

His Love Endures Forever

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West End  
presbyterian church

**The Third Sunday of Easter**

We are now in the season of Easter—a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. Followers of Christ are called to a life of dying to sin, rising to the life of the Spirit, and participating in His reign as the Sovereign Lord. The Church now lives as those who are "risen with Christ," living under His rule.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

### FRUITFUL & OPPRESSED

"In a word, Exodus cannot be described simply as the book of the holiness of the Lord, nor simply as the book of the presence of the Lord, but as the book of the holy God present in all His holiness at the heart of His people's life, their provident Savior and Friend, who makes provision whereby they, in all their unworthiness, may live safely with Him."

--*J.A. Motyer*

"The Exodus was not a movement from slavery to freedom, but from slavery to covenant. Redemption was for relationship with the Redeemer, to serve His interests and His purposes in the world."

--*Christopher Wright*

"Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe."

--*Jude 1:5*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 71:1-5*

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.**

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

**For You, O LORD, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.**

## INVOCATION

# SONG OF ADORATION

## AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

1. And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood  
Died He for me who caused His pain  
For me who Him to death pursued  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me  
*Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me*

2. He left His Father's throne above  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Humbled Himself so great His love  
And bled for Adam's helpless race  
Tis mercy all, immense and free  
For O my God, it found out me  
*'Tis mercy all, immense and free  
For O my God, it found out me*

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light  
My chains fell off, my heart was free  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee  
*My chains fell off, my heart was free  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee*

4. No condemnation now I dread  
Jesus and all in Him is mine  
Alive in Him, my living Head  
And clothed in righteousness divine  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own  
*Bold I approach th'eternal throne  
And claim the crown through Christ my own*

*"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8*

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(1738); Tune:  
SAGINA, Thomas  
Campbell (1825).  
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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

And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets."

*Luke 6:20-23*

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

## 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).*

# DECLARATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger  
Catechism (1643),  
Q&A 85

Since death is the wages of sin, why are the righteous not delivered from death, if all their sins are forgiven in Christ?

**The righteous will be delivered from death itself at the last day, and even in death they are delivered from the sting and curse of it, so that, although they die, yet in God's love He frees them perfectly from sin and misery and makes them capable of further communion with Christ in glory, which they then enter.**

*"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."*  
Hebrews 4:16

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## BY THY MERCY

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory  
Bend from Heav'n Thy gracious ear  
While our waiting souls adore Thee  
Friend of helpless sinners, hear...

*By Thy mercy, O deliver us  
Good Lord, good Lord  
By Thy mercy, O deliver us  
Good Lord, good Lord*

2. From the depth of nature's blindness  
From the hardening power of sin  
From all malice and unkindness  
From the pride that lurks within...

3. When temptation sorely presses  
In the day of Satan's power  
In our times of deep distresses  
In each dark and trying hour...

4. In the weary hours of sickness  
In the times of grief and pain  
When we feel our mortal weakness  
When all human help is vain...

5. In the solemn hour of dying  
In the awful judgment day  
May our souls, on Thee relying  
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay...

*"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 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](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)*

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

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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

## SCRIPTURE Reading

*Exodus 1:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: <sup>2</sup>Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, <sup>3</sup>Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, <sup>4</sup>Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. <sup>5</sup>All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. <sup>6</sup>Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. <sup>7</sup>But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them. <sup>8</sup>Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup>And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. <sup>10</sup>Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup>Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. <sup>12</sup>But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. <sup>13</sup>So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves <sup>14</sup>and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

## Sermon

*A Worship Guide with sermon questions is posted each Sunday at <https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media>.*

## PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

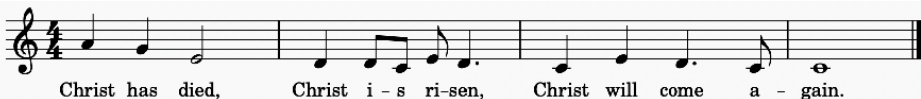
The disciples prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And they were reclining at the table and as they were eating, He took bread. And after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks 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*

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**People (sing): Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

*1 Timothy 3:9  
1 Corinthians 15:3-4  
John 14:3*



Kevin Greene, 2024

# CONFESSION OF SIN

*adapted from The Valley of Vision, "Resting on God"*

## **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 Most High, Most Glorious; I am toiling, troubled, and distressed, but You are forever at perfect peace. Your power knows no bound, Your goodness no end. You bring order out of confusion, and my defeats are Your victories. The Lord God omnipotent reigns. I come to You as a sinner with cares and sorrows, to leave every concern entirely to You, every sin calling for Christ's precious blood; revive deep spirituality in my heart. Let me live near to the great Shepherd, hear His voice, know its tones, follow its call. Keep me from deception by causing me to abide in You; keep me from harm by helping me to walk in the power of the Spirit. Give me more intense faith in the eternal Truth, burning into me by experience the things I know; Let me never be ashamed of the truth of the Gospel, that I may bear its reproach, vindicate it, see Jesus as its essence, know in it the power of the Spirit. Lord, help me, for I am often lukewarm and cold; unbelief mars my confidence, sin makes me forget You. Restore my withered heart. Grant me to know that I truly live only when I live to You, that all else is trifling. Your presence alone can make me holy, devout, strong and satisfied. Abide in me, gracious God, and grant me rest.**

*Silent Confession of Sin*

# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*Hebrews 2:14-15*

Since the children share in flesh and blood, He himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

# 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.*

*At the center aisle station, wine and grape juice with gluten-free wafers are available in double cups. The gluten-free wafer is found in the bottom cup. Juice is in the purple cup. Wine is in the clear cup. At all the other stations, grape juice is in purple cups, wine is in the clear cups on the outer ring of the tray, and gluten-free bread is served alongside. For a list of ingredients in the wafers, see [www.wepc.org/communion](http://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

### 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...

*"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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*"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*

*"For a people shall  
dwell in Zion, in  
Jerusalem; you shall  
weep no more."  
Isaiah 30:19*

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## **WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION**

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
"He has done great things," we will say together  
We will feast, and weep no more*

1. We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up...

2. In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning, Oh how long  
O God of Jacob, be my strength...

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful One  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom....



