

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Ninth 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

Running From God

"For there is no one so great or mighty that he can avoid the misery that will rise up against him when he resists and strives against God." -- John Calvin

"Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me." --*Psalm 139:7-10*

"The beginning of men's rebellion against God was, and is, the lack of a thankful heart." -- Francis Shaeffer

Call to Worship

Psalm 61:1-4

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. Of David.

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;

From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint.

Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I,

For You have been my Refuge, a strong Tower against the enemy.

Let me dwell in Your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of Your wings!

Order of Worship

Song of Adoration

Come and Welcome

From the cross uplifted high Where the Savior deigns to die What melodious sounds I hear Bursting on my ravished ear Love's redeeming work is done Come and welcome, sinner, come

Sprinkled now with blood the throne Why beneath your burdens groan On my pierced body laid Justice owns the ransom paid Bow the knee and kiss the Son Come and welcome, sinner, come

Soon the days of life shall end Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend Safe your spirit to convey To the realms of endless day Up to my eternal home Come and welcome, sinner, come Come and welcome, sinner, come

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 Words: Thomas Haweis. Music: Matthew Perryman Jones ©2004 Smoldering Wick Music (ASCAP). Used by permission.

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.

Ministry Update (10:30 AM)

Joel Passmore, Chester Church Plant

New Testament Reading

Mark 4:21-25

"And he [Jesus] said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.""

The Ministry of Prayer

Prayers of the People

You hear us call, you hear us call Abba, Father You hear us call, you hear us call Abba, Father

Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy

Prayers of The People

Words & Music by John Arndt, David Gungor, Ian Cron, Ben Kilgore and Evan Wickhas





"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you." Jeremiah 29:12

Ben Kilgore | David Gungor | Evan Wickham | Ian Cron | John Arndt

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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

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue Thy free grace alone from the first to the last Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here Sin would reduce me to utter despair But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son All praise to the Spirit Whose whisper divine Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

"You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you." Psalm 86:5

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

God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Jonah 1:1-3a

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish.

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

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You are full of grace and truth, but our faith is weak and we have not understood Your sovereign rule in our lives. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns instead of submitting to Your Word. We have sought our own glory instead of obeying Your Law. We have not waited to find Your will for us. We have been given to the fear of man, and rocked by uncertainty. We have not noticed the needs of others around us. We have not trusted Your favor. Father, forgive us for our sins against You. Lord Jesus, lead us to follow you as Lord. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that Your good hand might be upon us. Amen.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

Matthew 11:28-29

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me Let me hide myself in Thee Let the water and the blood From Thy riven side which flowed Be of sin the double cure Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfil Thy law's demands Could my zeal no respite know Could my tears forever flow All for sin could not atone Thou must save, and Thou alone Nothing in my hand I bring Simply to Thy Cross I cling Naked, come to Thee for dress Helpless, look to Thee for grace Foul, I to the Fountain fly Wash me, Savior, or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath When mine eyes shall close in death When I soar to worlds unknown See Thee on Thy judgment throne Rock of Ages, cleft for me Let me hide myself in Thee

"That rock was Christ." I Corinthians 10:4 Augustus Toplady (1776); Tune: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings (1830). Public domain.

God Be Merciful to Me

God be merciful to me On Thy grace I rest my plea Plenteous in compassion Thou Blot out my transgressions now Wash me, make me pure within Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess Grief and guilt my soul oppress I have sinned against Thy grace And provoked Thee to Thy face I confess Thy judgment just Speechless, I Thy mercy trust

I am evil born of sin Thou desirest truth within Thou alone my Savior art Teach Thy wisdom to my heart Make me pure Thy grace bestow Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken humbled to the dust By Thy wrath and judgment just Let my contrite heart rejoice And in gladness hear Thy voice From my sins O hide Thy face Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God, my heart renew Make my Spirit right and true Cast me not away from Thee Let Thy Spirit dwell in me Thy salvation's joy impart Steadfast make my willing heart

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love." Psalm 51:1 ©1997 Christopher Miner Music. Words: Psalter 1912. Music: Christopher Miner. Used by permission.

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night Jesus, I come, Jesus I come Into Thy freedom, gladness and light Jesus, I come to Thee Out of my sickness into Thy health Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth Out of my sin and into Thyself Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss Jesus I come, Jesus I come Into the glorious gain of Thy cross Jesus, I come to Thee Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm Out of life's storm and into Thy calm Out of distress into jubilant psalm Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride Jesus I come, Jesus I come Into Thy blessed will to abide Jesus I come to Thee Out of myself to dwell in Thy love Out of despair into raptures above Upward forever on wings like a dove Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb Jesus I come, Jesus I come Into the joy and light of Thy home Jesus I come to Thee Out of the depths of ruin untold Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold Ever Thy glorious face to behold Jesus, I come to Thee

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28. Words: William Sleeper. Music: Greg Thompson. ©2000 Cardiphonia 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 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. Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng led worship. Gordon Collier, Lori Bowman, Deacon Rick McMahon, Sonya Smith, Donald Smith, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Rick McWhorter, Chris May, and Rob MacBride managed today's audio and video live stream. Nate Reid 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: August 21 / 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

Chester Church Plant Update & Lunch

TODAY / 12PM / Fellowship Hall Join Joel Passmore for an update and lunch as he shares information about the Chester PCA Church Plant.

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.

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 <u>www.wepc.org/simpleenglish</u> 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!

- Christmas in July: Wednesday, July 28 / 6-9 PM
- Girls Jewelry Making: Thursday, July 29 / 1-2:30 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 <u>Member Service Survey</u> here and visit <u>Leading the Way | West End Presbyterian</u> <u>Church (wepc.org)</u> (see QR code) for more information.



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