



West End

presbyterian church

**The Twelfth 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

ACCORDING TO THE GREATNESS OF YOUR STEADFAST LOVE

"The appeal is not based on anything in the people. God is not asked to forgive because of their repentance or their faith. True, these are the conditions on which His pardon is received by us, but they are not the reasons why it is given by Him. Nor does Moses appeal to any sacrifices that had been offered and were conceived to placate God. But he goes deeper than all such pleas, and lays hold, with sublime confidence, on God's own nature as his all-powerful plea. 'The greatness of Thy mercy' (Numbers 14:19) is the ground of the divine forgiveness, and the mightiest plea that human lips can urge. It suggests that His very nature is pardoning love; that 'mercy' is proper to Him, that it is the motive and impulse of His acts. He forgives because He is mercy."

--*Alexander MacLaren*

"Thy promise is my only plea,
With this I venture nigh;
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee
And such, O Lord, am I."

--*John Newton*

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 GREAT IS OUR GOD

VERSE



1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
2. Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

let all the earth re-joice, all the earth re-joice.
be - gin - ning and the end, be - gin - ning and the end.

He wraps Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
The God - head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son,

and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice.
the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb.

REFRAIN

How great____ is our God! Sing with me: how great is our

God! And all will see how great, how great____ is our God!____

BRIDGE

Name a - bove all____ names, wor - thy 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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Cash | Jesse Reeves
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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.

Covenant BAPTISM (10:30 am)

Ryan Stephen Hershey

WEPC YOUTH Summer Interns

Tim Graff & Graham Howell

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 3:7-14

Read by Joshua Earman,
WEPC supported mission
partner, Cru at VCU -
Bridges International

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.' As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest.'" Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

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).

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CORNERSTONE

VERSE



1. My hope is built on no - thing less,
2. When dark - ness seems to hide His face,
3. When He shall come with trump - et sound,



than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness.
I rest on His un - chang - ing grace,
oh may I then in Him be found.



I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,
In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale,
Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone.



but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' name.
my an - chor holds with - in the veil. My an - chor holds with - in the
Fault - less stand be - fore the throne.

REFRAIN



veil. Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made



strong in the Sav - ior's love. Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

"Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation."
Isaiah 28:16

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

"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

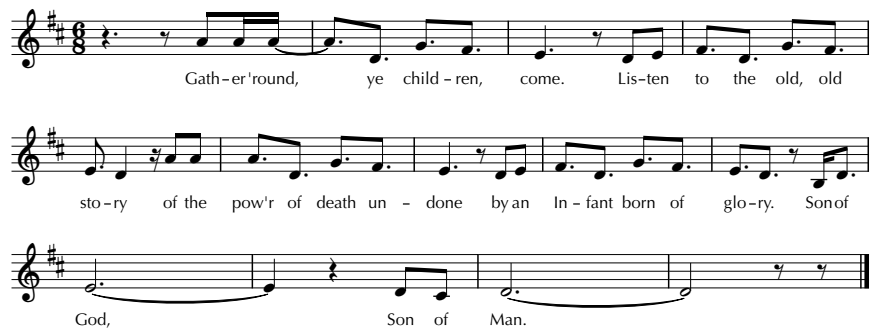
Children, age 4 through 1st grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from the Chapel. www.wepc.org/grow/children

CHILDREN'S BLESSING (10:30am)

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GATHER ROUND YE CHILDREN, COME



Gath-er'round, ye child-ren, come. Lis-ten to the old, old
sto-ry of the pow'r of death un-done by an In-fant born of glo-ry. Son of
God, Son of Man.

GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 14:13-19

¹³But Moses said to the LORD, "Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for you brought up this people in your might from among them, ¹⁴and they will tell the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you, O LORD, are in the midst of this people. For you, O LORD, are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them and you go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. ¹⁵Now if you kill this people as one man, then the nations who have heard your fame will say, ¹⁶'It is because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land that he swore to give to them that he has killed them in the wilderness.' ¹⁷And now, please let the power of the Lord be great as you have promised, saying, ¹⁸'The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.' ¹⁹Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now."

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

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

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

Psalm 139:1-3, 23-24

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.

**You have searched me, LORD,
and You know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
You perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
You are familiar with all my ways.
Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Matthew 11:28-29

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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

COME, YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED (LOOK TO JESUS)

*"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."
1 Peter 5:7*

Original Words:
Joseph Swain |
Add'l. Words and
Music: Kevin Twit
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1. Come ye souls by sin a - flic - ted, bowed with
2. Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; love will
3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, blessed the
4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, light to



fruit - less, sor - ow down; by the
make your o - be - dience sweet; Christ will
ears that hear His voice; bless - ed
new - ly o - pened eyes, like full



bro - ken law con - vic - ted, through the
give you strength to bear it, while His
are the souls that trust Him, and in
springs in, des - erts drea - ry, is the



cross, be - hold the crown; look to Je - sus, look to
grace shall guide your feet. Safe to glo - ry, safe to
Him a - lone re - joice; His com - mand - ments, His com -
rest the cross supp - lies; all who taste it, all who



Je - sus, look to Je - sus; mer - cy flows through
glo - ry, safe to glo - ry, where His ran - somed
mand - ments, His com - mand - ments then be - come their
taste it, all who taste it shall to rest imm -



Him a - lone.
cap - tives meet.
ha - ppy choice.
or - tal rise.

