

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

#### The Seventeenth 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

#### LIFE AND DEATH

"When our unrighteousness was fulfilled, and it had been made perfectly clear that its wages—punishment and death—were to be expected, then the season arrived during which God had decided to reveal at last His goodness and power.

O, the surpassing kindness and love of God! He did not hate us, or reject us, or bear a grudge against us; instead He was patient and forbearing. In His mercy He took upon Himself our sins. He Himself gave up His own Son as a ransom for us, the holy one for the lawless, the guiltless for the guilty, the just for the unjust, the incorruptible for the corruptible, the immortal for the mortal.

For what else but His righteousness could have covered our sins? In whom was it possible for us, the lawless and ungodly, to be justified, except in the Son of God alone?

O the sweet exchange, O the incomprehensible work of God, O the unexpected blessings, that the sinfulness of many should be hidden in one righteous person, while the righteousness of One should justify many sinners!"

--The Epistle to Diognetus, 2nd cent. AD

### Call to Worship

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Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord.

For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

#### The First Word

We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His Word: His invitation to us to gather in His name.

### Invocation

### Song of Adoration

### **REJOICE THE LORD IS KING**

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#### Invocation.

Asking God to be with us.

#### Adoration.

The God who meets with us in worship is good and powerful. We recognize His greatness and remember His amazing works together in song.

"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice." Philippians 4:4

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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.

## Presentation of New Members (9 am)

Delilah Bruning John Scott & Tiffany Kimbrough

### **New Testament Reading**

Romans 10: 4-13

Read by Jenna Ruth Opedun, WEPC supported mission partner, serving in Uganda Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

### 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="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).

#### LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER



"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood... to Him be glory and power for ever and ever!" Revelation 1:5-6

John Newton (1774); Tune: Laura Taylor Music ©2001. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "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

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# 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. <a href="https://www.wepc.org/grow/children">www.wepc.org/grow/children</a>

# CHILDRen's Blessing (10:30am)

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



### Scripture Reading

29<sup>:1</sup> These are the words of the covenant that the Lord commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant that he had made with them at Horeb. <sup>2</sup>And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: "You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, <sup>3</sup>the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders. <sup>4</sup>But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear. <sup>5</sup>I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet. <sup>6</sup>You have not eaten bread, and you have not drunk wine or strong drink, that you may know that I am the Lord your God. <sup>7</sup>And when you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out against us to battle, but we defeated them. <sup>8</sup>We took their land and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites.

Deuteronomy 29:1-8, 30:1-6

30<sup>-1</sup>"And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, <sup>2</sup>and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>3</sup>then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. <sup>4</sup>If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. <sup>5</sup>And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

### 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

from Mark 14:16-25

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."

### Confession of Sin

Jeremiah 2:11-13; Psalm 79:5.8-9

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.

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But My people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the Lord, for My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the Fountain of Living Waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

How long, O Lord? Will You be angry forever? Will Your jealousy burn like fire? Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let Your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!

Silent Confession of Sin

### Words of Encouragement

II Corinthians 5:21

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

# THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### First Communion

Delilah Bruning (9 AM)

Delilah Bruning recently met with the Elders, who heard her testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Bruning family to receive communion first.

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="https://www.wepc.org/communion">www.wepc.org/communion</a>.

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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

### **NONE OTHER LAMB**



"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

Words: Christina Rossetti. Music: Alex Mejias and Ross Byrd. ©2009 Alex Mejias Music/Ross Byrd Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "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



### ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS



"They were longing for a better country -- a heavenly one." Hebrews 11:16

Samuel Stennett (1787); Tune: ©1997 Christopher Miner Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "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.

### Doxology



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.

### 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. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Trey & Jen Wickham, Sonya Smith, Pat Reynolds, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Jake Bruning led this morning's congregational singing. Andy Becker and Deacon Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. Micah Andrews managed the in-house video system.

