

# **Order of Worship**

# God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

# The Fourteenth 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 Grace

"Guidance, like all God's acts of blessing under the covenant of grace, is a sovereign act. Not merely does God will to guide us in the sense of showing us his way, that we may treat it; he wills also to guide us in the more fundamental sense of ensuring that, whatever happens, whatever mistakes we may make, we shall come safely home. Slippings and strayings there will be, no doubt, but the everlasting arms are beneath us; we shall be caught, rescued, restored. This is God's promise; this is how good he is."
--J.I. Packer

"Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill 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." --Augustus Toplady, Rock of Ages

#### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 65:1-4

Praise awaits You, our God, in Zion; to You our vows will be fulfilled.

You who answer prayer, to You all people will come.

When we were overwhelmed by sins, You forgave our transgressions.

Blessed are those You choose and bring near to live in Your courts!

We are filled with the good things of Your house, of Your holy temple.

## Song of Adoration

#### Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy Weak and wounded, sick and sore Jesus ready, stands to save you Full of pity, love, and pow'r

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome God's free bounty glorify True belief and true repentance Every Grace that brings you nigh

Let not conscience make you linger Nor of fitness fondly dream All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need of Him

Come, ye weary, heavy laden Lost and ruined by the fall If you tarry till you're better You will never come at all

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy Weak and wounded, sick and sore Jesus ready, stands to save you Full of pity, love and pow'r

"Come and take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17 Joseph Hart (1759); Traditional American melody, Walker's Southern Harmony (1835). 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 "Keep in Touch" form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.

## Deacon Installation (10:30AM)

Ben Bacon, Ed Bowman, Chris Perry

## **New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 2:4-10

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—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 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.

## 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





"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 <a href="https://www.wepc.org/giving">www.wepc.org/giving</a> for online giving options.

# Song of Praise

#### **Promises**

God of Abraham You're the God of covenant Of faithful promises
Time and time again, You have proven You'll do just what You said...

Though the storms may come and the winds may blow You'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn when You speak a word
It will come to pass

Great is Your faithfulness to me Great is Your faithfulness to me From the rising sun to the setting same I will praise Your name Great is Your faithfulness to me

God, from age to age, though the earth may pass away Your word remains the same
And history can prove there's nothing You can't do
You're faithful and true...

I put my faith in Jesus My anchor to the ground My hope and firm foundation He'll never let me down...

"Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations." Deuteronomy 7:9

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## Backyard Children's Worship (10:30 AM)

Children, age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> 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. **2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**: pick up from Chapel. www.wepc.org/grow/children

# God the Son Renews Us through His Word

# **Scripture Reading**

Jonah 1:17-2:10

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. 2:1Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish. <sup>2</sup>saying, "I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. <sup>3</sup>For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. 4Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.' 5The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head 6at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. 7When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. 8Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. 9But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!" <sup>10</sup>And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

#### 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

Lutheran Prayer (1536)

I am a poor sinner, I confess before You, my God and Creator, that I have grievously sinned against You in many ways, not only by gross outward sins, but much more through inward natural blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, secret envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections which You see in me, my Lord and God, and which, alas, I cannot always see in myself. I repent of these, and cry to You for Your mercy, through Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, Amen.

Silence

# Words of Encouragement

Philippians 4:4, Ephesians 1:7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice... In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us.

# Songs of Response to God's Grace

## Lord, from Sorrows Deep I Call

Lord, from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed
God, come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You

Storms within my troubled soul Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God, be now my Shelter
Why are you cast down my soul
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You...

Oh my soul put your hope in God My help, my Rock, I will praise Him Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm You're still my God, my Salvation

Should my life be torn from me Every worldly pleasure When all I possess is grief God, be then my Treasure Be my Vision in the night Be my Hope and Refuge Till my faith is turned to sight Lord, my heart will praise You...

"And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you." Psalm 39:7 Matt Boswell | Matt Papa © 2018 Getty Music Hymns and Songs. Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

#### Take My Life

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love At the impulse of Thy love

Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King Always, only for my King Take my silver and my gold Not a mite would I withhold Take my moments and my days Let them flow in ceaseless praise Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my will and make it Thine It shall be no longer mine Take my heart, it is Thine own It shall be Thy royal throne It shall be Thy royal throne

"These are they which follow the Lamb... they are without fault before the throne." Revelation 14:4-6

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#### **God Who Saves**

There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain There is power, there is power in His name There is love pouring out of the wounds that were made Pouring out, pouring over our shame...

So praise the God who saves
Praise the God who bled
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree
And wore our sins upon His head

There is truth in his body, raised that third day There is joy in a stone rolled away There is hope pouring out of the tomb where he lay Pouring out, pouring over the grave...

There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain There is power, there is power in His name There is love pouring out of the wounds that were made Pouring out, pouring over our shame...

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21
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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 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. Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Rebecca Crutcher, Sonya Smith, Stanton Coman, Deacon Karl Kuder, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Jay Smith, Deacon Tim Andrews, and Rob MacBride managed today's audio and video live stream. Luke Farkas 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/adults

A Study of the Book of Acts

Episodes post every Friday through September 30

**Home Groups** 

Fall 2021 / Registration now open!

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/MASfellowship

Next Meeting: September 18 / 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

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Christian Service www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

Second Sunday of every month / 12 PM / Chapel

#### **Volunteers Needed!**

- Kids Club Adult Volunteer / Tuesdays, 6:15-8PM
- ESL Adult Volunteer / Tuesdays PM or Thursdays AM
- Tutoring Volunteer (K-12) / One hour per week

Contact Neighborhood Outreach Director Changiwok Deng if interested!

Women's Ministry <a href="https://www.wepc.org/grow/women">www.wepc.org/grow/women</a>

Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies: 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)

**Check out our Upcoming Events!** 

- Students & Parents Summer Recap: Sunday, Aug 29 / 10:30AM
- Modgnik Middle School Retreat: September 10-12

#### **General Information**

## Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 8/22/21):

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 287,426.53 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 299,833.96 % of expected budget received: 95.86%

#### 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.



#### **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 <a href="mailto:ann@wepc.org">ann@wepc.org</a> or <a href="mailto:steve@wepc.org">steve@wepc.org</a> by <a href="mailto:August 31.">August 31.</a>

#### Counseling

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

#### Word Relief Resources

See <u>our website</u> for opportunities to give and support those in Afghanistan & those affected by the Haiti earthquakes.