



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

Pentecost

Today we reflect on the day on which, fifty days after Christ's resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was an established Jewish festival also known as the Feast of Weeks, which drew people from many nations back to Jerusalem (Lev 23:15-21; Deut 16:16). Pentecost is a new beginning. It recognizes the empowering of the Church to reach the world with the Gospel. In celebrating Pentecost, the Church expresses its gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling His promise to send "another counselor" (John 14:16); celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit's power for mission; and grows in awareness of the immensity of its calling to reach the world with the Gospel.

Preparation for Worship on Pentecost

This Is Love

"A mere external obedience, a decent formal recognition of the laws of God, is not obedience in God's sight. He abhors the sacrifice where the heart is not found. I must obey because I love, or else I have not in spirit and in truth obeyed at all. See then, that to produce the indispensable fruits of saving faith, there must be love for God; for without it, they would be unreal and indeed impossible." --*Charles Spurgeon*

"We must look moment by moment to the work of Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit. Spirituality begins to have real meaning in our moment-to-moment lives as we begin to exhibit simultaneously the holiness of God and the love of God." --*Francis Shaefter*

Call to Worship

John 14:16-17

I will ask the Father and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Song of Adoration

Lord Sanctify Your Church (Prayer of St. Augustine)

Breathe in me, Holy Spirit
That my thoughts may be holy
Act in me, Holy Spirit
That my work may be holy

Draw my heart, Holy Spirit
That I love what is holy
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit
To defend what is holy

Guard me
Guard me
Guard me now, Holy Spirit
That I may be holy
Amen

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13
A Prayer of Augustine of Hippo, 4th century. Trinity Worship Project.
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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

Leviticus 19:17-18

You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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

Streams of Living Water Flow

See from Zion's sacred mountain
Streams of living water flow
God has opened there a fountain
That supplies the plains below...

*They are blessed, they are blessed
Who its sovereign virtues know*

Through ten thousand channels flowing
Streams of mercy find their way
Life and health and joy bestowing
Making all around unstained...

*O believer, O believer
All your sins are washed away*

Gladdened by the flowing treasure
All enriching as it goes
Lo, the desert smiles with pleasure
Buds and blossoms as the rose...

*Every sinner, every sinner
Sings for joy where'er it flows*

Trees of life the banks adorning
Yield their fruit to all around
Those who eat are saved from mourning
Pleasure comes and hopes abound...

*Fair their portion, fair their portion
Endless life with glory crowned*

*"Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. For the Lamb...will lead them to springs of living water." Revelation 7:16-18
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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 1:5-11

⁵ And now I ask you, dear lady - not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning - that we love one another.⁶ And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. ⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. ⁹ Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, ¹¹ for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

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

Father in heaven, we confess that in our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have sinned and grieved Your Holy Spirit, who dwells within us. Rather than be led by You, we have followed the spirit of our age into self-reliance and self-worship. You created us for fellowship with Yourself and one another; but we rebelled, and made enemies of our Maker and each other. We have acted as if the Cross of Christ had no power to reconcile us to God. We have lived as if there was no Spirit of God convicting, sanctifying, encouraging, and helping us. Forgive us, good Lord. And give us grace that we might eagerly forsake our self-directed paths and keep in step with Your Spirit. Amen.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

Romans 8:1-2, 11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death...If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Father, Long Before Creation

Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love
And that love so deep, so moving
Draws us close to Christ above
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone

Though the world may change its fashion
Yet our God is e'er the same
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name

God's compassion is my story
Is my boasting all the day
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave

Loving Father, now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love
And our songs will sound unceasing
Til we reach our home above
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb

*"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." Psalm 90:2
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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (The Wondrous Cross)

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown...

*O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die
And find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here
By grace draw near and bless Your name*

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all...

*"But 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." Galatians 6:14
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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. **Elder Kevin Shaffer, Audrey Snyder, Jamison Taggart, Jill Wiebe-King, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Jake Bruning** led this morning's congregational singing. **Jay Smith, Elder Tim Sinclair, and Sean & Jesse Winterhalter** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Clara Bender** managed the in-house video system.

The tapestry at the front of the sanctuary has been returned 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

Adult Ministry

Adult Sunday Community www.wepc.org/sundaycommunity

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/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

June 13: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer – more details coming soon (following 2nd service)

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

Backyard Children's Worship: 10:30 AM

Nursery OPEN during 10:30 AM service

Ages birth-2 years old * [Registration Required*](#)
Sign up to volunteer with nursery [here](#)

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

SAVE THE DATES!

Cross-Cultural Film Festival

WED, Jun 30 / 7-8:30 PM / Fellowship Hall

Growing in Cross-Cultural Friendships

SUN, July 18 / 12-1 PM / Fellowship Hall

Help Needed for WEPC-supported Missionaries

Church-supported missionaries are coming to Richmond for a home assignment and are in need of supplies for their children.

Please drop donations in the WEPC Office. Questions: [AmyCaroline Wilks](mailto:AmyCaroline.Wilks)

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

Good News Can't Lose Running Group

goodnewsrunning@wepc.org

Running group will **take a break** until school is out. Look for updates on a time and day to run weekly this summer.

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: 10:30 AM (Fellowship Hall) – **come and meet our Youth Ministry Director Candidate and play WEPC's version of Family Feud!**

Celebration Sunday

SUN, June 6, 10:30 AM / Side Parking Lot / Bring your own chair

[*Please RSVP*](#)

Join us as we honor our high school graduates and welcome rising 6th grade students and their families into the WEPC Youth Ministry. Open to everyone in the WEPC Church community!

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

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

General Information

Communion Volunteers: In anticipation of weekly communion in the near future, our communion preparation teams are re-forming. Volunteers will be needed and training will be provided. Please email Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org) to volunteer or to seek additional information.

Sabbatical Leave Update

Over the winter, the Session approved changes to our Sabbatical Leave policy for our pastors. The general goals of the revised policy are to enhance the personal ministry of our pastors and to further the long-term ministry objectives of the church. Plans for a staff member going on Sabbatical Leave are developed and approved through the Session and could include goals for spiritual renewal, physical rest and restoration, and professional growth. Full-time pastoral staff are now eligible and encouraged to take a Sabbatical Leave during their seventh year of service at WEPC and then approximately every fifth year thereafter. The sabbatical may between six and sixteen weeks, as approved by the Session.

As announced this past Sunday during worship, Kevin Greene (and his wife, Kim) will be taking a Sabbatical Leave over the summer and will be away from the church from the beginning of June through the end of August. We are excited to witness how this new change of church policy will not only positively impact the Greenses, but also our church body and the pastoral staff in the years to come.

Other staff members will be covering Kevin's routine responsibilities during this time. He will be following a plan, focused on personal renewal, approved by the Session. We look forward to what God is going to do in and through his time away this summer!

To learn what the Bible says about rest and sabbaticals, see Genesis 2, Exodus 20, Leviticus 25, or Luke 5. For questions, contact [Brian Bassett](#) or [Rick McWhorter](#).