



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Second Sunday of Easter

We are now in the season of Easter—a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. Followers of Christ are called to a life of dying to sin, rising to the life of the Spirit, and participating in His reign as the Sovereign Lord. The Church now lives as those who are "risen with Christ," living under His rule.

Preparation for Worship on the Second Sunday of Easter

Ponder & Practice

"For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ." --2 Corinthians 10:3-5

"If there is any really good movement in the world, help it, you Christian people. If it is not purely and absolutely religious, yet if it tends to the benefit of your fellow-men, if it promotes honesty, justice, purity, take care that you are on that side, and do all you can to help it forward." --Charles Spurgeon

Call to Worship

Isaiah 62:5, 12, 2:5

As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

**And they shall be called
The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD.**

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
Glory be to the Son
Glory be to the Spirit
Three-in-One

As it was in the beginning
And will be forever
Amen. Amen. Amen.

*"In His temple all cry, 'Glory!'" Psalm 29:9
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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 attendee 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 145:1-13. A Song of Praise. Of David.

I will extol You, my God and King,
And bless Your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall commend Your works to another,
and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,
and I will declare Your greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

**The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over
all that He has made.

**All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
and all Your saints shall bless You!**

They shall speak of the glory of Your Kingdom
and tell of Your power.

**To make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of Your Kingdom.**

Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

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.

Songs of Praise

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
 There is no more for heaven now to give
 He is my Joy, my Righteousness and Freedom
 My steadfast Love, my deep and boundless Peace
 To this I hold: my Hope is only Jesus
 For my life is wholly bound to His
 Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
 For by my side, the Savior He will stay
 I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
 For in my need His power is displayed
 To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me
 Through the deepest valley He will lead
 Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
 The future sure, the price it has been paid
 For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
 And He was raised to overthrow the grave
 To this I hold: my sin has been defeated
 Jesus now and ever is my plea
 Oh the chains are released, I can sing I am free
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
 For He has said that He will bring me home
 And day by day, I know He will renew me
 Until I stand with joy before the throne
 To this I hold: my Hope is only Jesus
 All the glory evermore to Him
 When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

*"And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6
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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 & Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:8-9

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me - practice these things, and the God of peace will be with 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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Luke 22:7-8, 14-20, 29-30

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

"And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

Confession of Sin

O Lord, no day of our lives passes that does not prove us guilty in Your sight. Our best services are filthy rags. All things in us call for our rejection. However, all things in Christ plead our acceptance. Grant us to hear Your voice assuring us that by Your stripes we are healed, that You were bruised for our iniquities, that You became sin for us, that we might be robed in Your righteousness and our names written in heaven. Grant that we might walk in newness of life as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

Titus 3:3-7

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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 are 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.

Wine and grape juice with gluten free bread are available in double cups. The wafer is found in the bottom cup. Grape juice is also available in the prepackaged cups. A wheat-flour wafer is secured inside the plastic covering.

The Elders presiding over the Supper today 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 today's 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 WEPC office.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance now and always
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

"Jesus Christ is all." – Colossians 3:7
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My Song Is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovingly be
O who am I
That for my sake My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die

He came from His blest throne, salvation to bestow
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know
O! my Friend
My Friend indeed, Who at my need
His life did spend

They rise and needs will have, my dear Lord made away
A murderer they saved, the Prince of life they slay
Yet steadfast He
To suffering goes That He His foes
From thence might free

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine
Never was love, dear King! Never was grief like Thine
This is my Friend
In Whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8
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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
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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 at the front of the Sanctuary following the 9AM service and in the West Foyer following the 10:30AM service.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon. **Pastor Kevin Greene** led worship. **Pastor Kevin Greene, Robin Huff, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Deacon Karl Kuder, and Troy Arnold** led this morning's congregational singing. **Andy Becker, Chris May, and Rob MacBride** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Deacon Brian Zollinhofer** managed the in-house video system.

The tapestry at the front of the sanctuary is the traditional liturgical color of white for this 50-day season of Easter. The tapestry will return to its many colors during the season of Pentecost. The piece is entitled "Psalm 148," and was created by a team of WEPC artists.

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

Mama Bear Apologetics Book Study

www.wepec.org/grow/adults

Sundays, through May 23, 9:00 AM, Rm. 29 ***RSVP Required***
A study written for moms looking at how we prepare our kids for the real world and help them challenge cultural lies.

Men's Ministry: Second Monday www.wepec.org/grow/men

April 12, 6-7:30 PM, Side Parking Lot ***RSVP Required***

Mercy Ministry: WEPC Deacon Assistant Training

www.wepec.org/DAtaining

SUN May 2, 12 PM (Fellowship Hall) ***RSVP Required***
Are you interested in using your gifts to serve in the church's mercy ministry? Join us for a four-week Deacon Assistant training class, Sundays in May. After completing the training, members are invited to apply to become a Deacon Assistant. For more information about the Deacon Assistant role, contact Pastor Kevin Greene, kevin@wepec.org

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

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

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

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

Yard Groups www.wepec.org/yard-groups

Enrollment now OPEN for Spring Yard Groups!

Young Singles www.wepec.org/grow/adults

April 18, May 16, & June 13: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer ***RSVP Required***

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

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

Nursery OPEN during 10:30 AM service

Ages birth-2 years old ***Registration Required***

Vacation Bible School: Lightspeed Galaxy, July 12-15

[Registration](#) now OPEN!

Church Planting

Interested in hearing more about a potential Presbyterian Church in America church plant in that area of Chesterfield County? Contact: Pastor Kevin Greene, kevin@wepec.org

Counseling Ministry www.wepec.org/counseling

Group Counseling for Young Women: Tolerating and Regulating Emotions
Led by Lara Finnie, WEPC Resident in Counseling

Food Pantry needs www.wepec.org/foodpantry

Monthly Communion www.wepec.org/monthlycommunion

Second Sunday of the month, both services

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

Good News Can't Lose Running Group

goodnewsrunning@wepec.org

Saturdays at 8 AM; all abilities and speeds welcome.

Simple English Christian Service www.wepec.org/simpleenglish

Second Sunday of the month, 12 PM, Chapel

Spanish Bible Study www.wepec.org/grow/spanish-bible-study

Saturdays, 7-8 PM, Chapel

WEPC Community Preschool www.wepec.org/preschool

Enrollment is open for 2021-2022!

WEPC Gospel & Race Panel Discussion

www.wepec.org/gospelracejustice

Thursday, April 22, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Please join is for an evening of thoughtful discussion with members of WEPC, as we consider what it means to let the Gospel inform our understanding of race in our current cultural climate. This discussion will build on the content of WEPC's Pastoral Letter, and will focus on personal stories and experience. ***RSVP Required***

Wrap Around Ministry

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

Adults needed to babysit during "Foster Parents' Day Out" events on 5/15 and 6/19. Contact wraparound@wepec.org to help.

Urgent Need for Host Families!

Looking for loving families to open their hearts and homes to an orphan from Ukraine this summer. 5 weeks of your life can change a child's life forever. Matching closes April 16th.

Please reach out to Tracy Scoggins at (804)-615-3353 or tracy.scoggins@gmail.com for more information.

You can also view the waiting children at openheartsandhomes.org

Youth Ministry www.wepec.org/grow/youth

Sign up for summer camp!