



# 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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*

<sup>4</sup>Blessed 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](http://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](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 PM / [Join us!](#)

### **Young Singles** [www.wepc.org/grow/adults](http://www.wepc.org/grow/adults)

October 24: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer

### **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

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

### **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)

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](http://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](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)

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.