



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Eighteenth 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

He Sat Down & Taught Them

"The values and standards of Jesus are in direct conflict with the commonly accepted values and standards of the world. The world judges the rich to be blessed, not the poor, whether in the material or in the spiritual sphere; the happy-go-lucky and carefree, not those who take evil so seriously that they mourn over it; the strong and brash, not the meek and gentle; the full not the hungry; those who mind their own business, not those who meddle in other men's matter and occupy their time in do-goodery like 'showing mercy' and 'making peace'; those who attain their ends even if necessary by devious means, not the pure in heart who refuse to compromise their integrity; those who are secure and popular, and live at ease, not those who have to suffer persecution."

--John Stott

Call to Worship

Isaiah 2:2-3, 5

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD

**shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,**

and many peoples shall come, and say:

**"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that He may teach us His ways
and that we may walk in His paths."**

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Song of Adoration

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes...

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find...

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore...

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!"

Psalm 103:1

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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.

Commissioning of ESL Teachers (10:30AM)

Brian Wilcox, WEPC Mission Team Member

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 86:1-7

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you - you are my God. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.

The Ministry of Prayer

Declaration of Faith

The Nicene Creed, Council of Nicaea, 325AD

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both
the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified; who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all...

*'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone...

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat...

O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

*"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses."
Colossians 2:13
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Children's Worship (10:30 AM)

Children, age 4 through 2nd grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from the Chapel.

www.wepc.org/grow/children

Children's Blessing (10:30AM)

Gather round ye children come
Listen to the old, old Story
Of the power of death undone
By an Infant born of glory
Son of God, Son of Man

*"But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'" Matthew 19:14
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God the Son Renews Us through His Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-2

¹Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Sermon

Each Sunday, Worship Notes with the Scripture text, study questions, and recordings of the sermon are posted at www.wepc.org/worship/sermons-media

God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

Confession of Sin

Adapted from The Valley of Vision, "God All-Sufficient"

**"All Your lovingkindness is in Your Son,
I bring Him to You in the arms of faith,
I urge His saving name as the One who died for me,
I plead His blood to pay for my debts of wrong.
Accept His worthiness for my unworthiness
His sinlessness for my transgression,
His purity for my uncleanness,
His sincerity for my guile,
His truth for my deceits,
His meekness for my pride,
His constancy for my backslidings,
His love for my enmity,
His fullness for my emptiness,
His faithfulness for my treachery,
His obedience for my lawlessness,
His glory for my shame,
His devotedness for my waywardness,
His holy life for my unchaste ways,
His righteousness for my dead works,
His death for my life. Amen.**

Silence

Words of Encouragement

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Father Long Before Creation

Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love
And that love so deep, so moving
Draws us close to Christ above
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone

Though the world may change its fashion
Yet our God is e'er the same
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name

God's compassion is my story
Is my boasting all the day
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave

Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love
And our songs will sound unceasing
Til we reach our home above
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb

*"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." Psalm 90:2
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O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

O light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

*"The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." Jeremiah 31:3
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Rock Of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long
From this labor and this heartache I have come
The skies will wear out but You remain the same
Rock of Ages, I praise Your name

Rock of Ages, You have brought me near
You have poured out Your life-blood
Your love, Your tears
To make this stone heart come alive again
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin...

*Rock of Ages
Rock of Ages
Bind Your children until the kingdom comes
Rock of Ages, Your will be done*

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess
Pull these idols out from my heart's embrace
Rock of Ages, I need Your grace

Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me
Who am I that You would die to make me free
To give me glory, You took the death and pain
Rock of Ages, my Offering...

Rock of Ages, it is done You cried
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied
Now write Your mercy on my heart and hands
Rock of Ages, in faith I stand

Rock of Ages, my great hope secure
Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul
Bind Your children with cords of love and grace
Rock of Ages, we give You praise...

*"He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken."
Psalm 62:2
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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. ***Elder Kevin Shaffer, Robin Huff, Elder Tom Krieger, Jamison Taggart and Deacon Jason Weippert*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Andy Becker, Deacon Tim Andrews, and Aaron Sutten*** 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

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 GroupsFall 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 / 5:30PM / Side Parking Lot

Parenting Class: Parenting in Anxious Timeswww.wepc.org/parentingclass

Beginning Wed. September 29 / 6-7:30PM / Library

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowshipwww.wepc.org/MASfellowship

Next Meeting: October 16 / 4-5:30PM

Wednesday Night Fellowship: How Worship Changes Uswww.wepc.org/worshipclass

Beginning Wed. September 29 / 6-7:30PM / Chapel

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

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

Young Singles www.wepc.org/grow/adults

October 24: 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

Wednesdays 6-7:30PM

- Kids Club (Beginning 9/29)

Food Pantry needs www.wepc.org/foodpantry**Missions** www.wepc.org/outreach/missions/**MTW Missions Conference**October 8-10 / See [MTW's website](#) for information on how to register**Neighborhood Outreach Ministry** www.wepc.org/neighborhood**Simple English Christian Service** www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

Second Sunday of Each Month / 12PM / 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!**Worship Arts Ministry** wepc.org/prayerworshipnight**Prayer & Worship Night:** Sunday, October 3 / WEPC Courtyard**Worship Guide:** Worship notes with the Scripture text, study questions, and sermon recordings are posted every Sunday atwww.wepc.org/worship/sermons-media**Youth Ministry** www.wepc.org/grow/youth**Youth Sunday School:** 9AM / Fellowship Hall**Wednesday Night Youth Group**

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

General Information**Church-Wide Tailgate** www.wepc.org/tailgate

October 10 / Side Parking Lot

Join us for a tailgate lunch served by the WEPC Youth after the 10:30AM Service. [RSVP here.](#)**Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 9/19/21):**

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 402,426.14

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 456,652.61

% of expected budget received: 88.13%

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.