



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Seventh 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Walking in the Truth

"I advise you to take a lodging as near as you can to Gethsemane, and to walk daily to Mount Golgotha, and borrow that telescope which gives a prospect into the unseen world. A view of what is passing within the veil has a marvelous effect to compose our spirits, with regard to the little things that are daily passing here... He loved you first, and He will love you forever." --*John Newton*

Call to Worship

Psalm 26. Of David.

Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

**Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.**

For Your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in Your faithfulness.

**I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.

**I wash my hands in innocence
and go around Your altar, O LORD,
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all Your wondrous deeds.**

O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.

**Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.

**My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.**

Invocation

Song of Adoration

May the Mind of Christ Our Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior
Live in me from day to day
By His love and power controlling
All I do and say

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power

May the peace of God, my Father
Rule my life in everything
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea
Him exalting, self-abasing
This is victory

May His beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win
And may they forget the channel
Seeing only Him

May we run the race before us
Strong and brave to face the foe
Looking only unto Jesus
As we onward go

*"Let this mind be in you which is also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:5
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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.

Presentation of New Members (10:30 AM)

Kate Burns
Wendy Litterst

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 1:2-7

To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth— Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

The Ministry of Prayer

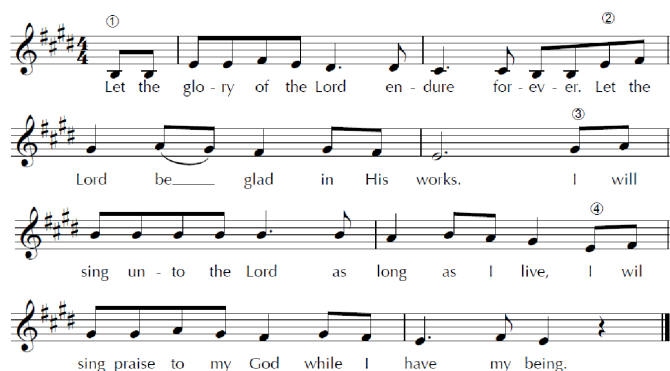
Offering

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

Let the Glory of the Lord Endure Forever

Let the glory of the Lord endure forever
Let the Lord be glad in His works
I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being



"May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works."
Psalm 104:31
Folk song.

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea
Unknown waves before me roll
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal
Chart and compass came from Thee
Savior, pilot me

Though the sea be smooth and bright
Sparkling with the stars of night
And my ship's path be ablaze
With the light of peaceful days
Still, I know my need of Thee
Savior, pilot me

As a mother stills her child
Thou canst hush the ocean wild
Boisterous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still"
Wond'rous Sovereign of the sea
Savior, pilot me

When at last I near the shore
And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest
Then when leaning on Thy breast
May I hear Thee say to me
"I will pilot thee"

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2
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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

II John 1:4

I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father.

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

adapted from the Valley of Vision

O God of grace, in my Christian walk, my best efforts are stained with sin, my confessions of wrong are often marked by selfishness. I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for You always justify the ungodly. I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and You are always bringing forth the best robe. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be married in it, stand before the great white throne in it, enter heaven in it shining as the sun. Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin; The exceeding righteousness of salvation; The exceeding glory of Christ; The exceeding beauty of holiness; The exceeding wonder of grace.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

I John 1:5-9

God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus, keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee...

*Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be*

Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter, Lord, who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee...

When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy Kingdom shore, to Thy shore...

*"We walk by faith, not by sight." II Corinthians 5:7
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All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me
Who have I to ask beside
How could I doubt His tender mercy
Who through life has been my Guide

All the way my Savior leads me
Cheers each winding path I tread
Gives me grace for every trial
Feeds me with the living Bread...

*You lead me and keep me from falling
You carry me close to Your heart
And surely Your goodness and mercy
Will follow me*

All the way my Savior leads me
O, the fullness of His love
O, the sureness of His promise
In the triumph of His blood...

And when my spirit clothed immortal
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages
Jesus led me all the way
Jesus led me all the way...

*"For the sake of Your name, lead me and guide me." Psalm 31:3
Fanny Crosby (1875); Tune: Arr. Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman (2008), Sixsteps
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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 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. ***Elder B-J Huff*** led worship. ***Pastor Kevin Greene, Lori Bowman, Sonya & Donald Smith, Deacon Rick McMahon, Hill Shore, and Deacon Jason Weippert*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Ross Bruning, 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

Adult Sunday Community www.wepc.org/sundaycommunity

TODAY, Sundays 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-August 1

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

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.

Mercy Ministry: WEPC Deacon Assistant Training

www.wepc.org/DATraining

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

TODAY: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer *[RSVP Required](#)*
(following 2nd service)

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:

Ben Bacon

Ed Bowman

Chris Perry

Food Pantry needs www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Missions www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Meet WEPC's Missionaries in Residence*

TODAY, 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.

**When our Missionaries in Residence come to Richmond this summer, they will be in need of some items for their two young children. Visit www.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

Second Sunday of every month, 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)

Pizza & Movie Night: May 21, 6 PM (WEPC Gallery).

[*RSVP Required*](#)

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

Head Start: Wisdom for Life

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

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