

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Twelfth 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

Embracing the Other

"I am afraid of being seen by You, Lord, for You loved me, and I forgot You. I forgot You because I was thinking of myself." -- Sri Lankan Liturgy of Confession

"Do you love God? What have you done for Him, for His glory, for the advancement of His kingdom in the world? And how much have you denied yourself to promote the Redeemer's interest among men?" -- *Jonathan Edwards*

Call to Worship

I Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

Song of Adoration

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty The King of creation O my soul praise Him For He is thy health and salvation All ye who hear Now to His temple draw near Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things So wondrously reigneth Shelters thee under His wings Yea, so gently sustaineth Hast thou not seen How all your longings have been Granted in what He ordaineth

Order of Worship

Praise to the Lord! Who doth prosper Thy work and defend thee Surely His goodness and mercy Here daily attend thee Ponder anew What the Almighty can do If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him All that hath life and breath Come now with praises before Him Let the "Amen" Sound from His people again Gladly for, aye, we adore Him

"All that is within me, bless His holy name!" Psalm 103:1 Joachim Neander's paraphrase of Psalms 103 and 150 (1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1863); Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN (1665). Public domain.

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.

Covenant Baptism (10:30AM)

Harper Jane Combs

Gospel Reading

Luke 22:31-34, 54-62

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me." Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." And a little later someone else saw him and said. "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

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 Wickha



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

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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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything No gifts no pow'r no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son" John 3:16 Stuart Townend © 1995 Thankyou Music (Admin. By Capitol CMG Publishing). 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. **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 1:7-10

⁷And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" ⁹And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

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 and merciful Father, You have called us to be Your desired followers and have made us one family. Yet we have not lived as one. We have not loved You and one another as You command. We have been fascinated with ourselves, and failed to believe we have encouragement in Christ, comfort from love, and participation in the Spirit. We have not treated one another as those who belong to Jesus Christ, having the same mind, same love, and enjoying full accord. Forgive us for our sins against You and our neighbor. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, make us a church that is eager to do Your will and walk in Your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

Isaiah 53:5-6

But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

No Greater Love

No greater love has ever been Or will ever be known That a man would die, lay down His life And give it for His friends

He loves me, He loves me He died to make us free And I love Him, I love Him Because He first loved me

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13 Used by permission.

We Fall Down

We fall down We lay our crowns At the feet of Jesus The greatness of mercy and love At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy, holy, holy And we cry holy, holy, holy And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" Revelation 4:8 Chris Tomlin ©1998 worshiptogether.com songs (Admin by. EMI Christian Music Publishing). Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

All for Jesus, all for Jesus All my being's ransomed pow'rs All my thoughts and words and doings All my days and all my hours

Let my hands perform His bidding Let my feet run in His ways Let my eyes see Jesus only Let my lips speak forth His praise...

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him How I've proved Him o'er and o'er Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus O for grace to trust Him more

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus l've lost sight of all beside So enchained my spirit's vision Looking at the Crucified...

O, what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings Deigns to call me His beloved Lets me rest beneath His wings...

"In view of God's mercy...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God" Romans 12:1

Mary D. James (1889) & Louisa Stead (1882, chorus). Tune: ©2001 Wade Jewett Music; William Kirkpatrick (1882, chorus).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. Trey Wickham, Jen Wickham, Jill Wiebe-King, Randall Ingram, Tammy Ingram, Rick Hepner, Pat Reynolds, and Gordon Collier led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Rick McWhorter, Deacon Luke Shrader, Aaron Sutten, and Scott Hoye 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 School www.wepc.org/grow/adults Begins September 12 / 9:00 AM / Library

Discipleship Podcast www.wepc.org/grow/adults A Study of the Book of Acts Episodes post every Friday through September 30

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

Food Pantry needs www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Missions www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Come Meet Another of WEPC's Global Missions Partners! Adult Sunday Community / August 15 / 10:30AM / Side Parking Lot

STEP Back to School Drive

Help one of our supported missions with school donations! Drop donations by Aug 23 in WEPC Office. Click <u>HERE</u> for a suggested list of school donations

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

Women's Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/women

Wellspring & Restore: Fall 2021 / Register now!

Worship Arts Ministry wepc.org/prayerworshipnight

Prayer & Worship Night: Wednesday, September 1 / WEPC Courtyard

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Group: 10:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Upcoming Events:

- S'mores & Worship: Friday, August 20
- BINGO: Wednesday, August 25
- Lip-Sync Battle: Friday, August 27

General Information

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 8/8/21):

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 236,268.43 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 229,533.03 % of expected budget received: 102.93%

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.



Elder & Deacon Nominations

Members wishing to nominate a man for elder or deacon, please read 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 for the Biblical qualifications for these offices. Notify your nominee and then send his name, in writing, to either <u>ann@wepc.org</u> or <u>steve@wepc.org</u> by August 31.

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.