



Order of Worship

God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

The Twenty-fifth 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 Peacemakers

"Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the Lord."
--*Isaiah 57:19*

"The science of living blessedly forever."
--*Puritan William Perkins' definition of peace & answer when asked what he did for his work*

"When Christ saves a man He not only saves him from his sin, He saves him from his solitude." --*Frank Colquhoun*

Call to Worship

Ephesians 2:12-14, 18

At one time you were separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For He Himself is our Peace.

Through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Song of Adoration

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the one who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds...

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign...

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth!)
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You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill)...

*"Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2
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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

Isaiah 26:12-13

O LORD, You will ordain peace for us, for You have indeed done for us all our works. O LORD our God, other lords besides You have ruled over us, but Your name alone we bring to remembrance.

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 of Your Ways Are Peace

All of Your ways are peace
All of Your ways are peace
Though we are pressed on ev'ry side
We trust that You are peace

All of Your words are true
All of Your words are true
Though we have heard so many lies
We trust Your words are true

All of Your ways are just
All of Your ways are just
Though we may say it through our tears
We trust that You are just

All of Your ways are peace
All of Your ways are peace
All of Your ways are peace

*"He is the Rock...and all His ways are just." Deuteronomy 32:4
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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 5:9

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

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

Luke 22:7-8, 14-20, 29-30

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

"And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, You have prepared Your salvation in the presence of all peoples. Your Son reconciled us to God through the peace-making work of the Cross. Now give us to die to our sin in repentance, so we may live as one with You and with one another. We have not trusted Your Good News to be good; we have not availed ourselves of Your nearness; we have refused the peace of Christ; we have hoped for little from You; we have nursed our hostilities; and the very thoughts of our hearts are revealed in the light of Your great mercy toward us. Forgive our unbelief, and renew us by Your Holy Spirit that we might rejoice that You have adopted us as sons, that we may once more find the Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to be our greatest joy. Amen.

Silence

Words of Encouragement

Colossians 1:13, 19-20

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son... God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Christ, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the Cross.

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

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford
I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou nearby
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh...

*I need Thee
O, I need Thee
O, I need Thee every hour
I need you Lord, O bless me now
My Savior, I come to Thee*

I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain
Come quickly and abide or life is vain
I need Thee ev'ry hour, teach me Thy will
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill....

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One
O make me Thine indeed, Thou Blessed Son!...

*"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16
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All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus ev'ry need supplying
Yes, in living and in dying
All must be well

On our Father's love relying
Jesus ev'ry need supplying
Yes, in living or in dying all must be well

"But God shows His love for us, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8.

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My Hope Is Built (The Solid Rock)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name...

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil...

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay...

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne...

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in my whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Psalm 18:2

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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, Erin Bouknight, Georgia Collier, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Buddy Miner, Donald Smith, and Troy Arnold** led this morning's congregational singing. **Elder Gordon Kuhfuss, Jon Greenhill, Sean & Jesse Winterhalter, and Rob MacBride** 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. The final Q&A will be on Sunday, Nov. 21st.

Announcements

Adult Ministry

Adult Sunday School www.wepec.org/grow/adults

9:00 AM

- Series on Advent / Library
- Series on Discipleship / Rm. 21

Parenting Class: Parenting in Anxious Times

www.wepec.org/parentingclass

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

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepec.org/MASfellowship

Next Meeting: November 20 / 4-5:30PM

Wednesday Night Fellowship: How Worship Changes Us

www.wepec.org/worshipclass

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

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

- **Christy Nockels Christmas Concert**
Please join us for a free live-streamed Christmas concert featuring "Rejoice" by Christy Nockels on **Thursday, 12/9 in the WEPC Fellowship Hall**. The concert will begin at 8pm and doors will open at 7:15pm. Coffee and tea will be provided as you enjoy the show. If you are able, please bring some festive cookies or snacks to share. Any questions, please contact Georgia Collier at gapeachvcu@yahoo.com or 804.366.3868.
- **Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies:**
Tuesday AM & Wednesday PM / [Join us!](#)

Young Singles www.wepec.org/grow/adults

Dec 5: Lunch, Worship, & Prayer

Children's Ministry www.wepec.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 (through Nov. 17)

- Kids Club

Food Pantry needs www.wepec.org/foodpantry

Missions www.wepec.org/missions

STEP Christmas Store

Collecting donations of new, unwrapped gifts for children living in Gilpin Court. For more information on suggested items or volunteering, please visit [our website](#). Donations due at WEPC on Sunday, Nov. 28.

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry www.wepec.org/neighborhood

Simple English Christian Service www.wepec.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!

Youth Ministry www.wepec.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

Richmond Big Band Christmas 2021

Join Church Hill Activities & Tutoring (CHAT) on **Sunday, December 5, at 4PM** at the Byrd Theatre for A Richmond Big Band Christmas, featuring 15 of Richmond's finest jazz musicians and vocalists. Tickets and more information are available at bigbandchristmasrva.com.

WEPC Work Day Nov. 20th

The Men's Ministry / Deacons are planning a WEPC Work Day for **Saturday, November 20, from 10 AM to 2 PM**. We need about 20 people to come out and help us clean up the grounds, some light inside work, and collect the leaves on the roof. RSVP to Mike Glasgow, atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com, or text to 804-836-6264. Anyone age 16+ can come out to help. What to bring: a pair of work gloves, warm old clothing that can get dirty, leaf rake, gas powered leaf blower, and a trailer if you have one so we can remove the trash to the landfill.

Weekly Communion Starting Nov. 28th

We will resume serving communion weekly with the beginning of the Advent season on Sunday, Nov. 28th.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

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

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 11/7/21):

Operating gifts YTD: \$ 694,316.87

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$ 708,932.22

% of expected budget received: 97.94%

Counseling

Lara Finnie, Licensed Professional Counselor at WEPC, is available by appointment. Visit [Abiding Branches](#) for more information.