

GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

The Eleventh 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

ENOUGH

"I could as often have made similar complaints in return...One thing, however, is manifested by it: the work is entirely His own and if we should reach the Kingdom of God at last, it must be by great grace. God has honored us not a little by employing us in this great work. But as the honor does not belong to us, we must return it. The crowns do not seem to fit our heads. Therefore, they must be cast at the feet of Jesus."

--Andrew Fuller, in a letter to William Carey, bearing and believing under complaints

"Unbelief works itself out in grumbling, which leads to judgment and death. Faith works itself out in thanksgiving and intercession, which leads to blessing and hope. Praise God for the gift of His Son, whose death frees us from the consequences of our unbelief. Give thanks for the gift of the Spirit, whose ministry enables us to be intercessors. Live with faith in God, looking to His promises, crying out to Him on the basis of them." --lain Duguid

Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING



"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up...He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far has the LORD helped us.'" I Samuel 7:12

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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 <u>Keep in Touch form</u> 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.

New Testament Reading

II Corinthians 1:8-10

Read by Rob Musser, WEPC supported mission partner, serving with Serge in Harrow, London, UK For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

Ministry of Prayer

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).

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).

I SHALL NOT WANT



"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1

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CHILDRen's Message (10:30am)

Scripture Reading

Numbers 11:1-15

11:1 And the people complained in the hearing of the Lord about their misfortunes, and when the Lord heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp. ²Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the Lord, and the fire died down. 3So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the Lord burned among them. 4Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! 5We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." 7Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of bdellium. ⁸The people went about and gathered it and ground it in handmills or beat it in mortars and boiled it in pots and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of cakes baked with oil. 9When the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell with it. ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' 14I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

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

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus. They did as He had directed them, and prepared the Passover. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

from Matthew 26:17-29

Confession of Sin

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways, and we rebelled against Your wisdom. We have rejected Your guidance and have gotten lost altogether.

To You belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us open shame. O Lord, great and holy God, incline Your ear to hear our prayer. Hear us as we pour out our sorrow before You. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of Your great mercy. On the ground of Your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name that we pray, for He alone is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

based on Daniel 9:4-19

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.

Words of Encouragement

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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.

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

HELP MY UNBELIEF



"Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'" Mark 9:24

Clint Wells | John Newton © Words: Public Domain; Music: 2007 Clint Wells. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me." Psalm 13:6

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BOUNTIFULLY WITH ME





"Jesus... there is salvation in no one else." Acts 4:11-12

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Doxology

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6

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Benediction

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.

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. Elder Richard Campbell led worship. Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Georgia Collier, Sonya Smith, Ford Hendrix, Jamison Taggart, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Andy Becker and Rob MacBride managed today's audio and video live stream. Micah Andrews and Ethan Molique managed the in-house video system. Children's Ministry Director Audrey Snyder gave the Children's Message during the 10:30AM service.

Sermon Notes

announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: The Life of Jesus

Weekly through August 25 / 9 AM / Room 810 Join us as we study the life of Christ. We will use videos from the great 20th century theologian RC Sproul's "Dust to Glory" series.

Wednesday Night Summer Fellowship The Parables of Jesus

www.wepc.org/WNF

Wednesdays through August 14

6:30-8 PM / Chapel

Jesus told some disturbing stories: bad people are rewarded, good people are scolded, fairness is absent, and the idea of who should be first is turned upside down. What is Jesus saying to us? Led by Kevin & Kim Greene and Becca Wethered. Contact: Kevin (kevin@wepc.org)

CHILDREn's MINISTRY

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 Message (4 years-2nd grade)

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

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help teach Sunday School, serve in the nursey, lead Children's Worship, and help with Kid's Club - training provided! Visit our webiste for more information on each volunteer need. Contact: Audrey Snyder (audrey@wepc.org)

Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- First Sunday Breakfast: TODAY / 9AM
- **Youth Group:** August 7 / 6:30-8PM
- Game Night: August 13 / 6:30-8PM
- Middle School Modgnik: September 6-8 Register Now!

Missions

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Compass Center for Spiritual Formation

Compass Center for Spiritual Formation, a mission partner of WEPC, and Soul Care are hosting two half-day silent retreats on Sunday, August 11 & Monday, August 12 at Roslyn Retreat Center (8727 River Rd). These half-day retreats are an opportunity to spend time with Jesus through prayer, scripture study, and reflection. If interested, click HERE or reach out to Gordon Collier (gordon@compasscenterva.org).

Welcome Opedun Family!

Boaz & Jenna Ruth Opedun (together with their children) are visiting from Uganda and will be our WEPC Missionaries in Residence beginning August 2. The Opeduns serve as missionaries with WEPC Missions Partner SERGE, and we are so grateful to hear more about what God is doing through their work in Uganda during their time with us. The Opeduns will need a car that holds six people during their visit. If you or someone you know is able to lend a car during their stay, please contact Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org).

