



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Fifteenth 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

Justice and Wrath

"In a world created by a good God, evil and injustice are 'inherently self-destructive.' The resulting social disintegration expresses [God's] wrath. He presides over the cause and effect processes he has built into creation so they are expressions of his holy rule of the world." --Alec Motyer

"Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream." --Amos 5:24

Call to Worship

Isaiah 33:2, 5-6

O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for You.

Be our Arm every morning, our Salvation in the time of trouble.

The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high.

He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness.

He will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge.

The fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure.

Song of Adoration

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word
What more can He say than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed
For I am your God, and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with you in trouble to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be your supply
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no, never, no never forsake

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you." Isaiah 43:1

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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.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

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 Wickham



"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

Psalm 121 (I Lift My Eyes Up)

I lift my eyes up to the mountains
Where does my help come from
My help comes from You maker of heaven
Creator of the earth

Oh how I need You Lord
You are my only hope
You're my only prayer
So I will wait for You
To come and rescue me
Come and give me life

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

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Children's Message (10:30 AM)

WEPC Children's Ministry Director, Emily Meeks

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

Jonah 3:1-10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ⁶The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish." ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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

Almighty and merciful Father, You created us for communion with Yourself and one another, but, we rebelled, and made enemies of our Maker and each other. We have despised Your providence, doubted Your love, and become a law unto ourselves. We believed that human wrath would work the righteousness of God, and so have taken matters into our own hands. Still, You remembered us, our God, for good. In Your tender mercy, You gave Your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; He made there a full atonement for our sin, offering once for all the sacrifice of Himself. We thank You that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all of our sins. Grant us repentance and faith in Jesus Christ that we may desire what is good and gladly live in union with Him. Amen.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

Daniel 9:9,18

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

By Thy Mercy

Jesus, Lord of life and glory
Bend from Heav'n Thy gracious ear
While our waiting souls adore Thee
Friend of helpless sinners, hear...

*By Thy mercy, O deliver us
Good Lord, good Lord
By Thy mercy, O deliver us
Good Lord, good Lord*

From the depth of nature's blindness
From the hardening power of sin
From all malice and unkindness
From the pride that lurks within...

In the weary hours of sickness
In the times of grief and pain
When we feel our mortal weakness
When all human help is vain...

In the solemn hour of dying
In the awful judgment day
May our souls, on Thee relying
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay...

*"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16
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On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away...

*I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land
I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land*

No chilling winds
Nor pois'nous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness and sorrow
Pain and death
Are felt and feared no more...

When shall I reach
That happy place
And be forever blest
When shall I see
My Father's face
And in His bosom rest...

*"Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Luke 12:33-34
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How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice...

*How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God*

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead, three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb...

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

*"Bless the LORD, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty." Psalm 104:1
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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. **Pastor Joe Brown** led worship. **Pastor Kevin Greene, Erin Bouknight, Tammy Ingram, Buddy Miner, Gordon Collier, and Troy Arnold** led this morning's congregational singing. **Elder Gordon Kuhfuss, Jon Greenhill, Deacon Tim Andrews, and Chris Malak** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Scott Dicken** 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!](#)

Inquirer's Weekend www.wepc.org/inqweekend
Learn about WEPC & church membership / Nov. 12-14

Men's Ministry: Second Monday
<https://www.wepc.org/grow/men/>
October 11 / 6PM

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship
www.wepc.org/MASfellowship
Next Meeting: September 18 / 4-5:30 PM

Young Singles www.wepc.org/grow/adults
September 12: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer – [*RSVP Required*](#)
(following 2nd service)

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

Sunday School: Begins 9/12 at 9AM (PK-5th)

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 [Changjwok Deng](#) if interested!

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

Fall Kick-off Dinner: Sep 22 / 6PM
All WEPC women welcome! [RSVP now!](#)

Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies: Fall 2021 / [Register now!](#)

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Youth Group: 10:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Modgnik Middle School Retreat: September 10-12

General Information

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 8/29/21):

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 311,523.93
Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 339,781.02
% of expected budget received: 91.68%

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.

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.

World & Local Relief Resources

See [our website](#) for opportunities to give and support Afghan guests at Fort Lee, those affected by the Haiti earthquakes, and those affected by Hurricane Ida.