



West End
presbyterian church

**The Fifth Sunday
after the Epiphany**

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is a time that helps us to remember Jesus as the long awaited Hebrew Messiah and His mission to the nations. Epiphany has a particular focus on Jesus as the Light of the World and "God with us," and the Church's role in proclaiming that Jesus is Lord.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

RELIGIOUS PEOPLE NEED THE GOSPEL

"Many begin with grace, and end with works...but to be saved and brought to glory, to be carried through this dangerous world, from my first moving after Christ till I set my foot within the gates of paradise, this is the work of my Mediator, of my High Priest and Intercessor; it is He that fetches us again when we are run away; it is He that lifts us up when the devil and sin has thrown us down; it is He that quickens us when we grow cold; it is He that comforts us when we despair; it is He that obtains fresh pardon when we have contracted sin; and He that purges our consciences when they are laden with guilt... We are saved by Christ; brought to glory by Christ; and all our works are no otherwise made acceptable to God but by the Person and personal excellencies and works of Christ."

--*John Bunyan*

"Human beings are comfortable with what is outward, visible, material and superficial. What matters to God is a deep, inward, secret work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts."

--*John Stott*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:2-3

Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to Me;
hear, that your soul may live.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

COME YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

1. Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready, stands to save you
Full of pity, love, and pow'r

2. Come ye thirsty, come, and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

3. Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him

4. Come ye weary, heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all

5. Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready, stands to save you
Full of pity, love, and pow'r

*"Come and take the free gift of the water of life."
Revelation 22:17*

Joseph Hart (1759);
Traditional American
melody, Walker's
Southern Harmony
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DECLARING THE FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

REFLECTING ON THE APOSTLES' CREED

What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all His benefits through true faith, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

*Heidelberg Catechism,
Q&A 53 (1563)*

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 or paper “[Keep in Touch](#)” form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church. Following the service, please introduce yourself to Pastor Steve Shelby either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:5-6, 15-18

The Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live... See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The offering isn't just about money. Our response to the Gospel goes much deeper; God demands our whole selves. The act of giving in worship is a part of offering ourselves as “living sacrifices” to God (Romans 12:1).

“The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want” Psalm 23:1

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OFFERING

You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. If you miss today's offering, please visit www.wepc.org/giving for online giving options or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).

I SHALL NOT WANT

1. From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me, O God

*And I shall not want
No I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want*

2. From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me, O God
Deliver me, O God...

3. From the fear of serving others
From the fear of death or trial
And from the fear of humility
Deliver me, O God
Yes deliver me, O God...

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30am)

GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

¹⁷But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God ¹⁸and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; ¹⁹and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth—²¹you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? ²²You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. ²⁴For, as it is written, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.” ²⁵For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. ²⁶So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? ²⁷Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. ²⁸For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. ²⁹But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Romans 2:17-29

SERMON

A Worship Guide with sermon notes and recordings is posted each Sunday at wepc.org/worship/sermons-media.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus. They did as He had directed them, and prepared the Passover. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”

from Matthew 26:17-29

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 139:1-3, 23-24

Confession & Encouragement

Often we find that our hearts worship something other than God. In confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit probes our hearts and minds and graciously shows us what we mistakenly believe will give us life. Jesus is good to lead us from sorrow over our sin to the sweetness of His grace.

**You have searched me, Lord,
and You know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
You perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
You are familiar with all my ways.
Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Titus 3:3-5

We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy.

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. The Elders presiding over the Supper are praying for you as the congregation participates in the sacrament.

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

BE THOU MY VISION

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light
2. Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only be first in my heart
High King of heaven, my Treasure, Thou art
4. High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

"Jesus Christ is all."
Colossians 3:11

Text: 8th century Irish
hymn, trans. by Mary
Byrne (1905) Tune:
SLANE (trad.
Irish melody).
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GATHER THEM IN

1. We wait for you to testify
To hold the kingdoms to account
Your righteous justice shall not fail
All those who trust in your name...

*You will gather them in
You will bring, bring them home
King of all Kings
Lord of all Lords*

2. Sing out, sing out
Ye daughters of Zion
And shout aloud O Israel
Be glad, rejoice with all your heart
He has removed your punishment...

