

GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

The Nineteenth 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

WHOM THE LORD KNEW FACE TO FACE

"This sermon does what all sermons are intended to do: takes God's words, written and spoken in the past, takes the human experience, ancestral and personal, of the listening congregation, then reproduces the words and experience as a single event right now, in this present moment...It takes what we have heard or read of God and God's ways and turns them into a personal proclamation of God's good news...The complete range of human experience is brought to life and salvation by the full revelation of God. That is what Moses is doing from this great pulpit on the Plains of Moab: Live this! Now!"

--Eugene Peterson, on Moses' final sermon in Deuteronomy 33

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. O Lord, I am Your servant."

--Psalm 116:15-16

Call to Worship

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

Yes, establish the work of our hands!

Psalm 90:1-4, 12, 17; a Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

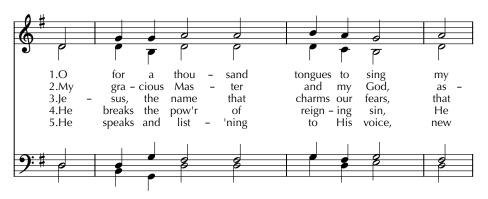
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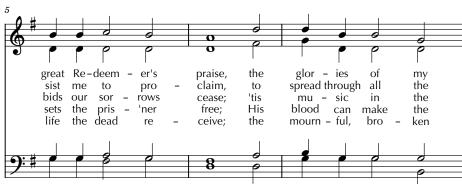
We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His Word: His invitation to us to gather in His name.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING







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.

"My tongue will speak...of Your praises all day long." Psalm 35:28

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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.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 3:1-6

Read by WEPC Missions Partner, Mafdi, serving with SeeJesus Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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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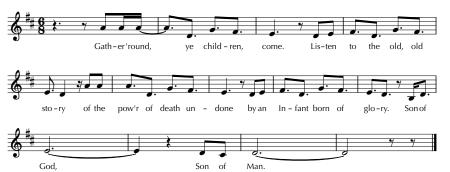
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

"But Jesus said, 'Le the little children"

Children, age 4 through 2nd grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from Room 121. www.wepc.org/grow/children

CHILDRen's Blessing (10:30am)

GATHER ROUND YE CHILDREN, COME



"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever" Psalm 136:1

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"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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Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 34

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, 3the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." 5So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, 6 and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹² and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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

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.

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of Your presence, and we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through Him we now come near to You, asking You to give us grace to hear Your voice, trust in Your love, delight in Your Word, and lean on Your strength. We long to see Your face. Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that You might open our eyes to Your holiness and grace. Make us to shine in the world with the radiant light of Your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

II Corinthians 4:6-7

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

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

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS



"The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy 33:27

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FOR ALL THE SAINTS



ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND



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

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"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. Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changiwok Deng led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Sonya & Donald Smith, Deacon Rick McMahon, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Kim Forquer, and Paul Cho led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Deacon Sean Winterhalter managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick managed the in-house video system.

Sermon Notes

announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: 9AM / Room 810 Stories of Redemption: Sept 29, Oct 6 & 13

Each of us has a story to tell of God's redemption in our lives. Join us as we hear stories from two of our missionaries and our newest staff member.

- 9/29: Mafdi, Seelesus
- 10/6: Matt Bouknight, WEPC Staff
- 10/13: Katie Howe, Samaritan's Purse

Kingdom Prayer: Oct 20 - Nov 17

What do you see when you look around you? God's Kingdom is advancing, but it's easy to become short-sighted and fix our eyes on our immediate culture, our politics, and our experience. Jesus is good to teach us to look for the Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. Join us as we learn about Kingdom-centered prayer and Christ's mission using Matthew 6:9-13. Led by members of the WEPC Gospel & Race Discipleship Team.

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.

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)

Kids Club

Wednesdays / 6-7:30PM / Kindergarten-5th Grade

Children's Ministry Volunteer Needs

• 8 Nursery Workers (serve once every 8 weeks) Please contact Audrey Snyder (<u>audrey@wepc.org</u>) to volunteer.

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

8K Training Team

Saturdays / 8AM

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.

Simple English Bible Study

2nd & 4th Sundays / 5-6:30 PM Join our multicultural community twice a month as we meet to study the Bible using the Gospel of Mark. Contact: Changjwok Deng (<u>changjwok@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

Meet the Opedun Family!

We invite your family, small group, Bible Study table, or photography/sewing group to meet with Boas & Jenna Ruth Opedun to hear more about their work and ministry with Serge! Boaz & Jenna Ruth (together with their children) are visiting from Uganda and will be our WEPC Missionaries in Residence for the next few months. The Opeduns serve as missionaries with WEPC Missions Partner SERGE, and are eager to share more about what God is doing through their work in Uganda and ways we can encourage and support them. Please contact Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org) for more information OR to donate gift cards for groceries or gas during their stay.

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.

General information

Deacons of the Week

Brian Zollinhofer, Davison Long, Taylor Miller, & Jake Porter

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)

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!

WEPC Employment Opportunity: Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach

WEPC is currently seeking candidates to fill the Coordinator position for our Neighborhood Outreach Ministry. Misti Procious, who is currently in this position, will be stepping down from her role and transitioning over the next several months. She will continue worshipping as a member of WEPC, so you will still see her around! Please pray for Misti as she makes this transition. We are so grateful for the ways she has served and cared for children in the neighborhood through Kid's Club, tutoring, & Track Club - thank you, Misti! Please contact Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org) if you or someone you know may be interested in this position. Read the job description 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 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 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.

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. Cost \$110 with optional lunch purchase for \$15 register now. Scholarships and ministry rates available. Contact: Kim Johnson (kjohnson@ barnabasrva.org)

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 9/22/2024):

Operating gifts YTD: \$492,235.14 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$529,017.41 % of expected budget received: 93.05%

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.