



**The Twenty-second 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

THE KINGDOM & THE ARROGANT

"But now comes the greatest wonder that the world has ever known. In the very place where we have fallen away from God, where we have become dead and unreceptive to God, in our guilt, God's goodness searches us out, and is revealed to us again as the eternal promise of God, in Jesus Christ, which far surpasses all guilt and all life. Only the person who, in the darkness of guilt, of unfaithfulness, of enmity toward God, has felt himself or herself touched by the love which never ceases, which forgives everything, and which points beyond all misery to the world of God, only such a person really knows what God's goodness means."

--*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

"I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

--*Acts 26:17-18*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Revelation 15:3-4, 1:5-7

Righteous and true are Your ways,

King of the ages. Who will not fear You, O Lord, and bring glory to Your name?

For You alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed.

To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom of priests to His God and Father,

To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

BEHOLD OUR GOD

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the one who knows all things
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds...

*Behold our God, seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him*

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign...

*You will reign forever!
(Let Your glory fill the earth!)
You will reign forever!
(Let Your glory fill the earth!)
You will reign forever!
(Let Your glory fill the earth!)
You will reign forever!
(Let Your glory fill)...*

*“Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”
Hebrews 12:2*

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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 Joe Brown either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth— Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:2-7

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

from the Westminster
Shorter Catechism, 70-72,
reflecting on
Exodus 20:14 and the
Ten Commandments

What is the seventh commandment?

The seventh commandment is, "You shall not commit adultery."

What is taught in the seventh commandment?

That we are to preserve our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech and behavior. All unchaste thoughts, words and actions is forbidden.

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).

*"According to his
great mercy, he has
caused us to be born
again to a living
hope through the
resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead."
1 Peter 1:3b*

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LIVING HOPE

1. How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

2. Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
Such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope...

*Hallelujah, praise the One
Who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost
Its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

3. Then came the morning
That sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave
Has no claim on me...

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

Children, age 4 through 2nd grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from the Chapel. www.wepc.org/grow/children

"But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'"
Matthew 19:14

CHILDREN'S BLESSING (10:30am)

Gather round ye children come
Listen to the old, old Story
Of the power of death undone
By an Infant born of glory
Son of God, Son of Man

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GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

^{4:17}That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. ¹⁸Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. ¹⁹But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. ²⁰For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. ²¹What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness? ^{5:1}It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. ²And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. ³For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. ⁴When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, ⁵you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. ^{6a}Your boasting is not good.

1 Corinthians 4:17-5:6a

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

I Timothy 3:9; I Corinthians 5:7-8, 10:16-17, 15:3-4; from the Book of Common Prayer

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 51:1-12. To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

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.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Ephesians 2:12-13

Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

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

GOD, BE MERCIFUL UNTO ME

1. God, be merciful to me
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me make me pure within
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

2. My transgressions I confess
Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgment just
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust

3. I am evil born of sin
Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure Thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow

4. Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice
From my sins O hide Thy face
Blot them out in boundless grace

5. Gracious God, my heart renew
Make my Spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart
Steadfast make my willing heart

*"Have mercy on me, O
God, according to Your
steadfast love." Psalm 51:1*

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*"You, Lord, are forgiving
and good, abounding
in love to all who call to
you." Psalm 86:5*

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THY MERCY, MY GOD

1. Thy mercy, my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast

2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found

4. Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

*"The blood of Jesus, His
Son, cleanses us from all
sin." I John 1:7*

Robert Lowry, 1876.
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NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

1. What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus...

*Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

3. For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus...

4. This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus...

DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Fa - ther Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

“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 AM & 10:30 AM services.

Pastor Joe Brown preached today’s sermon and administered the Lord’s Supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Mark Crutcher, Sarah Shrader, Pastor Kevin Greene, Jamison Taggart, and Gordon Collier led this morning’s congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader and Deacon Chris May managed today’s audio and video live stream. Michael Whitman 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

Fall Adult Sunday School

My Hope and Treasure Lies Above

TODAY / 9 AM / Room 810

Come learn about our sister in Christ, Anne Bradstreet, and her beautiful poetry. She was the first American woman in print, and the first to publish poetry. She experienced infertility, an often absent husband, the deaths of a number of grandchildren, and she was an ancestor to Herbert Hoover and to Climate Czar John Kerry. There is a gate at Harvard named after her. And she loved Jesus with all of her heart. Class taught by Steve Shelby.

