

West End

presbyterian church



**The Fourteenth 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

PLENTIFUL REDEMPTION

"I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and He answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and You heard my voice."

—*Jonah 2:2*

"Do you ever think that your sins are too bad, and that forgiveness for those sins requires you to get your act together first? If so, you don't fear God. You are minimizing His forgiveness. You are acting as though His forgiveness is ordinary, just like that of any person or make-believe god. In contrast, the fear of the Lord leads us to believe that when God makes promises too good to be true, they are indeed true."

—*Ed Welch*

"God is deeper than the deepest depth in man. He is holier than our deepest sin is deep. There is no depth so deep to us as when God reveals His holiness in dealing with our sin...Think more of the depth of God than the depth of your cry. The worst thing that can happen to a man is to have no God to cry to out of the depths."

—*P.T. Forsyth*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 71:1-3

In You, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame!

**In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline Your ear to me, and save me!**

Be to me a Rock of Refuge,
to which I may continually come;

**You have given the command to save me,
for You are my Rock and my Fortress.**

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

1. How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the Man upon a cross
My guilt upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no pow'rs, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

*"See what kind
of love the
Father has given
to us, that we
should be called
children of God."
1 John 3:1*

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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 Steve Shelby either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

GOSPEL READING

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him... There came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi." which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

*Mark 5:21-24,
35-43*

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Psalm 130:5, 7
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I wait for the LORD, my soul waits
O Israel, hope in the Lord!

OFFERING

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).

"And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you."
Psalm 39:7

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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).

LORD FROM SORROWS DEEP I CALL

1. Lord, from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation
For so long I've pled and prayed
God, come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You

2. Storms within my troubled soul
Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God, be now my shelter
Why are you cast down my soul
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You...

*Oh my soul, put your hope in God
My help, my Rock, I will praise Him
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm
You're still my God, my Salvation*

3. Should my life be torn from me
Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief
God, be then my Treasure
Be my Vision in the night
Be my Hope and Refuge
'Til my faith is turned to sight
Lord, my heart will praise You...

CHILDREN's Message (10:30am)

Audrey Snyder, Children's Ministry Director

SCRIPTURE Reading

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! ²O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! ³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. ⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. ⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. ⁸And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

*Psalm 130.
A Psalm of Ascents.*

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

The disciples prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And they were reclining at the table and as they were eating, He took bread. And after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

from Mark 14:16-25

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.

Our gracious Father, You sent Your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Yet foolishly, we have chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words and deeds we have rebelled against You and Your intentions for us. In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with You, whose love is better than life and Whom to know is life itself. In so doing, we have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have diminished their lives. In so doing, we have damaged ourselves who have been created to reflect Your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake. And grant that The Spirit that brought our crucified Lord from death to resurrection might renew us after the image of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Hebrews 2:14-15

Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

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.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

PSALM 130

1. From depths of woe I raise to Thee
A voice of lamentation
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication
If Thou iniquity dost mark
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark
O, who shall stand before Thee (who shall stand before Thee)
O, who shall stand before Thee (who shall stand before Thee)

2. To wash away the crimson stain
Grace alone availeth
Our works, alas, are all in vain
In much the best life faileth
No man can glory in Thy sight
All must alike confess Thy might
And live alone by mercy (live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (live alone by mercy)

3. Therefore, my trust is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit
On Him my soul shall rest
His Word upholds my fainting spirit
His promised mercy is my fort
My comfort and my sweet support
I wait for it with patience (wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (wait for it with patience)

4. Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth
His helping love no limit knows
Our utmost need it soundeth
Our Shepherd, good and true is He
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (all their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (all their sin and sorrow)

*"He will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities"*
Psalm 130:8

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*"I will make all my
goodness pass before
you and will proclaim
before you my name
The LORD"*
Exodus 33:19

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Kimbrough, Jessica
Fox, Liz Vice, Orlando
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*"The peace of God...
will guard your hearts
and your minds in
Christ Jesus"*
Philippians 4:7

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HAVRE, Philip Bliss
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THE LORD OUR GOD IS GOOD

*The Lord our God is good
The Lord our God is good
Full of kindness and compassion
Merciful and just
The Lord our God is good*

1. Who else knows our deepest pain
Bears it as his own
Finds us in our naked shame
Clothes and brings us home...

2. Who takes his inheritance
And gives it all away
Welcomes guests to feast with him
Who never can repay...

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul...

*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul...

3. My sin—O the joy of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the Cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul...

4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul...

