

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Sixth 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

Imitate Good

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." -- I Corinthians 11:1

"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us." --C.S. Lewis

"Pharisees only repent of their sins, but Christians repent for the very roots of their righteousness, too... the antidote to being bad is not just being good... If you follow through, it will change everything- how you relate to God, self, others, the world, your work, your sins, your virtue." --*Tim Keller*

Call to Worship

Jeremiah 33:9,11

This city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them.

"Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the LORD is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"

Song of Adoration

Rejoice the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King Your Lord and King adore Rejoice, give thanks and sing And triumph evermore And triumph evermore...

Lift up your heart Lift up your voice Rejoice, again I say, rejoice

His Kingdom cannot fail He rules o'er earth and Heav'n The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n Are to our Jesus giv'n...

Order of Worship

Rejoice in glorious hope Our Lord, the King will come And take His servants up To their eternal home To their eternal home...

"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice." Philippians 4:4 Words: Charles Wesley (1746). Music: Alex Mejias. ©2009 5PM Records. Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

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 <u>"Keep in Touch"</u> form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 34:11-22

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems the life of his servants: none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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 <u>www.wepc.org/giving</u> for online giving options.

Song of Praise

Steadfast

I will build my house Whether storm or drought On the Rock that does not move I will set my hope In Your love, O Lord And Your faithfulness will prove...

You are steadfast Steadfast

By the Word You spoke All the starry host Are called out by name each night In Your watchful care I will rest secure As You lead us with Your light...

I will not trust In the strength of kings On Your promise I will stand I will shout for joy I will raise my voice Hallelujah to the Lamb!...

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 136:1 Sandra McCracken | Leslie Jordan | Josh Silverberg (adaptations from Henri Nouwen) ©2016 Drink Your Tea Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

Backyard Children's Worship (10:30 AM)

NO MEETING TODAY. www.wepc.org/grow/children

Children's Message (10:30 AM) WEPC Children's Ministry Director, Emily Meeks

God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

III John 1:11

Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.

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

Adapted from A.W. Tozer

O God, we have tasted Your goodness, and it has both satisfied us and made us thirsty for more. We are painfully conscious of our need of further grace. We are ashamed of our lack of desire. O God, the Triune God, we want to want You; We long to be filled with longing; we thirst to be made more thirsty still. Show us Your glory, we pray, so that we may know You indeed. Begin in mercy a new work of love within us. Give us grace to rise and follow You, and pursue good instead of evil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that Your good hand might be upon us. Amen.

Words of Encouragement

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Jesus I Am Resting, Resting

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, and Thy beauty fills my soul For, by Thy transforming power, Thou hast made me whole...

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart

Oh, how great Thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine Know Thy certainty of promise, and have made it mine...

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, I behold Thee as Thou art And Thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its every need Compasseth me round with blessings: Thine is love indeed...

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace...

"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." Isaiah 26:3 Words: Jean S. Pigott (1876); Music: David B. Hampton ©1998 New Spring Publishing, Inc. Used by permission. CCLI#708363.

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God When I in awesome wonder Consider all The worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout The universe displayed...

Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think That God His Son not sparing Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in That on the cross My burden gladly bearing He bled and died, To take away my sin... When Christ shall come With shouts of acclamation And take me home What joy shall fill my heart Then I shall bow In humble adoration And there proclaim, "My God how great Thou art!"...

"Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise." Psalm 48:1 Carl Gustav Boberg (1885), Stuart K. Hine (1949); Tune O STORE GUD, Swedish folk melody. Public domain.

Kindness

Open up the skies of mercy Rain down the cleansing flood Healing waters rise around us Hear our cries, Lord, let 'em rise...

It's Your kindness, Lord That leads us to repentance Your favor, Lord, is our desire It's Your beauty, Lord That makes us stand in silence And Your love Your love is better than life

We believe Your mercy falling You turn our hearts back again Hear our praises rise to heaven Draw us near Lord, meet us here...

"God's kindness leads you toward repentance." Romans 2:4 Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves | Louie Giglio ©2000 sixsteps Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

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 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. Pastor Joe Brown led worship. Trey Wickham, Jen Wickham, Jill Wiebe-King, Pat Reynolds and Jake Bruning led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning, Deacon Chris Scoggins and Sean & Jesse Winterhalter managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick 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 *NO MEETING TODAY 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 <u>www.wepc.org/MASfellowship</u> 3rd Saturday of every month, 4-5:30 PM

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

Backyard Children's Worship: 10:30 AM ***NO MEETING TODAY***

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: <u>John Hoade</u>

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.

Growing in Cross-Cultural Friendships SUN, July 18 / 12-1 PM

Short-term Missions Trip <u>www.wepc.org/STmissions</u> Ministry Apartment Renovation in Barcelona, Spain Sept 11 – 25, 2021

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Christian Service <u>www.wepc.org/simpleenglish</u> 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 Gym Wednesdays / 5-7 PM
- High School Boys Hangout July 7 / 7-9 PM
- Middle & High School Girls Pool Party July 9 / 1-3 PM
- The Landing Summer Camp Sign up now!

General Information

WEPC Office Closed on Monday, July 5th

Sunday Morning Volunteers: Contact Karen Howe

- Coffee Chef: 2 volunteers needed / training provided
- Communion: 13 volunteers needed / training provided
- Greeters: 6 volunteers needed

Counseling

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

Interest Meeting for Homeschooling

July 20 / 7 PM / Reynolds' home Join current and interested parents for a time of fellowship and information about possible co-op classes for this upcoming school year. Meeting is for any interested WEPC family. Contact Teddi Reynolds (preynbear@gmail.com / 804-614-8727).

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> <u>Zollinhofer</u>, for more information.