



# Order of Worship

## God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

### **The Nineteenth 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**

*Blessed are the Poor in Spirit*

"There is hope for a ruined humanity— hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory— because at the Father's will Jesus Christ became poor." --J.I. Packer

"You say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see." --Revelation 3:17-18

### **Call to Worship**

*Psalms 34:1-6*

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt His name together!

**I sought the LORD, and He answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to Him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

### **Song of Adoration**

#### **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name

Jesus! The name that charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
Tis music in the sinner's ears  
Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of canceled sin  
He sets the prisoner free  
His blood can make the foulest clean  
His blood availed for me

He speaks and listening to His voice  
New life the dead receive  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice  
The humble poor believe

Glory to God, and praise and love  
Be ever, ever given  
By saints below and saints above  
The church in earth and heaven

*"And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God." Acts 3:8  
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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 attendee 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.*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 61:1, 10-11*

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because  
the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God,  
for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has  
covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks  
himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride  
adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its  
sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up  
before all the nations.

### **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](http://www.wepc.org/giving) for online giving options.*

## Song of Praise

### I Shall Not Want

From the love of my own comfort  
 From the fear of having nothing  
 From a life of worldly passions  
 Deliver me, O God

From the need to be understood  
 And from a need to be accepted  
 From the fear of being lonely  
 Deliver me, O God  
 Deliver me, O God...

*And I shall not want  
 No, I shall not want  
 When I taste Your goodness  
 I shall not want  
 When I taste Your goodness  
 I shall not want*

From the fear of serving others  
 Oh, and from the fear of death or trial  
 From the fear of humility  
 Deliver me, O God  
 Yes, deliver me, O God...

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1  
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## Children's Message & Blessing (10:30AM)

*Emily Meeks, WEPC Children's Ministry Director*

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 5:3*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

### 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](http://www.wepc.org/worship/sermons-media)*

## God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

### Confession of Sin

*based on Matthew 5:1-12*

Lord Jesus, You offered us all Your blessings when You  
 proclaimed: "Blessed are the poor in spirit"—  
**but we have been rich in pride.**

"Blessed are those who mourn"—  
**but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.**

"Blessed are the meek"—  
**but we are a stubborn people.**

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness"—  
**but we are filled to the full with created things.**

"Blessed are the merciful"—  
**but we are harsh and impatient.**

"Blessed are the pure in heart"—  
**but our hearts love all the wrong things.**

"Blessed are the peacemakers"—  
**but we have not sought reconciliation.**

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of  
 righteousness"—  
**but our lives do not challenge the world.**

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and  
 falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me"—  
**but we have hardly made it known that we are Yours.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

*Silence*

## Words of Encouragement

*II Corinthians 8:9*

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

## Songs of Response to God's Grace

### Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowing here I find me rest  
Without You I fall apart  
You're the One that guides my heart...

*Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one Defense, my Righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me...

Teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay...

*"Hear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy." Psalm 86:1  
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### Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night  
Jesus I come, Jesus I come  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light  
Jesus, I come to Thee  
Out of my sickness into Thy health  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth  
Out of my sin and into Thyself  
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss  
Jesus I come, Jesus I come  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross  
Jesus, I come to Thee  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm  
Out of life's storm and into Thy calm  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm  
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride  
Jesus I come, Jesus I come  
Into Thy blessed will to abide  
Jesus, I come to Thee  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love  
Out of despair into raptures above  
Upward forever on wings like a dove  
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb  
Jesus I come, Jesus I come  
Into the joy and light of Thy home  
Jesus, I come to Thee  
Out of the depths of ruin untold  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold  
Jesus, I come to Thee

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."  
Matthew 11:28.*

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### All Things New

Come Lord and tarry not  
Bring the long looked for day  
O why these years of waiting here  
These ages of decay

Come for Thy saints still wait  
Daily ascends their sigh  
The Spirit and the Bride say come  
Does Thou not hear the cry...

*O come and make all things new  
Come and make all things new  
O come and make all things new  
Build up this ruined earth  
Come and make all things new*

Come for creation groans  
Impatient of Thy stay  
Worn out with these long years of ill  
These ages of delay

Come for love waxes cold  
Its steps are faint and slow  
Faith now is lost in unbelief  
Hope's lamp burns dim and low...

*"And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'  
Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'  
Revelation 21:5*

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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. **Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Georgia Collier, Stanton Coman, Rachel Becker, Deacon Karl Kuder, and Luke Smith** led this morning's congregational singing. **Elder Rick McWhorter, Jon Greenhill, Elder Mike Perzanowski 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](http://www.wepc.org/grow/adults)  
9:00 AM / Library

**Home Groups**  
Fall 2021 / [Registration now open!](#)

**Inquirer's Weekend** [www.wepc.org/inqweekend](http://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 Times**  
[www.wepc.org/parentingclass](http://www.wepc.org/parentingclass)  
Wednesdays through Nov 17 / 6-7:30PM / Library

**Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship**  
[www.wepc.org/MASfellowship](http://www.wepc.org/MASfellowship)  
Next Meeting: October 16 / 4-5:30PM

**Wednesday Night Fellowship: How Worship Changes Us**  
[www.wepc.org/worshipclass](http://www.wepc.org/worshipclass)  
Wednesdays through Nov 17 / 6-7:30PM / Chapel

**Women's Ministry** [www.wepc.org/grow/women](http://www.wepc.org/grow/women)  

- Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies:**  
Tuesday AM & Wednesday Eve / [Register now!](#)

**Young Singles** [www.wepc.org/grow/adults](http://www.wepc.org/grow/adults)  
October 24: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer  
(following 2<sup>nd</sup> service)

### **Children's Ministry** [www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://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)

**Fall Fun Family Event!** [www.wepc.org/fallfamilyfun](http://www.wepc.org/fallfamilyfun)  
October 7 / 4:30-6:30PM / Parking Lot

**Food Pantry needs** [www.wepc.org/foodpantry](http://www.wepc.org/foodpantry)

**Missions** [www.wepc.org/outreach/missions/](http://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](http://www.wepc.org/neighborhood)

**Simple English Christian Service** [www.wepc.org/simpleenglish](http://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!

### **Interested in Welcoming Afghan Immigrants?**

WEPC is forming a team to help welcome & support Afghan immigrants resettling in our community. Contact Neighborhood Outreach Director [Changjwok Deng](#) or ESL Assistant Director [Lori Bowman](#) if interested in hearing more!

**Worship Arts Ministry** [wepc.org/prayerworshipnight](http://wepc.org/prayerworshipnight)

**Prayer & Worship Night:** Sunday, October 3 / 6-7:30PM / WEPC Courtyard

**Worship Guide:** Worship notes with the Scripture text, study questions, and sermon recordings are posted every Sunday at [www.wepc.org/worship/sermons-media](http://www.wepc.org/worship/sermons-media)

**Youth Ministry** [www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://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](http://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 9/26/21):**

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 479,502.36  
Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 482,050.44  
% of expected budget received: 99.47%

### **Nursery Volunteers Needed**

Contact Children's Ministry Director, [Emily Weeks](#), if interested!

### **Counseling**

Lara Finnie, WEPC's Resident in Counseling, is available by appointment. Visit [Abiding Branches](#) for more information.