



West End
presbyterian church

**The Tenth Sunday after
Pentecost: Ordinary Time**

We are now in the season after Pentecost, known as “Ordinary Time.” Having celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost, Ordinary Time signals the interim of the Church until Christ comes again in glory.

Jesus is faithfully advancing His Kingdom in the power of His Spirit in this season. We anticipate the consummation of all things when Christ comes in His glory as King of all.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

IT IS GOOD TO BE NEAR GOD

“Now I have already mentioned that there was a disturbance in my heart, a voice that spoke there and said, 'I want, I want, I want!' It happened every afternoon, and when I tried to suppress it got even stronger. It said only one thing, 'I want, I want!' And I would ask, 'What do you want?' But this is all it would ever tell me.”

—*Saul Bellow, Henderson the Rain King*

“There is a way that seems right to a man, its end is the way to death.”

—*Proverbs 14:12*

“There is no one who can make satisfaction except God Himself. But no one ought to make it except Man. Therefore, it is necessary that One who is God-Man should make it. A being who is God and not Man, or Man and not God, or a mixture of both and therefore neither man nor God, would not qualify. It is needful that the very same person who is to make this satisfaction be perfect God and perfect Man, since no one can do it except One who is truly God and no one ought to do it except one who is truly Man”.

—*Anselm of Canterbury*

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Chronicles 16:31-34

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
and let them say among the nations, “The Lord reigns!”

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!**

Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.

**Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!**

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

1. The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice...

*How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God*

2. Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead, three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb...

3. Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

*"Bless the LORD,
O my soul! O
LORD my God,
You are very great;
You are clothed
with splendor and
majesty."
Psalm 104:1*

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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 Isaiah Thomas either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

GOSPEL READING

When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities. Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

Matthew 11:1-6

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Psalm 73:26b

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God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever
God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever

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).

*"Your life is hidden with
Christ in God."
Colossians 3:3*

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CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

1. Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings...

*But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore*

2. Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good...

*But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me*

3. Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name...

*But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore*

*And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart
Has found its Treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30am)

GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

¹Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ²But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. ³For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. ⁴For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. ⁵They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. ⁶Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. ⁷Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. ⁸They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. ⁹They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth. ¹⁰Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. ¹¹And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?" ¹²Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. ¹³All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. ¹⁴For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning. ¹⁵If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children. ¹⁶But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, ¹⁷until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. ¹⁸Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. ¹⁹How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! ²⁰Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms. ²¹When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, ²²I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you. ²³Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. ²⁴You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. ²⁵Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. ²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. ²⁷For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. ²⁸But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

*Psalm 73
A psalm of
Asaph.*

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

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of Your presence, and we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through Him we now come near to You, asking You to give us grace to hear Your voice, trust in Your love, delight in Your Word, and lean on Your strength. We long to see Your face. Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that You might open our eyes to Your holiness and grace. Make us to shine in the world with the radiant light of Your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:19-23

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. For a list of ingredients in the wafers, see www.wepc.org/communion.

If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please contact the WEPC office.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

BE STILL MY SOUL (IN YOU I REST)

1. Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain
Be still my soul, thy best
Thy heav'nly friend
Through thorny ways
Leads to a joyful end

2. Be still my soul
Thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence
Let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still my soul
The waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them
While He dwelt below...

*In You I rest, in You I found my hope
In You I trust
You never let me go
I place my life
Within Your hands alone
Be still my soul*

3. Be still my soul
The hour is hastening on
When we shall be
Forever with the Lord
When disappointment
Grief, and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still my soul
When change and tears are past
All safe and blessed
We shall meet at last...

*"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
Psalm 46:10*

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

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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

*"We know that for
those who love God all
things work together for
good, for those who are
called according to his
purpose." Romans 8:28*

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ALL MUST BE WELL

1. Through the love of God our Savior
All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor
All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

2. Though we pass through tribulation
All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation
All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

3. We expect a bright tomorrow
All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow
All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes, in living or in dying
All must be well

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

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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 Isaiah Thomas preached today’s sermon and administered the Lord’s supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Trey & Jen Wickham, Kristy Elliott, Rick Hepner, Pat Reynolds, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Gordon Collier led this morning’s congregational singing. Elder Rick McWhorter and Chris Malak managed today’s audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick managed the in-house video system. Children’s Ministry Director Audrey Snyder gave the Children’s Message.

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

Summer Adult Sunday School: Exploring Islam

Sundays through September 3 / 9 AM / Rm 810
We will study and discuss the tenets, history, and practices of Islam, facilitated by individuals that are currently involved in outreach to the Muslim community.

Wednesday Night Summer Fellowship Being Human: A Study of Genesis 1-3

www.wepc.org/summerfellowship

Wednesdays through August 23

6:30-8 PM / Chapel

Join us as we walk through Genesis 1-3, considering who God is, and what it means for us to be made in His image. Led by Kevin & Kim Greene and Becca Wethered (kevin@wepc.org, kim@wepc.org, becca@wepc.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/children

9 AM

- Nursery (infant-3 years); upstairs
- Sunday School (PreK-5); downstairs
- Nursing Mom's Room (service audio available)

10:30 AM

- Nursery (infant-3 years old); upstairs
- Children's Worship (4 years-1st grade); Chapel
- Nursing Mom's Room (service audio available)

Parents' Night Out

August 18 / 6-8 PM / Downstairs at WEPC
Parents, have a quick date night or go grab those last minute school supplies. We will supply pizza, ice cream, games, and fun for the children! Please RSVP by August 16. Register your child HERE.