What Is a "Good Church"?

Beginning November 5 / 9 AM / Room 810
What are the marks of a "good" church? Join us as we explore the different aspects of what should be part of a good church: prayer, missions, worship, preaching, discipline, leadership, and fellowship. We will focus on how to do these things both individually and corporately. Led by Joe Brown (joe@wepc.org)

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

www.wepc.org/WNF

Wednesdays through November 15
6-7:30 PM / Chapel

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)

Women's Ministry Fall Bible Studies

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Wellspring: Tuesday AM

Restore: Wednesday PM

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

Wise Widows Fellowship Lunch

November 1 / 12-2PM

Join us for fellowship and encouragement as we enjoy lunch together, provided at Julie Phillips' house - RSVP to Julie at juliedw77@yahoo.com.

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 through December 13

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Sunday School:** 9 AM
- **Youth Group:** Wednesdays
6-7:30 PM--Middle School
7:30-9 PM--High School
- **Homework Time:** Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
- **Community Groups:** visit website for more information
- **Upcoming Events:**
TODAY: Costume Party / 6-9 PM / Gym
November 3-4: Launch Student Conference
November 5: Parent Meeting / 9:30-10:15AM

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Mission to the World "Crates for Ukraine"

MTW is seeking donations of specific items to help with the humanitarian crisis that is going on in that country. MTW's churches in western Ukraine and the MTW missionaries in Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia are caring for refugees by providing food, transportation, supplies, clothing, and housing. Read about MTW's Mission [HERE](#). Visit WEPC's [Missions website](#) to view the needed items. Donations due December 3 and can be dropped off in bins outside the WEPC Office. Contact: Maren Judge (phillygirl54@verizon.net)

STEP Christmas Store

Collecting donations of new, unwrapped gifts for children living in Gilpin Court. For more information on suggested items or volunteering, please visit [STEP's website](#). Donations due at WEPC November 29.

Wrap-around Ministry

www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry/

Monthly Meeting: Adult Sunday School

November 12 / 9 AM / Rm 810

Join us on Orphan Sunday as members of the Wrap Around Ministry share what God is doing through our church and offer practical ways to love the vulnerable in our community.

Contact: Ali Fogarty (alifogarty@gmail.com)

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

ESL Kids' Club Volunteers Needed

Tuesdays / 6-8 PM

We are busy sharing Christ's love with the elementary-aged students in our Tuesday night ESL Kids Club and need your help! The Kids Club provides two hours (6-8pm) of fun crafts, activities, gym games, and more for K-5th grade students who have parents participating in our adult ESL classes. We can work with your time availability or preference of activity.

Contact: Misti Precious (misti@wepc.org)

Healing Conversations Training

October 29 & November 5

12:15-1:45 PM / Room 21 (*light lunch provided*)

All are welcome to explore how to engage with refugees or others who have been through trauma.

We use a curriculum from [Multiplying Hope \(MultiplyingHope.org\)](http://MultiplyingHope.org) which pursues Kingdom healing through the principles of community, faith, and purpose. We will discuss trauma and healing, practice listening skills, and hear stories from Job, Elijah and Jesus. Contact: Lori Bowman (lori@wepc.org) or Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Stephen Hunn, Tim Andrews, Sean Winterhalter, & Matt Wilks

"Fall into a Great Marriage"

WEPC Marriage Conference

November 11 / 9AM - 4:30PM

Roslyn Conference Center

Join us for a day of teaching, large & small group time, yummy food, and fellowship with other couples! Contact: Joy Andrews (joy@wepc.org)

Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5!
Remember to set your clock BACK one hour.

Prayer & Support Group

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

PCA General Assembly Richmond 2024

Our denomination, The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), will be conducting its 51st General Assembly next 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. Contact Joe Brown (joe@wepc.org) if you are interested in helping.

FOOD PANTRY

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

EXTRA DONATIONS are needed this month! The food pantry has seen an increase in the number of visitors recently and we need HELP IN STOCKING OUR SHELVES. Please check our [weekly list](#) for needed items.

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.