# 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

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

*Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. **Director of Neighborhood Outreach Changjwok Deng** led worship. **Pastor Kevin Greene, Sonya & Donald Smith, Kristy Elliott and Suzie Bird** led this morning's congregational singing. **Ross Bruning and Rob MacBride** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Deacon Brian Zollinhofer** managed the in-house video system.*

*The tapestry at the front of the sanctuary is the traditional liturgical color of white for this 50-day season of Easter. The tapestry will return to its many colors during the season of Pentecost. The piece is entitled "Psalm 148," and was created by a team of WEPC artists.*

## 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

\*\*\*The underlined words, email addresses, and websites on these two pages are active hyperlinks that can be accessed through our **online bulletin** found on the home page of our website ([www.wepc.org](http://www.wepc.org)) as an orange button labeled "Weekly Bulletin."\*\*\*

## **ADULT MINISTRY**

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

### **Adult Sunday School: The Life of Jesus**

Weekly through June 30 / 9 AM / Room 810  
Join us as we study the life of Christ. Using videos from the great 20th century theologian RC Sproul's "Dust to Glory" series, we will examine the moment in redemptive history when the second Person of the Trinity revealed Himself to His people in the most profound way.

### **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 Jonah. 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))

### **Third Saturday Mature Singles Fellowship**

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

April 20 / 4:30-6 PM / WEPC Library

Join us for fellowship, devotional study, prayer, and dinner afterwards. Newcomers welcome!

Contact: Janice Sharp ([loljanice727@gmail.com](mailto:loljanice727@gmail.com))

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

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

### **Sundays**

- **9 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old) & Sunday School (PreK-5)
- **10:30 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old) & Children's Worship (4 years-2nd grade)

\**Nursing Mom's Room* (service audio available during both services)

### **Kids' Club** (K-5th grade)

Wednesdays through May 15 / 6-7:30 PM

Join us for Bible teaching, games, crafts, and fellowship!

## **NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY**

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

**Simple English Service** will NOT MEET for the month of April or May. Please continue to check back for meeting times during the summer.

### **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 20. Contact: Misti Prociuous ([misti@wepc.org](mailto:misti@wepc.org)) with questions.

## **MISSIONS**

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

### **Patty's Hope Celebration Dinner**

April 26 / 6:30-9 PM / Fellowship Hall

Join us in celebrating God's faithfulness to the mission of WEPC Missions Partner Patty's Hope with an evening of worship, prayer, fellowship, & more! Contact: Leila Gunning ([Leila@pattyshope.org](mailto:Leila@pattyshope.org)).

### **At Ease Volunteers Needed**

WEPC Missions Partner At Ease Ministry at Fort Gregg-Adams is looking for volunteers to help with a literature table at the post's main exchange, one Saturday a month, 11AM-2PM. Experience with the military is helpful, but not essential. Contact: Steve Zachry ([atease1@verizon.net](mailto:atease1@verizon.net))

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

## **FOOD PANTRY**

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

Please continue to check our weekly list or join a Food Item Team (listed below) to help keep the shelves stocked for our neighbors.

### **Food Item Teams:**

Reach for Team Peach!  
Give the Fry Team a try!  
Team Garbanzo, you rock!  
Way to Go, Team Tomato!  
Shine! Join Team Star Baker!

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Deacons of the Week

Chris Perry, Ben Bacon, Luke Shrader, & Ed Bowman

### SAVE THE DATES!

#### Congregational Meeting #1

May 19 / Following the 10:30 AM Service

Join us to elect new and returning officers of the church. Everyone is welcome; members will vote.

**Deacon Re-Election:** David Creasy,  
Davison Long

**Deacon Election:** Bryce Allison, Stan  
Cover, EJ Fogarty

**Elder Election:** Matt Bouknight, Mark  
Crutcher, Brian Wilcox, Matt Wilks

#### Congregational Meeting #2

June 2 / Following the 10:30 AM Service

Join us as we present the budget for the  
2024-25 Fiscal Year.

### Goochland County Church Plant

Do you live in Goochland County, VA? Are you, or someone you know, interested in hearing more about a new Presbyterian Church in America church plant in Goochland County? Contact: Pastor Joe Brown ([joe@wepc.org](mailto:joe@wepc.org))

### Sandra McCracken in Concert

May 2 / 7:30PM

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church  
Sandra McCracken is coming to Richmond for a concert that will support Sandra's latest album, *Light in the Canyon*. Opening the evening will be her latest side project, Paper Horses, including Taylor Leonhardt. Tickets available online at <http://tinyurl.com/mccrackentickets>.

### Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 4/7/2024):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,989,577.62

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,989,496.63

% of expected budget received: 100.00%

### Prayer & Support Group

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

# 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.