



## 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, November 3, 2019

*The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: Ordinary Time*

[Isaiah 1:10-18](#) *Reason Together*

[Psalm 32:1-7](#) *You Preserve Me*

[II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12](#) *Grace & Peace*

[Luke 19:1-10](#) *Today Salvation*

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### Monday, November 4

[Psalm 50](#) *He Does Not Keep Silence*

[Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31](#) *They Separated*

[I Corinthians 5:9-13](#) *Judging*

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### Tuesday, November 5

[Psalm 50](#) *He Does Not Keep Silence*

[Zechariah 7:1-14](#) *Justice & Mercy*

[Jude 1:5-21](#) *Keep Yourselves*

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### Wednesday, November 6

[Psalm 50](#) *He Does Not Keep Silence*

[Amos 5:12-24](#) *Justice, Not Offerings*

[Luke 19:11-27](#) *They Supposed*

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### Thursday, November 7

[Psalm 17:1-9](#) *Keep Me*

[Deuteronomy 25:5-10](#) *Levirate Marriage Law*

[Acts 22:22-23:11](#) *Paul Confronts*

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### Friday, November 8

[Psalm 17:1-9](#) *Keep Me*

[Genesis 38:1-26](#) *Tamar & Levite Marriage*

[Acts 24:10-23](#) *I Worship the God of our Fathers*

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### Saturday, November 9

[Psalm 17:1-9](#) *Keep Me*

[Exodus 3:13-20](#) *I AM WHO I AM*

[Luke 20:1-8](#) *By What Authority*

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## **Today Salvation**

*This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Luke 19:1-10](#).*

<sup>1</sup> He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup> And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

- God loves the rich: Abraham, Job, Solomon, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, our destiny is a place with streets of gold, the Rich Young Ruler, "And Jesus, looking at him, loved him..." ([Mark 10:21](#))
- This is good since as far as I can tell more than 50% of the world's population lives on less than \$10 a day.
- Anxiety and depression are most common among the affluent (22% of girls from financially comfortable homes suffer from clinical depression)
- God loves the poor: the slaves, the lepers, Lazarus.
- "In a world where blame is placed on the 'one percent'- and where income disparity between rich and poor bring out the best in some and the worst in others- are we able to look past greed, wherever greed truly exists, to the fears and insecurities that drive the greed? Are we able to look at the Rich young Ruler and love him? Are we able to look at Zacchaeus, the wealthy, crooked, unjust and friendless tax collector and say, 'We're coming to your house today...'" (*Scott Sauls*)
- Zacchaeus is hated (a small man indeed).
- However, he wants to go and see Jesus. Why? Maybe because he had heard Jesus loved sinners and tax collectors.
- He climbs a tree. Rich men don't usually climb trees.
- Jesus sees him instead and knows him. "Zacchaeus!"
- "Hurry and come down". Did Jesus wait for Zacchaeus to get his act together?
- What happens at Zacchaeus' house and table?
- When the 'they' saw it...
- The God who has come to live with sinners, in our homes, neighborhoods and even our churches...
- Note what Jesus says, "I must". "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost".
  - There are no 'little' people to Jesus
  - Repentance, and what drives it
  - Can you look past a person's wealth, etc., to see...
  - Are you a Zacchaeus? Are you a "they"?
  - Where does Jesus go, stay and work? (a tale of two trees)

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