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures
here be - low Praise Him a - bove ye heavn - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

"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. Robin Huff, Georgia Collier, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Elder Tom Krieger, Whit Bates and Deacon Karl Kuder led this morning's congregational singing. Andy Becker and Aaron Suttan managed today's audio and video live stream. Cody Hahn 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

Summer Adult Sunday School

- TODAY: Food & Fellowship

Fall Adult Sunday School: Church Community is Exhausting

September 10 - October 8

Join us for a five-week study on the blessings and struggles of being part of a church community. Pastor Joe Brown will lead through issues that Christians face when it comes to finding community, focusing on both ancient and modern texts. Contact: Joe Brown (joe@wepc.org) for more information.

Fall Wednesday Night Fellowship HEART: A Study of the Life of David

www.wepc.org/WNF

Wednesdays beginning September 13

6-7:30 PM / Chapel

How does God give us a heart like His? Join us as we learn about the Lord's faithfulness to King David, and see how Jesus is doing that same heart-changing work in us. Led by Kevin Greene, Becca Wethered, and Brian Bassett. Contact Kevin (kevin@wepc.org) with questions.

Women's Ministry Fall Bible Studies

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Wellspring: Tuesdays AM - *begins Sep 12*

Restore: Wednesdays PM - *begins Sep 13*

Register now for our study through the book of Jonah. Contact: Brice Bowman (brice@wepc.org)

Wise Widows Fellowship Lunch

September 6 / 12 PM / Julie Phillips' home

Join us for fellowship and encouragement as we enjoy lunch together, and share our wisdom and practical help needs as widows. RSVP to Julie (juliedw77@yahoo.com).

Men's Ministry Second Monday

www.wepc.org/grow/men

September 11 / 6:30-8 PM / Fellowship Hall

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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
- TODAY: First Sundays Breakfast / FH
- September 8 - 10: Middle School Modgnik
- September 22: Cereal Bowl

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-2nd grade); Chapel
- Nursing Mom's Room (service audio available)

Kids Club

Wednesdays, September 13-December 6

6-7:30 PM / Downstairs classrooms

Children grades K-5 are invited to join us for Bible teaching, games, crafts, fellowship and more! Runs concurrently with other Wednesday night ministries.

Volunteer Needs for Fall 2023

- 1 Preschool Quest helper (every other week)
- 1 Third Grade helper (every other week)
- 6 Nursery Helpers (every 5 weeks)

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

ESL Volunteers & Paid Nursery Workers Needed

Beginning in September 2023; Tuesday nights (5:30-8PM) OR Thursday mornings (9-11:30AM) Join us as we build relationships, teach English, and share the Gospel with adults and children with those from around the world in our ESL program. There are many opportunities to help, whether as an ESL volunteer teacher, volunteer in Kid's club, as well as a paid nursery worker. Contact: Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org), Lori Bowman (lori@wepc.org), or Christine Morobe (christine@wepc.org)

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions/

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: \$680/person +airfare. Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

GENERAL INFORMATION

*The WEPC Church Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 4, in observation of Labor Day. The office will re-open at 9 AM on September 5.*

Deacons of the Week

Jon Greenhill, Taylor Miller, Ed Bowman, & Brian Zollinhofer

Worship Arts Musicians Needed

Interested in learning more about leading music in worship on Sunday mornings? The Worship Arts Ministry is looking for musicians to join our teams, particularly keyboardists, vocalists, drummers, and string players. Contact Becca Wethered (becca@wepc.org) for more info.

Save the Date! WEPC Marriage Conference

November 11 / Roslyn Conference Center
Mark your calendars for a day of teaching, large & small group time, yummy food, and fellowship with other couples! More information and registration details coming soon. Contact: Joy Andrews (joy@wepc.org)

WEPC Camping Trip

September 15-17 / 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.

Inquirer's Weekend

September 22-24 / WEPC Fellowship Hall
For those interested in learning more about our church and the possibility of membership in the future. Come meet our pastors in a group setting and learn some foundations of Christianity, our church's worship, and opportunities for connection and service with others. Questions or to RSVP: Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org)

WEPC's 30th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

"His Love Endures Forever"

October 6 & 8

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.

WEPC Employment Opportunity: Youth Ministry Female Associate

The Youth Ministry Team is hiring for a part-time female Youth Associate. The role will assist the youth ministry staff in intentionally pursuing relationships with middle school and high school students for the purposes of evangelism and discipleship with a particular focus on female students. For more information, please read the [job description](#). To apply, please complete the [WEPC Employment Application](#) and send to [Isaiah Thomas](#).

PCA General Assembly Richmond 2024

Our denomination, The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), will be conducting its 51st General Assembly this summer in Richmond, VA. From June 10-14, 2024, thousands of representatives from around the country and beyond will be gathering at the Richmond Convention Center for denominational business and fellowship. If you would like more information, or if you would like to help, please contact Joe Brown (joe@wepc.org).

Prayer & Support Group

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

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 8/27/2023):

Operating gifts YTD: \$362,324.39

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$368,706.93

% of expected budget received: 98.27%

FOOD PANTRY

www.wepc.org/mercymistry

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:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| ◇ 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.