



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Eighth 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.

Prelude

Nearer, My God, To Thee
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Preparation for Worship

Greetings By Name

"A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another, or it collapses. I can no longer condemn or hate a brother for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble he causes me. His face, that hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner." --*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

"Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you. I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive." --*Romans 16:16-18*

"Satan always hates Christian fellowship; it is his policy to keep Christians apart. Anything which can divide saints from one another he delights in. He attaches far more importance to godly intercourse than we do. Since union is strength, he does his best to promote separation." --*Charles Spurgeon*

Call to Worship

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,

**Who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation, who says to Zion,
"Your God reigns."**

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;

For eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem,

**For the LORD has comforted His people;
He has redeemed Jerusalem.**

The LORD has bared His holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,

**And all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.**

Song of Adoration

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the one who knows all things
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds...

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign...

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth!)
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You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill)...

"Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

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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

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name...

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil...

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne...

*"Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation." Isaiah 28:16
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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.
PK-1st: pick-up at from playground. **2nd-5th**: pick up from Chapel.

www.wepc.org/grow/children

God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

III John 1:13-15

I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink. I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.

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 *The Valley of Vision, "God and Myself"*

Heavenly Father, loving King, all of our sins are laid bare before Your eyes: we love ourselves, but not those around us. We have nursed anger and envy, and have forsaken Your humility, gentleness, patience, love and unity. We tie our joy to our circumstances, rather than to Your Gospel. We repent of our fruitless wanderings, and ask that You renew us in Jesus Christ. Let us hear Your voice saying: "Awake and rise! His blood is your Peace, His death is your Life, His Spirit is your Power." Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and persuade us that a life lived in Your service is a life of perfect freedom. Amen.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

Colossians 1:9-10

God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Abide With Me

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, abide with me

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee
On to the close Lord, abide with me

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r
Who, like Thyself, my Guide and Stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
Where is thy sting, death, where grave thy victory
I triumph still, abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
 Heav'n's morning breaks
 And earth's vain shadows flee
 In life, in death, Lord abide with me

*"Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." Luke 24:29
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Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior
 Precious Redeemer and Friend
 Who would have thought that a Lamb
 Could rescue the souls of men
 Oh, You rescue the souls of men...

*You are the One that we praise
 You are the One we adore
 You give the healing and grace
 Our hearts always hunger for
 Oh, our hearts always hunger for*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
 Spirit we long to embrace
 You offer hope when our hearts
 Have hopelessly lost the way
 Oh, we hopelessly lost the way...

Almighty, infinite Father
 Faithfully loving Your own
 Here in our weakness You find us
 Falling before Your throne
 Oh, we're falling before Your throne...

*"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." Romans 8:26
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Better Is One Day

How lovely is Your dwelling place
 O Lord almighty
 For my soul longs and even faints for You
 For here my heart is satisfied
 Within Your presence
 I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings...

*Better is one day in Your courts
 Better is one day in Your house
 Better is one day in Your courts
 Than thousands elsewhere*

One thing I ask and I would seek
 To see Your beauty
 To find You in the place
 Your glory dwells...

Better is one day, better is one day
 Better is one day than thousands elsewhere
 Better is one day, better is one day
 Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

*"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere." Psalm 84:10
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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. ***Elder B-J Huff*** led worship. ***Mark Crutcher, Rebecca Crutcher, Hill Shore, Buddy Miner, Donald Smith, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Jake Bruning*** led this morning's congregational singing. *Prelude music provided by Mollie Bowman. Elder Gordon Kuhfuss. Chris Malak, and Aaron Suttan* managed today's audio and video live stream. ***Clara Bender*** 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.wepec.org/sundaycommunity

Sundays through the end of the summer
 10:30-11:45 AM (Side parking lot)

Discipleship Podcast www.wepec.org/adults

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

Inquirer's Weekend www.wepec.org/inqweekend

July 30-August 1

Love God & Love Neighbor: A Study in Ephesians

www.wepec.org/grow/adults
 Wednesdays, June 30-Aug 18 / 7-8 PM

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepec.org/MASfellowship
 Next Meeting: August 21 / 4-5:30 PM

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

Backyard Children's Worship: 10:30 AM

Nursery: 10:30 AM

Church Planting

Chester Church Plant Update & Lunch

July 25 / 12PM / Fellowship Hall

Join Joel Passmore for an update and lunch as he shares information about the Chester PCA Church Plant. Please RSVP to [Karen](#) if you are interested in attending.

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 [HERE](#) to schedule a call or meeting.

Growing in Cross-Cultural Friendships

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

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

Second Sunday of every month / 12 PM / Chapel

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Group: 10:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Check out our [Upcoming Events!](#)

- **Students & Parents Picnic:** Wednesday, July 21 / 6-8 PM
- **Scavenger Hunt with Popsicles:** Saturday, July 24 / 4-7 PM
- **The Landing Summer Camp** [Sign up now!](#)

General Information

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 [Member Service Survey](#) here and visit [Leading the Way | West End Presbyterian Church \(wepc.org\)](#) (see QR code) for more information.



Counseling

Lara Finnie, WEPC's Resident in Counseling, is available by appointment. Visit [Abiding Branches](#) 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, [Casey Zollinhofer](#), for more information.