*He will gather us in
He will bring, bring us home
King of all Kings
Lord of all Lords*

*"At that time I will
gather you; at that time
I will bring you home.
I will give you honor
and praise among all
the peoples of the earth
when I restore your
fortunes before your very
eyes," says the LORD."*
Zephaniah 3:20

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*"And I am sure of this,
that He who began a
good work in you will
bring it to completion at
the day of Jesus Christ."
Philippians 1:6*

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YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my Joy, my Righteousness, and Freedom
My steadfast Love, my deep and boundless Peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior, He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6

Text: Thomas Ken (1709) Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (Bourgeois, 1551)

What does "doxology" mean?

It's derived from two Greek words meaning "glory" and "word." A doxology, then, is a spoken word or song that ascribes glory to God. Today's doxology calls all of creation to praise God as the source of all blessing and acknowledges His Trinitarian (three-in-one) nature.

BENEDICTION

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality."

A team is available for prayer at the front of the Sanctuary following the 9 & 10:30 AM services.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Elder Chris Newlin, Erin Bouknight, Georgia Collier, Buddy Miner, Donald Smith, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Gordon Kuhfuss and Deacon Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. Deacon Brian Zollinhofer managed the in-house video system.

Romans 12:12-13

The Last Word

God always has the last word in our worship. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing.

announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School

www.wepc.org/adults

Fellowship Day

TODAY / Rm 810 / 9AM

Join us for food, fellowship, and a testimony.

Meaning of Marriage: Facing the Complexities of Commitment with the Wisdom of God

Feb 12 - May 28 / Rm 19 / 9AM

Join us for a discussion of the video series by Timothy and Kathy Keller, facilitated by couples John & Anne McGurn, John & Joyce Minor, and Gary & Kitty Witthoefft.

Book of Revelation

Feb 12 - May 28 / Rm 810 / 9AM

Have you ever been confused about Revelation? Do you wonder whether this book of the Bible is relatable to your life? Join Joe Brown and Matt Bouknight for a study of this often misunderstood book to be encouraged and challenged in your faith.

Wednesday Night Fellowship: The Believing Life

www.wepc.org/adults

Weekly through March 29 / Chapel / 6-7:30 PM

Believing is hard, and following Jesus changes how we live. Whether you consider yourself to be a long-time Christian or a skeptic, The Believing Life is designed to help you grow in and through the power of the Gospel.

Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

Praying Like Paul Prayer Group

Sundays through Feb 19 / 9AM / Room 21

Join us as we pray for God's work in our church family, our ministries, neighborhood outreach, WEPC supported missionaries, and for God's work around the world. Contact: Mary McWhorter (marymcw1@gmail.com) or Jill Wiebe-King (wackfish@gmail.com)

Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship

www.wepc.org/MASfellowship

Feb 18 / 4-5:30PM / WEPC Library

Join us for fellowship, devotional study, prayer, and an optional dinner. Contact: [Janice Sharp](mailto:Janice.Sharp@wepc.org) (loljanice727@gmail.com)

Widows Fellowship Interest Meeting

TODAY / Feb 5 / 12PM / Chapel

Open to all widows who would like to consider participating in a Widows group. The goal is to offer widows fellowship, encouragement, and practical help as they share their wisdom with others. Contact: Julie Phillips (juliedw77@yahoo.com or 804-301-6585).

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies

Join us as we continue studying the book of Ephesians. New women are welcome.

Wellspring: Tuesdays / 9:15-11:30 AM

Restore: Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM

Contact: Brice Bowman (brice@wepc.org) or visit [our website](#) to register.

Women's Retreat / Feb 25-26, 2023

Join us at Roslyn Retreat Center for a weekend of rest and refreshment in the Gospel, while growing in community with the women of WEPC. [Register now](#) or contact Heather Oberle (hoberle@wepc.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

<https://www.wepc.org/grow/children/>

9 AM

- Nursery (infant-3 years); upstairs
- Sunday School (PreK-5); downstairs

10:30 AM

- Nursery (infant-3 years old); upstairs
- Children's Worship (4 years-2nd grade); Chapel

Kids' Club (K-5th grade)

Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM / Room 25

Parents' Night Out

February 10 / 5:30-8 PM / Gym

Vacation Bible School

June 19-22 / 5:30-8 PM

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9AM / Youth Lounge
- **Youth Group:** Wednesdays / Youth Lounge
6-7:30 PM--Middle School
7:30-9 PM--High School

Summer Internships:

We are now accepting applications for WEPC Youth Ministry Interns for the 2023 Summer season! Read the [job description](#) and to apply, complete the [employment application](#). Contact: Isaiah Thomas (isaiah@wepc.org)

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Tutoring Ministry Meeting

Sunday / Feb 19 / 9AM / Library

Join us if you are a current, new, or potential tutor for a great opportunity to hear more about our tutoring ministry and learn some practical tools for guiding and helping your students.