# Sermon Notes

### **announcements**

### **ADULT MINISTRY**

www.wepc.org/adults

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

• **September 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 9:30 - 11:30 AM Restore: Wednesdays 6-7:30 PM 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)

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

www.wepc.org/WNF

Wednesdays / 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.

### Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

• Sunday School: 9AM / Youth Lounge

- Youth Group: September 18 / Youth Lounge
- Homework Time: Tuesdays beginning Sept 17 6-8 PM
- Cereal Bowl: September 28 / 6:30-8 PM

# WCPC Community Preschool

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>).

### 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)

\*Children's Worship does not meet on the 1st Sunday of the month. Instead, there will be a Children's Message during the 10:30AM worship service.

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

#### **Children's Ministry Volunteer Needs**

- **Preschool Quest Teacher** (serve 2x/month)
- 4th Grade Helper (serve 1x/month)
- 8 Nursery Workers (serve once every 8 weeks) Please contact Audrey Snyder (<u>audrey@wepc.org</u>) to volunteer.

### **Missions**

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Welcome Opedun Family!

Boas & 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).

### **Patty's Hope Support Opportunities**

Shoppers Needed

Come shop at Patty's Thrift (2101 Maywill Street) to support the biological mothers of children in foster care in the Patty's Hope program.

Mom's Group Food Donations

Sign up to cover a meal or snack for one of our mom's care groups - to sign up, visit this link.

#### **The Gideons International Cards**

New support cards from WEPC Missions Partner The Gideons International are available in the WEPC gallery.

### 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.

### Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

#### **8K Training Team**

Saturdays / 8AM / Pony Pasture Join us every Saturday to prepare to walk or run the 8k on November 16. If interested, please contact Changjwok (<u>changjwok@wepc.org</u>).

**Sewing & Knitting Friends** 

We are looking for a handful of volunteers who would like to help our friends from the neighborhood learn how to sew and knit. Currently, the group plans on meeting on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 AM to 12 PM, with a possible starting date of October 2nd. However, the group will not begin until we have enough volunteers to help and support the participants. If interested, contact Donna MacBride (donna@themacbrides.com or 73dlsm@gmail.com).

#### **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).

### **Simple English Bible Study**

2nd & 4th Sundays / 5-6:30 PM / Beginning Sep 8 Join our multicultural community twice a month as we meet to study the Bible using the Gospel of Mark. Contact: Changjwok Deng (<a href="mailto:changjwok@wepc.org">changjwok@wepc.org</a>)

### General information

#### **Deacons of the Week**

Jon Greenhill, Sean Winterhalter, David Creasy, & Bryan Meeks

**WEPC Church-Wide Tailgate** 

October 20 / following the 2nd Service Hosted by WEPC's Youth Ministry, this is a fantastic opportunity for fellowship and fun with the entire church family. The Youth ministry will provide the main dish of BBQ, but we would love for you to sign up to bring a side dish to share. Don't forget to bring chairs and picnic blankets. RSVP HERE!

### DivorceCare Mens Group Fall 2024

Tuesdays / 7:30-9 PM / Chapel Join us for a 13-week Christ-centered program addressing the complexity of life when facing marital separation or divorce. 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 (<a href="Bryanlfinch@gmail.com">Bryanlfinch@gmail.com</a>) or Matt Osenga (<a href="Osengam@hotmail.com">Osengam@hotmail.com</a>)

### **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.

#### Inquirer's Weekend

October 4-6 / WEPC Fellowship Hall For those interested in learning more about our church and the possibility of membership in the future. Come meet our pastors in a group setting and learn some foundations of Christianity, our church's worship, and opportunities for connection and service with others. Questions or to RSVP (due by Sept 30): Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org)

**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)

**Prayer & Support Group** 

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

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 9/8/2024):

Operating gifts YTD: \$345,105.00 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$432,549.23 % of expected budget received: 79.78%

### 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 ◊ 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.