

#### GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

#### 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

#### PERSEVERANCE THROUGH SIN

Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

--John 7:37-38

"The Rock struck once and never struck again brings the Water of Life to us." --Billy Dempsey

# Call to Worship

Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

The sea is His, for he made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put Me to the test and put Me to the proof, though they had seen My work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways." Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

# Invocation

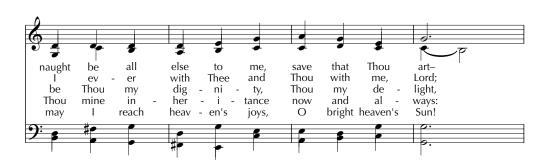
# Song of Adoration

#### **BETHOU MY VISION**

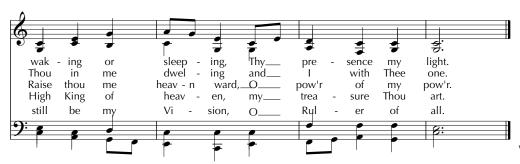


"Whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ." Philippians 3:7

8th century Irish Hymn. Tune: SLANE. Public domain







# 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**

I Corinthians 10:1-13

Read by Dan Carson, WEPC supported missions parter, serving as Director of Counseling at the Barnabas Center For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

# 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 <a href="https://www.wepc.org/giving">www.wepc.org/giving</a> for online giving options or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).

#### **GUIDE ME, O, MY GREAT REDEEMER**



"Cloud covered by day...fire by night... At the command of the LORD the people of Israel set out." Numbers 9:16-18

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# CHILDRen's WORSHIP (10:30am)

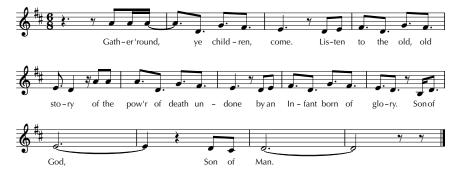
"But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'" Matthew 19:14 Children, age 4 through 1st grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from the Chapel. <a href="https://www.wepc.org/grow/children">www.wepc.org/grow/children</a>

# CHILDRen's Blessing (10:30am)

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#### **GATHER ROUND YE CHILDREN, COME**



# Scripture Reading

Numbers 20

<sup>20:1</sup>And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there. <sup>2</sup>Now there was no water for the congregation. And they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. 3And the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Would that we had perished when our brothers perished before the LORD! 4Why have you brought the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? 5And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink." <sup>6</sup>Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them, <sup>7</sup> and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 8"Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle." 9And Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as he commanded him. <sup>10</sup>Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?" 11 And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them." 13These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with the LORD, and through them he showed himself holy. 14Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom: "Thus says your brother Israel: You know all the hardship that we have met: 15 how our fathers went down to Egypt, and we lived in Egypt a long time. And the Egyptians dealt harshly with us and our fathers. 16 And when we cried to the LORD, he heard our voice and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt. And here we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your territory. <sup>17</sup>Please let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or vineyard, or drink water from a well. We will go along the King's Highway. We will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left until we have passed through your territory." 18 But Edom said to him, "You shall not pass through, lest I come out with the sword against you." 19 And the people of Israel said to him, "We will go up by the highway, and if we drink of your water, I and my livestock, then I will pay for it. Let me only pass through on foot, nothing more." <sup>20</sup>But he said, "You shall not pass through." And Edom came out against them with a large army and with a strong force. <sup>21</sup>Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his territory, so Israel turned away from him. <sup>22</sup>And they journeyed from Kadesh, and the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor. <sup>23</sup>And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron at Mount Hor, on the border of the land of Edom, <sup>24</sup>"Let Aaron be gathered to his people, for he shall not enter the land that I have given to the people of Israel, because you rebelled against my command at the waters of Meribah. 25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son and bring them up to Mount Hor. <sup>26</sup>And strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron shall be gathered to his people and shall die there." 27 Moses did as the LORD commanded. And they went up Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. <sup>28</sup>And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron died there on the top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain. <sup>29</sup>And when all the congregation saw that Aaron had perished, all the house of Israel wept for Aaron thirty days.

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# Sermon

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

# Preparation for the Lord's Supper

### Words of Institution

Luke 22:7-8, 14, 19-20, 29-30 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you..."

