



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Twenty-second 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 Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

"Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in': aim at earth and you will get neither... If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world." --C.S. Lewis

"It is not enough to mourn over past sin; we must also hunger for future righteousness." --John Stott

"Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." --1 Peter 3:18

Call to Worship

Isaiah 45:21-25

There is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Savior;
there is none besides me.

**Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.**

By myself I have sworn;
from my mouth has gone out in righteousness
a word that shall not return:

**To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear allegiance.**

Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me,
are righteousness and strength;
to Him shall come and be ashamed
all who were incensed against Him.

**In the LORD all the offspring of Israel
shall be justified and shall glory.**

Song of Adoration

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed
With joy shall I lift up my head

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood
Which, at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty
Was also shed in love for me

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee
Whose boundless mercy hath for me
For me a full atonement made
An everlasting ransom paid

*"He has clothed me with garments of salvation." Isaiah 61:10
Nicolaus von Zinzendorf (1739); Tune: GERMANY, William Gardener's Sacred
Melodies (1815). Public domain.*

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 42

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food, day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me. By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

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

Holy, Holy Adonai

Holy, Holy Adonai
Holy, Holy Adonai
Holy, Holy Adonai
Holy, Holy Adonai

Lord, we lift Your name on high
We lift Your name on high
Holy, Holy Adonai

Wera, wera Adonai
Wera, wera Adonai
Wera, wera Adonai
Wera, wera Adonai

Mwam'ushizw e hejuru
Mwam'ushizw e hejuru
Wera, wera Adonai

*"I saw the Lord [Adonai] sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up." Isaiah 6:1
Mireille Basirwa, Democratic Republic of the Congo (2018). In English and Kirundi.
Adonai is a Hebrew name for God used in the Old Testament which means "lord",
using the plurality of majesty (literally, "lords").*

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 5:6

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

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

Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us; we have been obsessed with creating a life of constant pleasure; we have been indifferent to the treasure of heaven; we have neglected Your wise and gracious Law. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. Amen.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

II Corinthians 5:21

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise
in the morning when I rise
in the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus...

Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus

You can have all this world

But give me Jesus

And when I am alone
 And when I am alone
 When I am alone
 Give me Jesus...

And when I come to die
 And when I come to die
 When I come to die
 Give me Jesus...

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23 African American Spiritual. Used by permission. CCLI #708363.

We Will Say in That Day

You will see there a highway from God's own hand
 That will lead back the lost to the Promised Land
 And the voice of the Savior will call us friends,
 Saying, "Join in the song of the Lord!"

We will call back our armies: "Return from war!"
 And we'll make into plowshares our useless swords
 Very soon to forget what they once were for
 When we join in the song of the Lord!...

*We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give thanks!"
 We will not be afraid, for He comes to save
 We will shout; we will call every tribe and race
 "Come and join in the song of the Lord!"*

You will see there a banquet for sinners spread
 Where we'll sit with the Lord at the table's head
 And our Shepherd Himself is our wine & bread
 And we'll join in the song of the Lord!...

When the remnant returns to the Promised Land
 When the highway of God brings us home to Him
 We'll be welcomed with love by our Savior Friend
 And we'll join in the song of the Lord!...

*"You will say in that day: 'I will give thanks to you, O LORD.'" Isaiah 12:1
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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!
 O 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
 Thomas Ken (1709); Tune: "OLD 100th", Louis Bourgeois (1551); Public Domain*

"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. Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Erin Bouknight, Deacon Rick McMahon, Deacon Karl Kuder, Neighborhood Outreach Assistant Director Evelyn Cubahiro, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Deacon Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning, Chris Malak and Scott Hoyer managed today's audio and video live stream. Deacon Brian Zollinhofer & Michael Whitman 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

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

TODAY: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer

Children's Ministry www.wepc.org/grow/children

Thankful for Jesus & Donuts! Nov 4 / 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

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

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

Youth Sunday School: 9AM / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Night Youth Group

- **Middle School:** 6-7:30PM / Gym
- **High School:** 7:30-9PM / Gym
- **NO Youth Group on 10/27**

General Information

Nursery Volunteers Needed

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

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 10/17/21):

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 580,559.20

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 594,319.39

% of expected budget received: 97.68%

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.