



West End  
presbyterian church

**The Second Sunday in Lent**

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to ask God to help us confront our own mortality and sinfulness, to ask Him to show us our need for grace, to grow in repentance, and to reflect on the amazing truth of the Church's participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The season of Lent—the period between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday before Easter—lasts 40 days (not including Sundays), reminiscent of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

### THE FRUIT OF JUSTIFICATION

“Every little touch would hurt my tender conscience. But one day, as I was passing through a field, suddenly I thought of a sentence, ‘your righteousness is in heaven’, and with the eyes of faith, I saw Christ sitting at God's right hand. And I suddenly realized—THERE is my righteousness. Wherever I was or whatever I was doing, God could not say, ‘where is your righteousness?’ for it was right before Him. I saw that my good frame of heart could not make my righteousness better nor a bad frame of heart make my righteousness worse, for my righteousness was Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. Now my chains fell off indeed! I felt delivered from slavery to guilt and fears. I went home rejoicing for the love and grace of God. Now I could look from myself to Him, and I realized that all those weak character qualities in my heart were like the pennies that rich men carry in their pocket, when their gold is safe under lock and key. Christ is my Treasure, my Righteousness. Now Christ was my Wisdom, Righteousness, Holiness, and Salvation.” --John Bunyan

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 116:1-2, 12-13, 15-17*

I love the Lord, because He has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**Because He inclined His ear to me,  
therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

What shall I render to the Lord  
for all His benefits to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of His saints.

**O Lord, I am Your servant;  
I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.**

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.

# SONG OF ADORATION

## JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

1. Jesus, Lover of my soul  
Let me to Thy bosom fly  
While the nearer waters roll  
While the tempest still is high  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide  
'Til life's storm is past  
Safe into the haven guide  
Receive my soul at last

2. Other refuge have I none  
I helpless, hang on Thee  
Leave, oh leave me not alone  
Support and comfort me  
All my trust on Thee is stayed  
All help from Thee I bring  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want  
Here more than all I find  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind  
Just and holy is Thy Name  
I am all unrighteousness  
False and full of sin I am  
Thou art full of truth and grace

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found  
Grace to cover all my sin  
Let the healing streams abound  
Make and keep me pure within  
Thou of life the Fountain art  
Let me take of Thee  
Spring Thou up within my heart  
For all eternity

*"You have been...a  
refuge for the needy in  
his distress." Isaiah 25:4*

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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 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

They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

*Exodus 19:2-8*

# MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*Ambrose of Milan,  
4th Century*

**O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins,  
and mercifully kindle in me the fire of Your Holy Spirit.  
Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh,  
a heart to love and adore You, a heart to delight in You,  
to follow and to enjoy You, for Christ's sake. Amen.**

*Pray for our Church, the City, and the World. This week:*

- For West End Presbyterian Church: For the blessings that flow from justification and peace with God; for grace to rejoice in our sufferings.
- For Metropolitan Richmond: For the peace of our city and community; for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
- For the love of Jesus Christ and the power of His Spirit to propel WEPC in worship, prayer, and evangelism.

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).

## 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](http://www.wepc.org/giving) for online giving options or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).*

*"He has clothed me with  
garments of salvation"  
Isaiah 61:10*

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William Gardener's Sacred  
Melodies (1815).  
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## JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are my glorious dress  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed  
With joy shall I lift up my head

2. Bold shall I stand in Thy great day  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame

3. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood  
Which, at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty  
Was also shed in love for me

4. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me  
For me a full atonement made  
An everlasting ransom paid

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30am)

## SCRIPTURE Reading

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*Romans 5:1-11*

## Sermon

*A Worship Guide with sermon notes and recordings is posted each Sunday at [wepc.org/worship/sermons-media](http://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media).*

## PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

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

# CONFESSION OF SIN

*adapted from The Valley of Vision, "Continual Repentance"*

## 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.

**O God of grace, in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, "Father, forgive me," and You are always bringing forth the best robe. Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and the exceeding wonder of grace. Amen.**

*Silent Confession of Sin*

## HAVE MERCY ON US

*"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29*

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world have mer - cy on us Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world Grant us Your peace Grant us Your peace". The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line at the end.

# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*Colossians 1:21-22*

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him.

# 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.*

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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

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## SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

### HERE O MY LORD

1. Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen  
Here grasp with firmer hand, eternal grace  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean

2. I have no help but Thine, nor do I need  
No other Arm save Thine to lean upon  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone

3. Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing Blood  
Here is my Robe, Thy Gift, my Refuge, Peace  
Thy Blood, Thy Righteousness, O Lord, my God  
Thy Blood, Thy Righteousness, O Lord, my God

*"Is it not a participation in Christ?"*

*1 Corinthians 10:16*

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*"Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy." Psalm 86:1*

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## **LORD, I NEED YOU**

1. Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowling here I find my rest  
Without You I fall apart  
You're the One that guides my heart...

*Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one Defense, my Righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You*

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me...

3. Teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my Hope and Stay...

*"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*

*2 Corinthians 5:21*

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## **GOD WHO SAVES**

1. There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain  
There is power, there is power in His name  
There is love pouring out of the wounds that were made  
Pouring out, pouring over our shame...