STEP Ministry School Supply Drive

Help us collect school supplies for children in Gilpin Court. Needed items include: Pencils, Pens, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Pencil Cases, Safety Scissors, Glue Sticks, Erasers, Composition Notebooks, Pocket Folders, Loose-Leaf Paper, 3-Ring Binders, and CLEAR Backpacks. Please drop donations in the collection bins near the WEPC office by **August 6**.

WEPC Short Term Missions Opportunities

- CrossOver Saturday Mission Clinic: Saturday / September 7 / 8AM - 12PM WEPC will join supported mission partner, Crossover Healthcare Ministry (crossoverministry.org), for a Mission Clinic this Fall. Are you a medical clinician, nurse, or Spanish language interpreter who would be willing to serve our neighbors? Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)
- Missionary Kid VBS, England: October 27-31, 2024

Join our WEPC supported mission partners serving in the United Kingdom by helping to run a child and youth program to assist with the Serge UK Field retreat in Creaton, Northamptonshire. (Adults, 18+) Engage the children with the Gospel, prayer, crafts, and games. In partnership with WEPC sister church, Sycamore PCA (Midlothian). Cost: \$680 + airfare. Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Ready, Set, Learn!

August 5-8 / 9AM - 12PM Neighborhood Outreach is excited to offer a back to school readiness camp for our neighborhood families and could use your help! (Teens are welcome to volunteer!) If you are interested in volunteering, or for more information, contact Misti Procious (misti@wepc.org).

Sewing Friends Ministry - LAST CALL!

Our Sewing Friends Ministry was an outreach to women as an opportunity to share the gospel and has been inactive since the pandemic. The ministry has valuable sewing supplies that could be a resource for former participants. However, before giving away these supplies, the Neighborhood Outreach staff would like to ensure that there are no WEPC congregants that have a desire to revive this ministry. Please contact Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org) by August 15 if you are interested in coordinating this ministry.

WEPC Community Preschool

www.wepc.org/preschool

We're hiring!

If you love Jesus and love working with young children, consider joining the Preschool staff. Visit our employment website or contact Casey (casey@wepc.org).

Enrollment Still Open

We'd love for your 1-5 year olds to join us for the upcoming school year! Enrollment packets available in person and on our <u>enrollment</u> website.

FOOD Pantry

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

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

Food Item Teams:

Reach for Team Peach! (canned peaches) Give the Fry Team a try! (oil & salt) Team Garbanzo, you rock! (dry or canned) Way to Go, Team Tomato! (canned tomatoes) Shine! Join Team Star Baker! (flour & sugar)

General information

Deacons of the Week

Chris Hennesey, Taylor Miller, Bryan Meeks, & Chris May

Employment Opportunity: ESL Nursery Director The ESL Team is looking for a new ESL Nursery Director. Please pray with the ESL Team for wisdom as they seek applicants. Click <u>HERE</u> for the job description. If interested in applying, please submit a <u>WEPC Employment Application</u> to Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org).

DivorceCare Mens Group Fall 2024

Beginning Sep 3 / Tuesdays / 7-8:30 PM / Chapel Join us for a 13-week Christ-centered program addressing the complexity of life when facing marital separation or divorce. The program includes video teaching from over 50 leading Christian counselors, teachers, and pastors, group discussion and personal Bible study. There is no charge for attending; however, we will ask for donations of \$15.00 to help reimburse for materials. Child care will not be provided. Register at www.divorcecare.org/findagroup, and click on the "More Info" tab for West End Presbyterian Church. Contact: Bryan Finch (Bryanlfinch@gmail.com) or Matt Osenga (Osengam@hotmail.com).

WEPC Camping Trip at Sherando Lake

September 13-15

Join us for a weekend of faith, fun, and adventure as we camp in the great outdoors and fellowship together! \$55/family. Contact Andi Alberts (alberts.andrea@gmail.com) to RSVP or if you have any questions.

Prayer & Support Group

Email <u>pray4fam@wepc.org</u> for prayer and support for couples struggling with infertility.

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 7/28/2024):

Operating gifts YTD: \$134,761.72 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$164,001.78 % of expected budget received: 82.17%

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 <u>NEW</u> contact information for you. Please check the appropriate boxes: **Prayer Requests:** ♦ Visitor ♦ Male ♦ 20 or younger ♦ 21-26 ♦ Female ♦ Single ♦ 27-34 Student (Grade ____) ♦ 35-49 ◊ 50-64 ♦ Student (College) ♦ 65 and older ♦ Married ♦ Parent ♦ Widowed I would like info about: ♦ WEPC ♦ Women's Ministry ♦ Men's Ministry ♦ Childrens Ministry ♦ Youth Ministry ♦ Adult Classes ♦ Home Groups ♦ Neighborhood Outreach Prayer of Belief ♦ Becoming a member of WEPC ♦ Other: Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, ♦ Please include me on the WEPC email list. 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.

becoming a Christian.

◊ I am interested in learning more about