

Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Ordinary Time

We are now in the season after Pentecost, known as "Ordinary Time." Having celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost, Ordinary Time signals the interim of the Church until Christ comes again in glory. Jesus is faithfully advancing His Kingdom in the power of His Spirit in this season. We anticipate the consummation of all things when Christ comes in His glory as King of all.

Preparation for Worship

A Faithful Thing You Do

"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling." --I Peter 4:8-9

"When we practice hospitality, we experience the thrill of feeling God's power conquer our fears and our stinginess and all the psychological gravity of our self-centeredness. And there are few joys, if any, greater than the joy of experiencing the liberating power of God's hospitality making us a new and radically different kind of people, who love to reflect the glory of his grace as we extend it to others." --John Piper

Call to Worship

Matthew 16:24-26

Jesus told his disciples,

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

Song of Adoration

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken
Thou from hence my All shall be
Perish ev'ry fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heav'n are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not like man untrue
And while Thou shalt smile upon me
God of wisdom, love, and might
Foes may hate and friends may shun me
Show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me Twill but drive me to Thy breast Life with trials hard may press me Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest O tis not in grief to harm me While Thy love is left to me O 'twere not in joy to charm me Were that joy unmixed with Thee

Go then, earthly fame and treasure Come disaster, scorn, and pain You redeem our pain for pleasure With Thy favor loss is gain I have called Thee, "Abba, Father" Wan'dring hearts are stayed on Thee Storms may howl, and clouds may gather All must work for good to me

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34

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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

II Kings 4:8-17

One day Elisha went on to Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to eat some food. So whenever he passed that way. he would turn in there to eat food. And she said to her husband. "Behold now, I know that this is a holy man of God who is continually passing our way. Let us make a small room on the roof with walls and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that whenever he comes to us, he can go in there." One day he came there, and he turned into the chamber and rested there. And he said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite." When he had called her, she stood before him. And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'See, you have taken all this trouble for us; what is to be done for you? Would you have a word spoken on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?" She answered, "I dwell among my own people." And he said, "What then is to be done for her?" Gehazi answered, "Well, she has no son, and her husband is old." He said, "Call her." And when he had called her, she stood in the doorway.

And he said, "At this season, about this time next year, you shall embrace a son." And she said, "No, my lord, O man of God; do not lie to your servant." But the woman conceived, and she bore a son about that time the following spring, as Elisha had said to her.

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.

Song of Praise

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well Free and changeless is His favor; all is well Precious is the blood that healed us Perfect is the grace that sealed us Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well Ours is such a full salvation; all is well Happy still in God confiding Fruitful if in Christ abiding Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well Faith can sing through days of sorrow; all is well On our Father's love relying Jesus ev'ry need supplying Yes, in living and in dying All must be well

On our Father's love relying Jesus ev'ry need supplying Yes, in living or in dying, all must be well

"But God shows His love for us, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

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Backyard Children's Worship (10:30 AM)

NEW location & pickup plan beginning this week! Children, age 3 through 5th grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship on the playground and in the Chapel. **NO MEETING** on June 27 and July 4. www.wepc.org/grow/children

God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

III John 1:5-8

Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

Sermon

Each Sunday, recordings of the sermon are posted at www.wepc.org/sermons.

God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

Confession of Sin

Good and gracious Father, we lay our sins before You, confessing that we have not lived in light of Your commandments and promises. You purchased us to be a people who are openhearted, God-trusting, neighbor-loving, risk-taking, life-giving. Forgive us for our sins against You and our neighbor. We have been tight-fisted, God-doubting, neighbor-scorning, risk-avoiding, life-taking. Because God incarnate humbled Himself, was born, lived, died, rose again, ascended and will come again, we confess our sins with the great confidence that You forgive, redeem, and renew us in the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

Titus 3:3-7

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.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

I Shall Not Want

From the love of my own comfort From the fear of having nothing From a life of worldly passions Deliver me, O God

From the need to be understood And from a need to be accepted From the fear of being lonely Deliver me, O God; deliver me, O God...