Volunteer Needs for Fall 2023

We are in need of volunteers for the coming Sunday School year - will you join us? Here's how you can help:

- Sunday School Teachers (K-2)
- Sunday School Helpers (K-2)
- Children's Worship Teachers/Helpers
- Musicians for Children's Worship/Sunday School

Contact: Audrey Snyder (audrey@wepc.org)

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YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

Volunteers Needed

Our Youth Ministry is in need of more volunteers, particularly women, who would be willing to help with Wednesday Night Youth Group, Sunday School, and a Community Group. For more information about what being a Youth Ministry Volunteer would entail, please contact Isaiah Thomas (isaiah@wepc.org).

- Sunday School / 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- August 6: Dine & Celebrate / 6:30-8 PM / FH
- August 8, 22: Gaming Nights / Youth Lounge
- August 9: Bingo Night / Youth Lounge
- September 8 - 10: Middle School Modgnik

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions/

WEPC Missionaries Sharing in Sunday School

August 27 / 9 AM / Room 810

Join us during Adult Sunday School as we hear an update from WEPC-supported missionary, Phil Davis.

STEP School Supply Drive

WEPC mission partner STEP is hosting their annual school supply drive and is looking for those willing to donate supplies. Supplies can be dropped off at the church and are **due August 9**.

Central Asia Vision Trip

October 27 - November 4, 2023

Are you interested in getting a deeper understanding of reaching Muslims with the Gospel? A firsthand look at life and ministry in limited-access countries and an opportunity to pray for God's advancing Kingdom. Estimated costs +airfare: \$2100/ person. Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

Prison Discipleship Ministry Seeks Volunteers

Prison Discipleship Ministry has volunteer opportunities to bring God's word to men and women who are incarcerated. If interested in volunteering, please contact Fred at (804) 400-9902 or Ryan at (559) 974-1697.

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Cross-Cultural Ministry Interest Meeting

TODAY / 12PM / Library (lunch provided)

Come learn about the **many** ways that WEPC ministries are building relationships and sharing the Gospel with those from around the world, and hear more of how you can help. Contact Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org) or Lori Bowman (lori@wepc.org).

ESL Nursery Workers Needed

Beginning in September 2023; Tuesday nights (5:30-8PM) OR Thursday mornings (9-11:30AM) Join us as we show love to children in our ESL program as well as Muslim women in the community. This is a paid position. Contact Christine Morobe (christine@wepc.org) or Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Taylor Miller, Warren Kempf, Matt Mailloux, & Chris May

Volunteers Needed for Parents' Night Out August 18 / 5:30-8:15 PM

Come play and have dinner with WEPC kids as parents get a night out! Middle School, High School, and Adult Volunteers welcome. This event can count as community service hours for students. Sign up [HERE](#) to help.

Officer Nominations

Members wishing to nominate a man for elder or deacon, please read 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 for the Biblical qualifications for these offices. Notify your nominee and then send his name, in writing, to the church office by August 31.

Save the Date: September 15-17 WEPC Camping Trip at Sherando Lake

Join us for a fun-filled weekend as we camp and fellowship together! \$55/family. Contact Andi Alberts (alberts.andrea@gmail.com) to RSVP or if you have any questions.

WEPC Summer Reading Program

Join us as we read, become encouraged in our faith, and find great resources in our church library through our Summer Reading Challenge! Visit wepc.org/library for more info.

Save the Date: September 22-24

Inquirer's Weekend

For those interested in learning more about our church and the possibility of membership in the future. This event is a wonderful time to meet our pastors in a group setting and learn some foundations of Christianity, foundations for our church's worship, and opportunities for connection and service with others. Questions or to RSVP, contact Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org).

Save the Date: October 6 & 8

WEPC's 30th Anniversary Celebration Weekend!

"His Love Endures Forever"

Join us as we reflect on and celebrate God's faithfulness to West End Presbyterian Church over these past 30 years! Friday will include a potluck dinner, followed by a worship service. Sunday will include our weekly worship services (9 & 10:30 AM), followed by a tailgate party in the parking lot, hosted by our Youth Ministry.

Prayer & Support Group

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

WEPC Preschool is Hiring & Open Enrollment!

We have a few spots open for the 2023-2024 school year! If you would like to be added as a Preschool sub, visit wepc.org/preschool or contact Casey (casey@wepc.org). Pick up an enrollment packet outside the preschool office in the church gallery.

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 7/30/2023):

Operating gifts YTD: \$171,884.91

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$206,188.27

% of expected budget received: 83.36%

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:

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and forgiving me. I run from my sins—my old life living for myself—and receive you as Savior. Amen.