



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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Sunday, October 20, 2019

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Ordinary Time

[Genesis 32:22-31](#) *Striven with God*

[Psalm 121](#) *My Help*

[II Timothy 3:14-4:5](#) *Reprove, Rebuke, & Exhort*

[Luke 18:1-8](#) *Give Me Justice*

Monday, October 21

[Psalm 57](#) *Vindication*

[I Samuel 25:2-22](#) *Judgment Against Nabal*

[I Corinthians 6:1-11](#) *You are Washed & Sanctified*

Tuesday, October 22

[Psalm 57](#) *Vindication*

[I Samuel 25:23-35](#) *Abigail's Plea*

[James 5:7-12](#) *The Judge is Standing at the Door*

Wednesday, October 23

[Psalm 57](#) *Vindication*

[I Samuel 25:36-42](#) *The LORD has returned*

[Luke 22:39-46](#) *Not My Will, But Yours*

Thursday, October 24

[Psalm 84:1-7](#) *Strength is in You*

[Jeremiah 9:1-16](#) *They Refuse to Know Me*

[II Timothy 3:1-9](#) *Godlessness*

Friday, October 25

[Psalm 84:1-7](#) *Strength is in You*

[Jeremiah 9:17-26](#) *Uncircumcised in Heart*

[II Timothy 3:10-15](#) *Persecuted*

Saturday, October 26

[Psalm 84:1-7](#) *Strength is in You*

[Jeremiah 14:1-6](#) *They Cover Their Heads*

[Luke 1:46-55](#) *Strength With His Arm*

Your Keeper

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Psalm 121](#). A Song of Ascents.

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

- Where, and in what ways, do you need help?
- To ask the question, where does my help come from implies a need for help. It is a question that the vulnerable and needy must ask.
- We would only ask for help from someone who could give it.
- Jean Vanier the founder of L'arche, visited asylums and noticed that no one was crying. "When they realize no one cares, that nobody will answer them, children no longer cry. It takes too much energy. We cry out only when there is hope that someone may hear us."
- Our Help(er) is living, primary, personal, wise, immeasurable and constant. Neither internal nor external troubles are too hard for Him. Typically, a helper is considered to be "lesser".
- A few notes about the text of this Psalm"
 - The hills (1), the sun (6) and the moon (6)
 - "Your foot" (3); Likely the writer of this Psalm is a traveler or pilgrim.
 - "Shade" (5) implies closeness
 - "Going out and coming in...and forevermore" (8); totality, but especially the issues of life.
 - We need help most often in those areas of our lives where, perhaps we feel the most competent.
- "What we need is help,—help powerful, efficient, constant: we need a very present help in trouble. What a mercy that we have it in our God. Our hope is in Jehovah, for our help comes from him. Help is on the road, and will not fail to reach us in due time, for he who sends it to us was never known to be too late. Jehovah who created all things is equal to every emergency; heaven and earth are at the disposal of him who made them, therefore let us be very joyful in our infinite helper. He will sooner destroy heaven and earth than permit his people to be destroyed, and the perpetual hills themselves shall bow rather than he shall fail whose ways are everlasting. We are bound to look beyond heaven and earth to him who made them both: it is vain to trust the creatures: it is wise to trust the Creator." (*Charles Haddon Spurgeon*)

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