Contact: Evelyne Cubahiro (evelyne@wepc.org)

10K Training Team

Join the Good News Can't Lose Team if you are interested in running, jogging, or walking the Monument Avenue 10k on Saturday, April 22. Official training begins Saturday, February 11 at Deep Run Park at 8AM. All levels are welcome as well as middle and high school students. For more information and entry fee, contact Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Jake Porter, Chris Hennesey, Taylor Miller, & Ed Bowman

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 1/29/2023):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,541,710.92

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,426,685.91

% of expected budget received: 108.06%

Barnabas Training Basic

February 11, 2023 / 9 AM-4 PM / WEPC

Led by the counseling staff at The Barnabas Center, the seminar equips you to better encourage friends and loved ones facing difficult times in life and faith. **Register now!** Contact: Kim Johnson (kjohnson@barnabasrva.org)

WEPC Preschool Enrollment is Now Open!

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is now open! We'd love your family to join us next year! For more info, visit wepc.org/preschool, contact Casey (casey@wepc.org) or pick up an enrollment packet outside the WEPC Community Preschool office in the gallery.

2022 Contribution Statements

WEPC emailed end-of-year contribution/tax statements on January 23. If we did not have an email for you, we sent it via USPS. If you do not receive a statement electronically or via USPS by January 30, or if you feel that your statement has errors, please contact AmyCaroline Wilks (acwilks@wepc.org)

Communion Prep Team volunteers needed

We are looking for 5 new folks to join our communion teams as they prepare trays for communion and assist during the worship services. Commitment would be 1 Sunday approximately every 11 weeks. Contact: Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org).

Save the Date for a Date!

March Marriage Madness

Saturday / March 25 / 4-8 PM / WEPC

Join us for an evening of teaching, discussion, dinner, and fellowship as we gather to hear how the Gospel is the foundation for our marriages. Childcare available. Cost details and registration information coming soon!

Prayer & Support Group

Email pray4fam@wepc.org for prayer and support for couples struggling with infertility.

Counseling

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

Lent & Easter 2023

www.wepc.org/lent-easter

Worship Services

- Ash Wednesday / February 22 / 6:30PM
- Maundy Thursday / April 6 / 7PM
- Good Friday / April 7 / 7PM
- Easter Sunday / April 9 / 9 & 10:30AM

Save the Date: Personal Retreat

Saturday, March 18 / 8:30AM-12:30PM

Roslyn Retreat Center

Join us for a time alone in prayer, reflection, Scripture readings, and communion.

Registration is open. Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

FOOD PANTRY

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

There are 3 ways to donate to our food pantry:

- Use the CURRENT NEEDS list from the website.
- Join a FOOD ITEM TEAM described on the website for list-free giving.
- Designate MONETARY GIFTS to the food pantry.

Keep in Touch

Especially if this is your first Sunday with us –welcome!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Children's Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Who invited you to WEPC? How did you first hear about us?

◇ Check if this is NEW contact information for you.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| ◇ Visitor | Age: |
| ◇ Male | ◇ 20 or younger |
| ◇ Female | ◇ 21-26 |
| ◇ Single | ◇ 27-34 |
| ◇ Student (Grade ___) | ◇ 35-49 |
| ◇ Student (College) | ◇ 50-64 |
| ◇ Married | ◇ 65 and older |
| ◇ Parent | |
| ◇ Widowed | |

I would like info about:

- ◇ WEPC
- ◇ Women's Ministry
- ◇ Men's Ministry
- ◇ Childrens Ministry
- ◇ Youth Ministry
- ◇ Adult Classes
- ◇ Home Groups
- ◇ Neighborhood Outreach
- ◇ Becoming a member of WEPC
- ◇ Other: _____

◇ Please include me on the WEPC email list.

◇ I am interested in learning more about becoming a Christian.

Prayer Requests: