

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Seventh 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

Good & True Testimony

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." -- John 13:34-35

"When a person, yielding to God and believing the truth of God, is filled with the Spirit of God, even his faintest whisper will be worship." --A.W. Tozer

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." --Galatians 5:22-25

Call to Worship

Psalm 50:1-4, 23

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.

"The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies Me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

Song of Adoration

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul Let me to Thy bosom fly While the nearer waters roll While the tempest still is high Hide me, O my Savior, hide Till life's storm is past Safe into the haven guide Receive my soul at last

Order of Worship

Other refuge have I none I helpless, hang on Thee Leave, oh leave me not alone Support and comfort me All my trust on Thee is stayed All help from Thee I bring Cover my defenseless head In the shadow of Thy wing

Thou, O Christ, are all I want Here more than all I find Raise the fallen, cheer the faint Heal the sick, and lead the blind Just and holy is Thy Name I am all unrighteousness False and full of sin I am Thou art full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with Thee is found Grace to cover all my sin Let the healing streams abound Make and keep me pure within Thou of life the fountain art Let me take of Thee Spring Thou up within my heart For all eternity

"You have been...a refuge for the needy in his distress." Isaiah 25:4 Charles Wesley, 1740; Tune: ©2000 Greg Thompson Music. 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

I Kings 10:1-9

Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions. She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. And Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his cupbearers, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the Lord, there was no more breath in her. And she said to the king, "The report was true that I heard in my own land of your words and of your wisdom, but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eves had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report that I heard. Happy are your men!

Happy are your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness."

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

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder Let us praise the Savior's name He has hushed the law's loud thunder He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame He has washed us with His blood (3x) He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us Pitied us when enemies Called us by His grace and taught us Gave us ears and gave us eyes He has washed us with His blood (3x) He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation Threatens hard to bear us down For the Lord, our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown He, Who washed us with His blood (3x) Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice Join and point to mercy's store When, through grace, in Christ our trust is Justice smiles and asks no more He, Who washed us with His blood (3x)Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus Of the saints enthroned on high Here they trusted Him before us Now their praises fill the sky You have washed us with Your blood (3x) You are worthy Lamb of God

"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood... to Him be glory and power for ever and ever!" Revelation 1:5-6 John Newton (1774); Tune: Laura Taylor Music ©2001. Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

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. **PK-1**st: pick-up at from playground. 2nd-5th: pick up from Chapel. www.wepc.org/grow/children

God the Son Renews Us through His Word & Sacrament

Scripture Reading

III John 1:12

Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.

Sermon

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

God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

I Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Confession of Sin

Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

Most holy and merciful Father, We confess to You, before one another, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

We repent before You, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord.

Hear us, for Your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may show forth Your glory in the world. By the cross and passion of Your Son our Lord, Jesus Christ, bring us, with all Your saints, into the joy of His resurrection.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

I Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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 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

Your Labor Is Not in Vain

Your labor is not in vain Though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained Your planting and reaping are never the same But your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan The place of your toil may not seem like a home But your labor is not unknown...

For I am with you, I am with you I am with you, I am with you For I have called you Called you by name Your labor is not in vain

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth For all that is old will at last be made new The vineyards you plant will bear fruit...

The houses you labored to build Will finally with laughter and joy be filled The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed And all that is broken be healed...

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." I Corinthians 15:58 ©2017 Porter's Gate Publishing (BMI), Hymns From the Porter's Gate (ASCAP), and Porter's Gate Publications (SESAC). Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

This Grace

This anchor for my soul This everlasting hope Your grace on which I stand It's where my life begins My future held within Your grace on which I stand...

Oh, this grace on which I stand It will hold me till the end Never failing Oh, praise the One who rescued me Jesus, You will ever be my salvation

And when I'm on the run The road that leads me home Your grace on which I stand And when I see Your face The only claim I'll make Your grace on which I stand...

Worthy is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world Worthy is the Lamb that was slain To receive all honor and praise

Jesus, You will ever be my salvation Lord Jesus, You will ever be my salvation

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ." Ephesians 2:4-5 Kristian Stanfill | Jason Ingram. ©2014 sixsteps Music. (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing). Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

God Is Love, Let Heav'n Adore Him

God is love, let heav'n adore Him God is love, let earth rejoice Let creation sing before Him And exalt Him with one voice

God who laid the earth's foundation God who spread the heavens above God who breathes through all creation God is love, eternal love God is love, eternal love

God is love and love enfolds us All the world in one embrace With unfailing grasp God holds us Every child of every race

And when human hearts are breaking Under sorrow's iron rod Then we find that self same aching Deep within the heart of God Deep within the heart of God

God is love and though with blindness Sin afflicts all human life God's eternal loving kindness Guides us through our earthly strife Sin and death and hell shall never O'er us final triumph gain God is love, so love forever O'er the universe shall reign O'er the universe shall reign

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:8 Words: Timothy Rees. Music: Alex Mejias. ©2008 High Street Publishing. 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 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. Pastor Joe Brown led worship. Elder Kevin Shaffer, Emily Baish, Sarah Shrader, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Jamison Taggart, and Gordon Collier led this morning's congregational singing. Jay Smith, Deacon Tim Andrews, and Scott Hoye 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 <u>www.wepc.org/sundaycommunity</u> 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

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/MASfellowship Next Meeting: July 17 / 4-5:30 PM

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

Backyard Children's Worship: 10:30 AM

Nursery: 10:30 AM

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 Trin www.wer

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

Simple English Christian Service www.wepc.org/simpleenglish TODAY, 12 PM, Chapel

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Group: 10:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Check out our Upcoming Events!

- Middle & High School Boys Pool Party Friday, July 16 / 1-3 PM
- The Landing Summer Camp Sign up now!

General Information

Sunday Morning Volunteers: Contact Karen Howe

- Coffee Chef: 2 volunteers needed / training provided
- Communion: 10 volunteers needed / training provided
- Greeters: 5 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 <u>Teddi Reynolds</u> (preynbear@gmail.com / 804-614-8727).

Leading the Way

The leadership of WEPC hopes to have most of the church's regular programs back up and running by the Fall. We need one another and we need your help. Fill out our <u>Member Service Survey</u> here and visit <u>Leading the Way | West End Presbyterian Church (wepc.org)</u> (see QR code) 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> <u>Zollinhofer</u>, for more information.