*So praise the God who saves  
Praise the God who bled  
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree  
And wore our sins upon His head*

2. There is truth in his body, raised that third day  
There is joy in a stone rolled away  
There is hope pouring out of the tomb where he lay  
Pouring out, pouring over the grave...

3. There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain  
There is power, there is power in His name  
There is love pouring out of the wounds that were made  
Pouring out, pouring over our shame...



# 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 HUNDREDDTH (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."

*Romans 12:12-13*

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

### 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.

*Pastor Kevin Greene preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's supper. Elder Rick McWhorter led worship. Elder Chris Newlin, Georgia Collier, Sarah Shrader, Donald Smith, Buddy Miner, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Gordon Kuhfuss and Deacon Chris Scoggins managed today's audio and video live stream. Scott Dicken managed the in-house video system.*

# announcements

## ADULT MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/adults](http://www.wepc.org/adults)

### Adult Sunday School

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

Through May 28 / Rm 810 / 9 AM

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**

Through May 28 / Rm 21 / 9 AM

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**

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

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](mailto:kevin@wepc.org))

#### **Women's Ministry**

[www.wepc.org/grow/women](http://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](mailto:brice@wepc.org)) or visit [our website](#) to register.

#### **Men's Ministry - Second Monday**

[www.wepc.org/grow/men](http://www.wepc.org/grow/men)

March 13 / 6:30 PM / FH

Join us for our monthly gathering of men from WEPC and the community for food, fellowship, and Gospel teaching. Contact: [Mike Glasgow](mailto:Mike Glasgow) ([atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com](mailto:atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com))

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://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

### Between Us Girls:

#### **4th & 5th Grade Girls Bible Study**

Sundays in March / 12-1:30 PM / Room 810

### Vacation Bible School

June 19-22 / 5:30-8 PM

## YOUTH MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://www.wepc.org/grow/youth)

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- **Youth Group:** Wednesdays / Youth Lounge  
6-7:30 PM--Middle School  
7:30-9 PM--High School
- **Middle School Overnight:** March 10-11 / WEPC

## NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/neighborhood](http://www.wepc.org/neighborhood)

### Simple English Christian Service

[www.wepc.org/simpleenglish](http://www.wepc.org/simpleenglish)

March 12 / 12PM / Chapel

### 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. Training is on Saturdays 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](mailto:changjwok@wepc.org)).

## MISSIONS

[www.wepc.org/missions](http://www.wepc.org/missions)

### Missions Lunch with the Opeduns

TODAY / 12 PM / FH

Join us for fellowship and updates from WEPC missions partners Boas & Jenna Opedun serving in Uganda.

## Supporting Families Information Lunch

March 26 / 12 PM / FH

Join us for fellowship and food as we hear how WEPC Wrap Around Ministry and WEPC Missions Partners YoungLives Metro Richmond & Patty's Hope are supporting families. Please RSVP to Blair Brown ([blairmb@gmail.com](mailto:blairmb@gmail.com)).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Deacons of the Week

Chris May, Davison Long, Jake Porter, & Chris Hennesey

### Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 2/26/2023):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,676,545.75

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,600,881.41

% of expected budget received: 104.73%

### 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.or/preschool](http://wepc.or/preschool), contact Casey ([casey@wepc.org](mailto:casey@wepc.org)) or pick up an enrollment packet outside the WEPC Community Preschool office in the gallery.

### March Marriage Madness

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: \$20/individual & \$40/couple. [Register now!](#)

### Men's Softball

Interested in fellowship and competition with a men's softball team? This team is for any former athletes interested in playing softball on Tuesday nights, with the season starting March 21st. We still have 2-3 roster spots available - if interested, please contact Matt Hill ([matthill1033@gmail.com](mailto:matthill1033@gmail.com)) or Bryan Meeks ([meeks.b@gmail.com](mailto:meeks.b@gmail.com)).

### Prayer & Support Group

Email [pray4fam@wepc.org](mailto:pray4fam@wepc.org) for prayer and support for couples struggling with infertility.

### Counseling

Lara Finnie, Licensed Professional Counselor, has relocated her practice. Visit [Abiding Branches](#) for more information.

### Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 12! Remember to set your clock FORWARD one hour.

## Lent & Easter 2023

[www.wepc.org/lent-and-easter](http://www.wepc.org/lent-and-easter)

### Register Now for the Personal Retreat

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

Roslyn Retreat Center

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

Registration [here](#). Contact: Kevin Greene ([kevin@wepc.org](mailto:kevin@wepc.org))

### Lenten Hymn Sing

April 2 / 9AM / Chapel

Join us in singing Lenten hymns and hymns of praise, followed by food and fellowship in room 810. Vocal leadership and piano accompaniment will be provided by members of WEPC music teams.

### Lent 2023 Devotional

A weekly worship devotional to guide the church in practicing repentance as we prepare to celebrate Christ's victory over death through Scripture, prayer, and song. Available [online](#) and in the church gallery.

### WEPC Lent 2023 Playlist

Listen to [this soundtrack](#) to sing along with Lenten songs of repentance and dependence on God. Many of these songs are sung in our worship services and are also used in our Lent 2023 Devotional.

### Worship Services

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

## FOOD PANTRY

[www.wepc.org/mercyministry](http://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: