



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Sixth 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Truth & Love

"The Spirit of truth.... You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." --*John 14:17*

"Love is the grand distinctive...We set forth a most tender Father, a bleeding Savior, and a faithful Comforter." --*Charles Bridges*

"I change, He changes not, the Christ can never die; His Love, not mine, the resting-place, His Truth, not mine, the tie."
--*Horatius Bonar*

Call to Worship

Psalm 86:8-12

There is none like You among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like Yours.

**All the nations You have made
shall come and worship before You, O Lord,
and shall glorify Your name.**

For You are great and do wondrous things;
You alone are God.

**Teach me Your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in Your truth;
unite my heart to fear Your name.**

I give thanks to You, O Lord my God,
with my whole heart,
and I will glorify Your name forever.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice...

*How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God*

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead, three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb...

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

*"Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty." Psalm 104:1
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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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:18-19, 22-25

For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the Lord, and there is no other. I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I the Lord speak the truth; I declare what is right... Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."

The Ministry of Prayer

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

Just As I Am

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee, Whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many conflicts, many doubts
Fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out." John 6:37

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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

II John 1:1-3

¹ The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, ² because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

³ Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

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

Words of Institution

from Mark 14:16-25

The disciples prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And they were reclining at the table and as they were eating, He took bread. And after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it.

And He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, all Your lovingkindness is in Your Son, I bring Him to You in the arms of faith, I urge His saving name as the One who died for me, I plead His blood to pay for my debts of wrong. Accept His worthiness for my unworthiness, His sinlessness for my transgression, His purity for my uncleanness, His sincerity for my guile, His truth for my deceits, His meekness for my pride, His constancy for my backslidings, His love for my enmity, His fullness for my emptiness, His faithfulness for my treachery, His obedience for my lawlessness, His glory for my shame, His devotedness for my waywardness, His holy life for my unchaste ways, His righteousness for my dead works, His death for my life. Amen.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

I John 4:9-10

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

First Communion

Elliott Bassett (10:30 AM)

Elliott recently met with the Elders of WEPC, who heard his testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Bassett family to receive communion first.

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

Break Every Chain

There is power in the name of Jesus
 There is power in the name of Jesus
 There is power in the name of Jesus
 To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain

All sufficient sacrifice
 So freely given, such a price
 Bought our redemption, heaven's gates swing wide

*"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow." Philippians 2:10
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Amazing Love

My Lord, what love is this
 That pays so dearly
 That I, the guilty one
 May go free...

*Amazing love, O what sacrifice
 The Son of God given for me
 My debt he pays, and my death he dies
 That I might live, that I might live*

And so, they watched him die
 Despised, rejected
 But oh, the blood he shed
 Flowed for me...

And now, this love of Christ
 Shall flow like rivers
 Come wash your guilt away
 Live again...

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: 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. **Trey Wickham, Jen Wickham, Jill Wiebe-King, Pat Reynolds, Rick Hepner, Pastor Kevin Greene, and Deacon Jason Weippert** led this morning's congregational singing. **Elder Rick McWhorter, Stanton Coman, Chris Malak, and Aaron Suttan** managed today's audio and video live stream. **AJ Anonick** 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

Adult Sunday Community www.wepc.org/sundaycommunity

Sundays, beginning May 16, through the end of the summer
 10:30-11:45 AM (Side parking lot)

Join us for a time of fellowship, light breakfast food, and a discussion in response to the morning's sermon. Please bring a chair.

Inquirer's Weekend www.wepc.org/inqweekend

July 30-31

For those interested in learning more about our church and the possibility of membership in the future.

Mama Bear Apologetics Book Study

www.wepc.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.

Mature Adult Singles Fellowship www.wepc.org/MASfellowship

3rd Saturday of every month, 4-5:30 PM

Join us for fellowship, devotional prayer, and an optional dinner.

Men's Ministry: 2nd Monday

www.wepc.org/grow/men/

May 10, 6-7:30 PM

Side parking lot, bring a chair, dinner provided

No RSVP required

Mercy Ministry: WEPC Deacon Assistant Training

www.wepc.org/DAttraining

TODAY, 9AM (Chapel) ***RSVP Required***

Are you interested in using your gifts to serve in the church's mercy ministry? Contact: Pastor Kevin Greene, kevin@wepc.org

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

Wednesdays, 9 -11 AM

Young Singles www.wepc.org/grow/adults

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

Children's Ministry www.wepc.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 Chester, VA? Contact: Pastor Kevin Greene, kevin@wepc.org

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 6, following the 10:30 AM service

Join us to review the 2021-2022 budget, vote on the pastors' terms of call and re-elect deacons.

Deacon Re-Election:

Ed Bowman

Chris Perry

Food Pantry needs www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Missions www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Meet WEPC's Missionaries in Residence*

SUN May 16, 12-12:30 PM. WEPC Chapel: Come and be introduced via video to WEPC's Summer 2021 Missionaries in Residence! This brief 30 minute gathering hosted by the WEPC Mission Team will introduce you to this family & their ministry. [*RSVP Required*](#)

**When our Missionaries in Residence come to Richmond this summer, they will be in need of some items for their two young children. Visit wepc.org/outreach/missions to view the list.*

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

Good News Can't Lose Running Group

goodnewsrunning@wepc.org

Saturdays at 8 AM; all abilities and speeds welcome.

Simple English Christian Service www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

TODAY, 12 PM, Chapel

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

Saturdays, 7-8 PM, Chapel

Wrap Around Ministry

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

Wednesday, 5/26, 7 PM: [Virginia's Kids Belong](#) President Janet Kelly will hold a special talk, [via Zoom](#), on "Wrapping Around Kinship Foster Families." Email wraparound@wepc.org with questions.

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Group: TODAY@10:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Check out our [Summer 2021 Events Calendar!](#)

Head Start: Wisdom for Life – No meeting today, 5/9

(For rising and graduating high school seniors) [*RSVP to Sarah*](#)

The Landing Summer Camp: [Sign up now!](#)