



WEPC Lectionary Project: *Union with Christ*

West End Presbyterian Church is using the Scripture readings recommended by the Revised Common Lectionary as a framework for our corporate worship and our personal and family devotion. This project is part of WEPC's 25th Anniversary Year and will run from December 2018 through November 2019. The Lectionary gives us access to the whole counsel of Scripture and these texts are a means for us to grow in our understanding of our union with Christ.

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A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of January 20, 2019

John 2:1-12, *The Good Wine*

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [John 2:1-12](#).

- You could make a serious case that the Bible begins and ends with a wedding/marriage.
 - Therefore it is not surprising that the first miracle of Jesus (“manifesting His glory”) was at a wedding.
 - This theme of bride/bridegroom is one that the apostle John likes a lot: “The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease.” ([John 3:29-30](#))
- 1.) The Request
 - Jesus seems downright rude to His mother. He could have called her “Mother”.
 - His words “what does this have to do with me?” is a phrase most often spoken by demons to Jesus
 - Jesus is telling Mary that His primary allegiance is to His heavenly father and earthly attachments matter (after all, He does do what she asks) but pursuit of his Heavenly Father’s will is primary.
 - 2.) The Miracle
 - This is a lot of wine (not really)
 - Which bridegroom can come through? (v.9, “the master of the feast called the bridegroom...but you have kept the good wine until now”)
 - Who was the miracle for?
 - 3.) The Point
 - Glory ([John 1:14](#)—“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth”)
 - Glory manifested, faith called forth
 - “My hour”
 - “So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.” ([John 7:30](#))
 - “No one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.” ([John 8:20](#))
 - “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.” ([John 12:27](#))
 - “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” ([John 12:23-24](#))
 - Purification jars/ how in the world will you ever get clean?

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