And I shall not want No, I shall not want When I taste Your goodness I shall not want When I taste Your goodness I shall not want

From the fear of serving others
Oh, and from the fear of death or trial
And from the fear of humility
Deliver me, O God
Yes, deliver me, O God...

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1
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Gather Them In

We wait for you to testify
To hold the kingdoms to account
Your righteous justice shall not fail
All those who trust in your name...

You will gather them in You will bring, bring them home King of all Kings Lord of all Lords

Sing out, sing out, ye daughters of Zion And shout aloud, O Israel Be glad, rejoice with all your heart He has removed your punishment...

He will gather us in He will bring, bring us home King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords

"At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes," says the LORD. Zephaniah 3:20
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We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things, we will say together We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld, protected, gathered up...

In the dark of night, before the dawn My soul be not afraid For the promised morning, oh how long Oh God of Jacob, be my strength...

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the faithful one And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom...

"For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more." Isaiah 30:19
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<u>Doxology</u>

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 100"", 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. Director of Neighborhood Outreach & Elder, Changjwok Deng, led worship. Mark Crutcher, Lori Bowman, Rick McMahon, Sonya Smith, Donald Smith, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning, Owen Wilcox, Chris May, and Rob MacBride managed today's audio and video live stream. Deacon Brian Zollinhofer 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

Adult Ministry

Adult Sunday Community www.wepc.org/sundaycommunity Sundays through the end of the summer

10:30-11:45 AM (Side parking lot)

Discipleship Podcast www.wepc.org/adults

A Study of the Book of Acts
Episodes post every Friday through September 30

Inquirer's Weekend www.wepc.org/inqweekend
July 30-August 1

Love God & Love Neighbor: A Study in Ephesians

www.wepc.org/grow/adults

Wednesdays, June 30-Aug 18 / 7-8 PM

Mature Adult Singles Fellowship www.wepc.org/MASfellowship 3rd Saturday of every month, 4-5:30 PM

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

Contact Bryce Allison for more info.

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

Backyard Children's Worship: 10:30 AM

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Nursery: 10:30 AM

Vacation Bible School--Lightspeed Galaxy: July 12-15

Church Planting

Interested in hearing more about a potential Presbyterian Church in America church plant in Chester. VA? Contact: John Hoade

Food Pantry needs www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Missions www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Let's Get Together!

To arrange a meeting with WEPC's Missionaries-in-Residence, go <u>HERE</u> to schedule a call or meeting.

Cross-Cultural Film Festival

WED, Jun 30 / 7-8:30 PM

Growing in Cross-Cultural Friendships

SUN, July 18 / 12-1 PM

Short-term Missions Trip www.wepc.org/STmissions

Ministry Apartment Renovation in Barcelona, Spain Sept 11 – 25, 2021

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Take a look at our updated website!

Simple English Christian Service www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

Second Sunday of month, 12 PM, Chapel

Wrap Around Ministry

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

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Group: 10:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Check out our Upcoming Events!

- Open Gvm Wednesdays / 5-7 PM
- High School Guys Hang Out Wednesdays / 7-9 PM
- PJ + PJ + PJ June 25 / 6-9 PM
- Bob Ross Painting Party June 28 / 6-9 PM
- Deep Run Park: Games, Food, Hang out June 30 / 6-8 PM
- The Landing Summer Camp Sign up now!

General Information

Sunday Morning Volunteers: Contact Karen Howe

- Coffee Chef: 5 volunteers needed / training provided
- Communion: 20 volunteers needed / training provided
- Greeters: 16 volunteers needed

Counseling

Lara Finnie, WEPC's Resident in Counseling, is available by appointment. Visit <u>Abiding Branches</u> for more information.

WEPC Community Preschool is hiring!

The preschool has assistant and teacher positions open for the 2021-2022 school year. Please contact our Preschool Director, <u>Casey</u> Zollinhofer, for more information.