*"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 mer - cy, my God, is the theme
2. With - out Thy sweet mer - cy I could
3. Thy mer - cy is more than a match
4. Great Fath - er of mer - cies Thy good -

of my song, the joy of my heart and the boast
not live here; the sin would re - duce me to ut -
for my heart which won - ders to feel its own hard -
- ness I own and the cov - e - nant love of Thy cru -

of my tongue. Thy free grace a - lone from the first
- ter des - pair; but through Thy free good - ness my spir -
- ness de - part; dis - solved by Thy good - ness I fall
- ci - fied Son; all praise to the Spi - rit whose whisp -

to the last hath won my af - fec - tions and bound
- its re - vive and He that first made me still keeps
to the ground and weep for the praise of the mer -
- per di - vine seals mer - cy and par - don and right -

my soul fast.
me a live.
- cy I've found.
- eous - ness mine.

JESUS SHALL REIGN

Based on Psalm 72

Isaac Watts (1719);
Tune: DUKE STREET,
John Hatton (b.1710).
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1. Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun
2. Ble - ssings a - bound where - e'er He reigns,
3. To Him shall end - less prayer be made,
4. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue



does His suc - ces - sive jour - ney's run;
the pris' - ner leaps to lose his chains;
and end - less prai - ses crown His head;
dwell on His love with swee - test song,



His King - dom spread from sho - re to shore,
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest
His name like sweet per - fume shall rise
and in - fant voi - ces shall pro - claim



till moons shall wax and wane no more.
and all the sons of want are blest.
with ev - ery mor - ning sac - ri - fice.
their ear - ly ble - ssings of His name.

DOXOLOGY

"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.

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.

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 the Lord's Supper. **Pastor Kevin Greene** led worship. **Elder Mark Crutcher, Rebecca Crutcher, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Jamison Taggart, and Paul Cho** led this morning's congregational singing. **Deacon Luke Shrader and Deacon Tim Andrews** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Michael Whitman** managed the in-house video system.*

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)

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Fall Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies

Wellspring: Tuesdays AM - *begins Sep 10*

Restore: Wednesdays PM - *begins Sep 11*

Join us as we listen and engage with the words of Jesus in Matthew 5-7 in the Sermon on the Mount! Each week we will ponder how Jesus's description of His Kingdom invites us to reconsider our needs, our relationships, and our place in the Kingdom of God.

Register now. Contact: Brice Bowman (brice@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 Worship (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 nursery, lead Children's Worship, and help with Kid's Club. Training is provided! Visit our [website](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children) for more information on each volunteer need. Contact: Audrey Snyder (audrey@wepc.org)

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Sunday School & Interns' Goodbye:** TODAY / 9AM
- **Game Night:** August 13 / 6:30-8PM
- **Parent/Student Games:** August 21 / 6-8:30PM
- **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@compasscentervia.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. If anyone is willing to donate gift cards, for groceries or gas during their stay, please contact Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org)

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)

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 [enrollment website](#).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Stan Cover, Tim Andrews, David Creasy, & EJ Garty

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 (Bryanfinch@gmail.com) or Matt Osenga (Osengam@hotmail.com).

Intergenerational Ministry Testimonies

August 18 / 12 PM / Room 810

Join us as we hear testimonies about how the intergenerational relationships between church members and our summer youth interns have encouraged and built up the church community. Lunch will be provided. Contact and to RSVP: Heather Oberle (hoberle@wepc.org)

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 [HERE](#) for the job description. If interested in applying, please submit a [WEPC Employment Application](#) to Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org).

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

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 8/4/2024):

Operating gifts YTD: \$163,362.26

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$211,097.79

% of expected budget received: 77.39%

Goochland County Church Plant

www.cultivategoochland.com

Help plant a PCA church in Goochland County this coming year! Please consider joining Joe Brown and family in making this new church a reality in one of three ways: (1) Praying for this work. (2) Giving financially to this work. (3) Telling others about this work. To learn more, visit our website at cultivategoochland.com. Contact: Pastor & Church Planter, Joe Brown (joe@cultivategoochland.com).

FOOD PANTRY

www.wepc.org/mercymistry

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! (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)

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.