



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Sixteenth 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

Storms in Us

"Christians are not defined by skin color, by gender, by geographical location, or even, shockingly, by their good behavior. Nor are they defined by the particular type of religious feelings they may have. They are defined in terms of the God they worship...and any other defining marks of the church will move us in the direction of idolatry." --N.T. Wright

"Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your God, your functional savior." --Martin Luther

Call to Worship

Psalms 86:9-12

All the nations You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.

For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.

Song of Adoration

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You...

*So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor...

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross...

*"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14
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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

Luke 18:9-14

He [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

*"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

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence, my light

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart
High King of heaven, my Treasure, Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

"Jesus Christ is all." Colossians 3:7

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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 & Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Jonah 4:1-4

¹But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ²And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. ³Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

Sermon

Each Sunday, recordings of the sermon are posted at

www.wepc.org/sermons.

God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

I Timothy 3:9; I Corinthians 5:7-8, 10:16-17, 15:3-4; from the Book of Common Prayer

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Confession of Sin

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we come before You,
unworthy of Your grace;
We have forfeited Your love and peace.

We are restless sinners.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Too often have we chosen the fruit over the garden.

Too often have we bowed down to the golden calf.

Too often have we begged for a sign.

Too often have we declared Caesar to be Lord.

Too often have we demanded to see the wounds
in Your hands.

Too often have we substituted our image of you, for You.

Too often have we neglected Your call to be salt and light.

Too often have we reduced Christianity to a moral code.

Too often have we forgotten Jesus' life,

death and resurrection.

Too often have we acted on sight and not on faith.

Lord, have mercy upon us; grant us Your peace.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

From Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

West End Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and heart-idols, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel, to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us.

There are four tables on the floor at the front of the sanctuary. Please come forward as you are ready to participate in the Lord's Supper individually, with a friend, or as a family. Feel free to take additional elements to bring back to your seats to serve others in your family or group. After all are served and have returned to their seats, we will take the bread and the cup together as a congregation.

Wine and grape juice with gluten free bread are available in double cups. The wafer is found in the bottom cup.

The Elders presiding over the Supper today are standing at a safe distance from each communion table. Know that they are praying for you as the congregation participates in the sacrament.

If you need special assistance and are not able to come forward for Communion, please raise your hand and an Elder will come to serve you the elements. If you are unable to attend today's worship service and desire Elders to come to your home to administer the Lord's Supper, please let the church office know.

If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please contact the WEPC office.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

None Other Lamb

None other Lamb, none other Name
None other Hope in Heaven or sea
No hiding place from guilt and shame
None beside Thee, none beside Thee

My faith burns low, my hope burns low
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe
Cries out to Thee, cries out to Thee...

*All who labor
And are heavy laden
Come unto me
And I will give you rest*

Lord, Thou art life, though I be dead
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be
Nor heav'n have I, no place for my head
No home, but Thee; no home but Thee...

*"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29
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Promises

God of Abraham, You're the God of covenant
And 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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Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise my soul, arise
Shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands
Before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands...

*Arise (arise), arise (arise)
Arise, arise my soul arise
Arise (arise), arise (arise)
Arise, arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

He ever lives above
For me to intercede
His all-redeeming love
His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace...

Five bleeding wounds He bears
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers
They strongly plead for me
Forgive him, O forgive, they cry
Forgive him, O forgive, they cry
Don't let that ransomed sinner die...

My God is reconciled
His pard'ning voice I hear
He owns me for His child
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And Father, Abba Father, cry...

*"Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25
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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 Kevin Greene led worship. Trey Wickham, Jill Wiebe-King, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Rick Hepner, Donald Smith, and Pat Reynolds led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Rick McWhorter, Deacon Luke Shrader, Elder Mike Perzanowski, and Deacon Chris Scoggins 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 TODAY / 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 more 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
 TODAY: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer
 (following 2nd service)

Children's Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/children**9 AM**

- Nursery (infant-3 years old)--upstairs
- Preschool Quest (4 & 5 years old)--downstairs
- Sunday School (K-5)--downstairs

10:30 AM

- Nursery (infant-3 years old)--upstairs
- Children's Worship (4 years old - 2nd grade)--Chapel

Food Pantry needs www.wepc.org/foodpantry**Neighborhood Outreach Ministry** www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Christian Service www.wepc.org/simpleenglish
 TODAY / 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 www.wepc.org/grow/women

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

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

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

NO regular Youth Ministry meeting because of the Modgnik Retreat.
 Prayer time in the Fellowship Hall at 9 AM--open to any middle or high school student.

Youth Sunday School: Beginning Sep 19 / 9AM

Wednesday Night Youth Group: Beginning Sep 22

- **Middle School:** 6-7:30PM
- **High School:** 7:30-9PM

General Information**Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 9/5/21):**

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 346,910.52
 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 381,688.21
 % of expected budget received: 90.89%

**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.

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.