



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Twentieth 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 Those Who Mourn

"The child of the Kingdom knows higher joys as well as deeper sorrows, more sensitive mourning but also a more profound comfort, now that he is the Lord's. His emotional sensitivity becomes greater -- not less." --*Sinclair Ferguson*

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too."
--*II Corinthians 1:3-5*

Call to Worship

Jeremiah 31:10, 12-14

Hear the word of the LORD, you nations;
proclaim it in distant coastlands:

**He who scattered Israel will gather them
and will watch over His flock like a shepherd.**

They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion;
they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD.

**"I will turn their mourning into gladness;
I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.**

I will satisfy the priests with abundance,
and my people will be filled with my bounty,"
declares the LORD.

Song of Adoration

Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted (Look to Jesus)

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus
Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While His grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory
Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see Him
Bless the ears that hear His voice
Blessed are the souls that trust Him
And in Him alone rejoice
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus
Mercy flows through Him alone

*"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7
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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.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 69:1-3, 20, 30-33

Save me, O God!
For the waters have come up to my neck.
I sink in deep mire,
where there is no foothold;
I have come into deep waters,
and the flood sweeps over me.
I am weary with my crying out;
my throat is parched.
My eyes grow dim
with waiting for my God.
Reproaches have broken my heart,
so that I am in despair.
I looked for pity, but there was none,
and for comforters, but I found none.
I will praise the name of God with a song;
I will magnify him with thanksgiving.
This will please the LORD more than an ox
or a bull with horns and hoofs.
When the humble see it they will be glad;
you who seek God, let your hearts revive.
For the LORD hears the needy
and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.

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

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast...

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast...

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last...

*"And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6
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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 & Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:4

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

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

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Mark 14:16-25

The disciples prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And they were reclining at the table and as they were eating, He took bread. And after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Confession of Sin

Adapted from "The Valley of Vision"

Our Father, enlarge our hearts, warm our affections, open our lips to proclaim the glory of the Cross of Jesus Christ. There grace removes our burdens and heaps them on Your Son, made a transgressor, a curse, and sin for us; there the sword of Your justice struck the God-man; there Your infinite attributes were magnified, and infinite atonement was made; there infinite punishment was due, and infinite punishment was endured.

Christ was all anguish that we might be all joy, cast off that we might be brought in, trodden down as an enemy that we might be welcomed as a friend, surrendered to hell's worst that we might attain heaven's best, stripped that we might be clothed, wounded that we might be healed, thirsty that we might drink, tormented that we might be comforted, made a shame that we might inherit glory.

Our Savior wept that all tears might be wiped from our eyes, groaned that we might have endless song, endured all pain that we might have unfading health, bore thorns that we might have a crown of glory. Bowed His head that we might uplift ours, experienced reproach that we might receive welcome, closed His eyes in death that we might gaze on unclouded brightness, expired that we might forever live.

O Father, You did not spare Your only Son that You might spare us. Go forth, O conquering God, and show us the Cross, mighty to subdue, comfort, and save.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

Based on Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your warfare is ended; Your sins are pardoned; the penalty for your rebellion is paid.

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

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings...

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore*

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good...

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me*

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name...

*But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its Treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore*

*"Your life is hidden with Christ in God." Colossians 3:3
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Nothing to Fear

When you pass through the waters
I will be with you
And the depths of the river
Shall not overwhelm
When you walk through the fire
You will not be burned
I am the Lord, I am the Lord...

*And there is nothing to fear, nothing to fear
There is nothing to fear, nothing to fear
For I am with you always*

In the depths of your sorrow,
I wept beside you
When you walked through the shadow
I drew you near
And yesterday, today, tomorrow
Always the same
I am the Lord, I am the Lord...

What can separate you from My perfect love
 What can separate you from My perfect love
 What can separate you from My perfect love
 Do not fear, do not fear, do not fear

"Fear not, for I am with you." Isaiah 41:10

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We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion
 We will sing with our hearts restored
 He has done great things we will say together
 We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
 He is the Lord our God
 We are not consumed by the flood
 Upheld, protected, gathered up...

In the dark of night before the dawn
 My soul be not afraid
 For the promised morning, oh how long
 Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength...

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
 You are the faithful one
 And from the garden to the grave
 Bind us together, bring shalom...

"For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more."

Isaiah 30:19

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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 Chris Newlin, Kristy Elliott, Buddy Miner, Tammy Ingram, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Donald Smith, and Deacon Jason Weippert*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Elder Gordon Kuhfuss, Sean & Jesse Winterhalter, and Scott Hoye*** 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

9:00 AM / Library

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 / 5:30PM / Side Parking Lot

Parenting Class: Parenting in Anxious Times

www.wepc.org/parentingclass

Wednesdays through Nov 17 / 6-7:30PM / Library

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/MASfellowship

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship: How Worship Changes Us

www.wepc.org/worshipclass

Wednesdays through Nov 17 / 6-7:30PM / Chapel

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

- **Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies:**

Tuesday AM & Wednesday PM / [Join us!](#)

Young Singles www.wepc.org/grow/adults

October 24: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer

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

Food Pantry needs www.wepc.org/foodpantry

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Christian Service www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

TODAY / 12PM / Chapel

Interested in Welcoming Afghan Immigrants?

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

Worship Arts Ministry

Prayer & Worship Night: Learning to Lament

wepc.org/prayerworshipnight

Sunday November 7 / 4-5:30PM / 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

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

POSTPONED to October 17 / Side Parking Lot

Join us for a tailgate lunch served by the WEPC Youth after the 10:30AM Service. [RSVP here.](#)

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Contact Children's Ministry Director, [Emily Meeks](#)

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 10/3/21):

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 522,216.63

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 528,760.46

% of expected budget received: 98.76%

Winter Host Families Needed!

Interested in opening your heart and home to host an orphan from Ukraine this Christmas?

Contact [Tracy Scoggins](#) for more information.

Counseling

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