)
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 You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill)

*"Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was
 set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right
 hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2*

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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. ***Mark Crutcher, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Randall & Tammy Ingram, Pat Reynolds, Rick Hepner, and Troy Arnold*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Jay Smith, Scott Hoye, and Chris Malak*** managed today's audio and video live stream. ***AJ Anonick*** 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.

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

Men's Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/men

March 8, 5:30-7 PM *RSVP Required*

Mid-Week Walk www.wepc.org/grow/adults

Join us for a walk on the James River trails in downtown Richmond.
 Wednesdays, beginning March 10, 9 -11 AM

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*

Women's Ministry: SOW Together www.wepc.org/grow/women

Winter 2021: Book of Ruth Study continues (study & panel discussion recordings)

Yard Groups www.wepc.org/grow/adults

Mid-March through May; looking for hosts to lead groups

Young Singles www.wepc.org/grow/adults

March 14: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer *RSVP Required*

Children's Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/children

Backyard Children's Worship: TODAY, 10:30 AM

Food Pantry needs www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Lent and Easter Happenings www.wepc.org/lenteaster

Personal Retreats:

MARCH 6 | 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM (In-Person) *RSVP Required*

MARCH 13 | 9 AM-12 PM (Virtual)

Lenten Daily Readings <https://www.wepc.org/lentenreadings>

Begins February 17

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

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

WEPC Community Preschool www.wepc.org/preschool

Enrollment is open for 2021-2022!

WEPC Youth Pastor Search www.wepc.org/wepcemployment

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

Wrap Around Ministry

www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry

Current need: child supplies, clothes, & toys (all ages) for WEPC families hosting children

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Group: TODAY, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall