



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Twenty-first 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 Meek

"Meek. Humble. Gentle. Jesus is not trigger-happy. Not harsh, reactionary, easily exasperated. He is the most understanding person in the universe. The posture most natural to Him is not a pointed finger but open arms." –*Dane Ortlund*

"We are apt to think that Jesus Christ, being so holy, is therefore of a severe and sour disposition against sinners, and not able to bear them. No says He; 'I am meek,' gentleness is my nature and temper... it is my nature to forgive... I am willing to bestow my love and favor upon the poorest and meanest." –*Thomas Goodwin*

"The meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace." –*Psalms 37:11*

Call to Worship

Matthew 11:25, 27-30

Jesus declared... "All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Song of Adoration

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners
Jesus! Lover of my soul
Friends may fail me, foes assail me
He, my Savior, makes me whole...

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving
He is with me to the end

Jesus! What a Strength in weakness
Let me hide myself in Him
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing
He, my Strength, my victory wins...

Jesus! What a Help in sorrow
While the billows over me roll
Even when my heart is breaking
He, my Comfort, helps my soul...

Jesus! What a Guide and Keeper
While the tempest still is high
Storms about me, night overtakes me
He, my Pilot, hears my cry...

Jesus! I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am His, and He is mine...

"A friend of tax collectors and sinners." Luke 7:34
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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.

Presentation of New Members (10:30AM)

Meredith & Sandy Elder

Covenant Baptism (10:30AM)

Timothy Andrew Nida

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-5

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

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

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me
Who have I to ask beside
How could I doubt His tender mercy
Who through life has been my guide

All the way my Savior leads me
Cheers each winding path I tread
Gives me grace for every trial
Feeds me with the living Bread...

*You lead me and keep me from falling
You carry me close to Your heart
And surely Your goodness and mercy
Will follow me*

All the way my Savior leads me
O, the fullness of His love
O, the sureness of His promise
In the triumph of His blood...

And when my spirit clothed immortal
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages
Jesus led me all the way
Jesus led me all the way...

*"For the sake of Your name, lead me and guide me." Psalm 31:3
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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 5:5

♫Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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"

Almighty God, gracious Father, I confess that we have sinned against You.

The Gospel proclaims that all of Your lovingkindness is in Your Son,

I hear the Good News, and trust that He died for me.

His blood to pay for my debts of wrong,

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 righteousness for my dead works,

His death for my life. Amen.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

Ephesians 4:4-5, 8-9

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
 Leave to thy God to order and provide
 In ev'ry change He faithful will remain
 Be still my soul, thy best, thy heav'nly friend
 Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul, thy God doth undertake
 To guide the future as He has the past
 Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last
 Be still my soul, the waves and winds still know
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below...

*In You I rest, in You I found my hope
 In You I trust
 You never let me go
 I place my life within Your hands alone
 Be still my soul*

Be still my soul, the hour is hastening on
 When we shall be forever with the Lord
 When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone
 Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
 Be still my soul, when change and tears are past
 All safe and blessed we shall meet at last...

*"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10
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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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Your Great Name

Lost are saved find their way
 At the sound of Your great name
 All condemned, feel no shame
 At the sound of Your great name
 Ev'ry fear has no place
 At the sound of Your great name
 The enemy he has to leave
 At the sound of Your great name...

*Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
 The Son of God and man
 You are high and lifted up
 And all the world will praise
 Your great Name*

All the weak find their strength
 At the sound of Your great name
 Hungry souls receive grace
 At the sound of Your great name
 The fatherless find their rest
 At the sound of Your great name
 Sick are healed, the dead are raised
 At the sound of Your great Name...

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." Philippians 2:10 Krissy Nordhoff | Michael Neale ©2008 Integrity's Praise! Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

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, Jen Wickham, Randall Ingram, Jill Wiebe-King, Pat Reynolds, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Rick Hepner, and Gordon Collier*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Elder Rick McWhorter, 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

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

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: November 20 / 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

Thankful for Jesus & Donuts! Nov 7 / 4:30-6:30PM / Parking Lot

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

Gospel & Race www.wepc.org/resources/gospel-race/

Voices Speaker Series

Sunday October 24 / 12PM / Fellowship Hall

Join us as WEPC member Ron Walters shares his story as a black man and believer in Jesus Christ, together with an update from WEPC's Gospel & Race Discipleship Team. BYO Lunch.

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Christian Service www.wepc.org/simpleenglish

Second Sunday of each month / 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

Youth Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Movie Night: Oct 22 / 6:30-9PM / Sanctuary

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

TODAY / Side Parking Lot

Join us for a tailgate lunch served by the WEPC Youth after the 10:30AM Service.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

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

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

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 549,647.96

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 556,350.29

% of expected budget received: 98.80%

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.