"And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

# 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.

Holy God, we are guilty of rejecting Your commands, of doubting Your promises, of proud self-reliance, of neglect to rest in You. Daily we fail to love You and our neighbor as we ought. We praise You for providing the Savior in Jesus, who takes our sin and gives us His righteousness! Lord, continue the work of salvation in us: conquer our weakness with Your strength, blot out our self-centeredness with Your glory. Meet us in our suffering and disappointments, refine us as You see fit. Keep us from returning to sin's bondage, brighten our hearts with Your grace. Redirect our desires so that we delight deeply in You. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

# Words of Encouragement

In my anguish I cried to the Lord; and He answered by setting me free. The Lord is with me. The Lord is my Strength and my Song; He has become my Salvation.

from Psalm 118

### 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 <a href="www.wepc.org/communion">www.wepc.org/communion</a>.

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

### STREAMS OF LIVING WATER FLOW

"Never again will they thirst. For the Lamb...will lead them to springs of living water." Revelation 7:16-18

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855); Tune: Jeff Koonce & Brian T. Murphy, ©2004 Red Mountain Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363



#### ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME



"For the sake of Your name, lead me and guide me." Psalm 31:3

Fanny Crosby (1875); Tune: Arr. Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman (2008), Sixsteps Music. Used by Permission. CCLI #708363 "The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20

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#### TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS



# Doxology



"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-inone) 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 the Lord's Supper. Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Sonya & Donald Smith, Suzie Bird, Kim Forquer, Tucker Tetterton, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Jason Weippert led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Scott Hoye managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick managed the in-house video system.

#### 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

#### Adult Sunday School: 9AM / Room 810

- August 25: The Life of Jesus
- **September 1:** Food & Fellowship
- September 8, 15, 22: Modern Discipleship Join us as we hear testimonies, look at scripture, and consider the simplicity and intention of discipleship between believers.

#### **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)

# Fall Wednesday Night Fellowship GREATER: A Study of the Letter of Colossians

www.wepc.org/WNF

Wednesdays beginning September 11 6-7:30 PM / Chapel

Join us as we study the New Testament letter to the Colossians and see how Jesus is greater than everything: He gives us new life and a new community. Led by Kevin Greene, Brian Wilcox, and Becca Wethered. Contact Kevin (kevin@wepc.org) with questions.

#### Men's Ministry - Second Monday

www.wepc.org/grow/men September 9 / 6:30 PM / FH

Join us for our monthly gathering of men from WEPC and the community for food, fellowship, and Gospel teaching. This year's focus is on "Faith and Hope," based on Hebrews 11. Contact: Mike Glasgow (atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com)

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/children

Sundays

• **9 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old)

• 10:30 AM: Núrsery (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 nursey, lead Children's Worship, and help with Kid's Club. Training is provided! Visit our website for more information on each volunteer need. Contact: Audrey Snyder (audrey@wepc.org)

#### Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- Sunday School: 9AM / Youth Lounge
- Youth Group August 28 MS 6-7:30PM & HS 7:30-9PM
- Middle School Modgnik: September 6-8 Register Now!

#### Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

#### ESL Volunteers Needed

Tuesdays at 6-8PM or Thursdays at 9:30-11:30AM Beginning Sep 17

Join us as we teach English and share the love of Jesus and with our neighbors in a variety of volunteer roles such as ESL teachers, Kid's Club volunteers, and nursery workers - no teaching experience needed! Contact: Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org).

# WCPC Community Preschool

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We're hiring!

If you love Jesus and love working with young children, consider joining the Preschool staff - we are currently hiring for substitute teachers. Visit our <u>employment website</u> or contact Casey (<u>casey@wepc.org</u>).

### FOOD Pantry

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

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

#### **Missions**

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Welcome Opedun Family!

Boaz & Jenna Ruth Opedun (together with their children) are visiting from Uganda and will be our WEPC Missionaries in Residence for the next six months. 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).

STEP Ministry's Jobs for Life Volunteers Needed

Tuesdays / Sept-Dec 2024 / 6-8PM Jobs for Life is a biblically-based, 10-week, job-readiness class. We pair each student with a mentor to walk with them through the class, providing encouragement and accountability. Can't commit to a weekly class? Jobs for Life also needs instructors, mock interviewers, professional partners/business owners, resume editors, and meal providers. Learn more at our website.

#### **WEPC Short Term Missions Opportunities**

• 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)

# General Information Deacons of the Week

Brian Zollinhofer, Ed Bowman, Jake Porter, & Chris Perry

WEPC Small Groups: Enrollment Open!

Please consider joining a Small Group this Fall! Small groups are a great way to make a big church smaller, meet people, and get into the Word. Contact: Joy Andrews (joy@wepc.org) for more information.

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 8/18/2024):

Operating gifts YTD: \$231,089.34 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$299,573.57 % of expected budget received: 77.14% 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 <a href="www.divorcecare.org/findagroup">www.divorcecare.org/findagroup</a>, 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.

Register Now! Barnabas Basic Training
November 9 / 9AM-4PM / Community West
Join us for an introduction to the foundational
principles of The Barnabas Model, which
considers the human heart and human
relationships within a Biblical framework.
Barnabas staff counselors offer lectures that
explore our longings as human beings, our
inherent dignity and depravity, our efforts to
manage our inevitable disappointments, and the
hope that the love of God brings to the broken
world. Cost \$110 with optional lunch purchase
for \$15 - register now. Scholarships and
ministry rates available. Contact: Kim Johnson
(kjohnson@barnabasrva.org)

#### **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, vist our website at <a href="mailto:cultivategoochland.com">cultivategoochland.com</a>. Contact: Pastor & Church Planter, Joe Brown (joe@cultivategoochland.com).

# 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