

GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

The Twenty-Second 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

RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT

"The Bible tells us that God couldn't find ten righteous people among all the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah. As a result, God's judgment fell. It fell not because God is cruel, harsh, or lacking in love. It happened because God is just and righteous... Because He is holy and righteous, He cannot excuse sin. Rather, He must pass judgment on it. The Judge of all the earth must do right. Therefore, He must punish sinners — or provide a way to atone for their sin."

--R.C. Sproul

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

--Colossians 1:13-14

Call to Worship

This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

His invitation to us to gather in His name.

begin worship with His Word:

from Ezekiel 34:11-16 & Psalm 146:5, 10

We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we

The First Word

Invocation. Asking God to be with us.

Invocation

Declaration of faith

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven. and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

In the early years of the Christian church, there were some who falsely taught that neither Jesus Christ nor the Holy Spirit were truly God. Several Church Councils, including Nicaea in AD325, convened to faithfully articulate belief in the triune God. During our sermon series on the New Testament letter of Jude, we use this ancient summary of apostolic teaching to help us "contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).

Song of Adoration

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.

"And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, 'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

Revelation 4:8

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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 (10:30 am)

Barrett Clark Aden Smigel

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30 am)

Aden Smigel

OLD Testament Reading

"Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD. "I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!' How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship. Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? "Therefore," declares the LORD, "I am against the prophets who steal from one another words supposedly from me. Yes," declares the LORD, "I am against the prophets who wag their own tongues and yet declare, 'The LORD declares'."

Jeremiah 23:24-31

Read by Debbie Weichel, serving with the In Jesus Name Food Pantry Ministry

Ministry of Prayer

Offering

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).

"According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3b

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LIVING HOPE

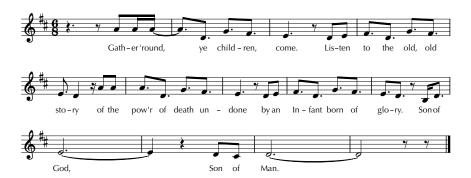


CHILDRen's WORSHIP (10:30am)

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

CHILDRen's Blessing (10:30am)

GATHER ROUND YE CHILDREN, COME



"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

Jude 1:5-16

⁵Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— ⁷just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire. 8Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. ⁹But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you." 10But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. 11Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion. 12These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; ¹³wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever. ¹⁴It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, ¹⁵to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him." ¹⁶These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.

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

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

I Timothy 3:9; I Corinthians 5:7-8, 10:16-17, 15:3-4; from the Book of Common Prayer

Confession of Sin

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Your people like a flock! Stir up Your might, and come to save us! Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved! How long will Your anger burn, Lord? Hear our prayer. For we have sinned against You and done what is evil in Your sight. We have often turned aside from Your glory, and have walked in darkness, preferring the lies of the world, the flesh and the devil, to the light of Your glorious truth. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved! Forgive us for our sins, through the blood of the righteous one, Jesus Christ, renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we might more and more die unto sin, and live unto righteousness, through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Based on Psalm 80

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

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

II Corinthians 5:21

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

First Communion (10:30 AM)

Barrett Clark recently met with the Elders, who heard his testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Clark 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 each communion station, grape juice is served in purple cups, wine is served in clear cups, and gluten-free bread is served in a separate tray. At the center aisle station, double-cups are also available, where the small gluten-free wafer is found in the bottom cup. Again, grape juice is in the purple cups and wine is in the clear cups. For a list of ingredients in the wafers, see www.wepc.org/communion.

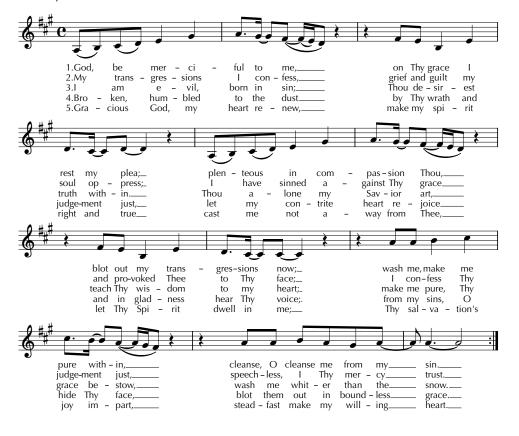
If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please contact the WEPC office.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love." Psalm 51:1

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GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME



BEHOLD OUR GOD



"Behold your God!" Isaiah 40:9

Meghan Baird, Jonathan Baird, Stephen Altrogge, Ryan Baird ©2011 Sovereign Grace Worship. Used by permission. CCLI #706383 "Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

Jude 1:24-25

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UNTO HIM (JUDE 24-25)



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-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. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Elder Mark & Rebecca Crutcher, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Elder Tom Krieger, and Tim Drummond led this morning's congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader and Chris Malak managed today's audio and video live stream. Michael Whitman 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 / Fellowship Hall 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. 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 study the Sermon on the Mount. Register now. Contact: Brice Bowman

(<u>brice@wepc.org</u>)

Save the Date: Women's Retreat

March 1-2, 2025 / Roslyn Retreat Center Registration details coming soon!

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. 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: Nursery (infant-3 years old) & Children's Message or 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 / 6-7:30 PM / K-5th Grade

Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- Sunday School: 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- Homework Time: Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
- Youth Group: No Youth Group October 23rd
- Female Volunteer Needed Tuesday Nights
 The ESL/Youth Ministry teams are looking for a woman to volunteer to help weekly with Tuesday Night Homework Time from 6:00-8:00 pm. No teaching experience needed just a willingness to develop relationships with local neighborhood students in order to show the love of Jesus.
 Contact: Brandon Blevins (brandon@wepc.org)

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Bible Study

2nd & 4th Sundays / 5-6:30 PM / Room 810 Join our multicultural community twice a month as we meet to study the Bible using the Gospel of Mark. Contact: Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org)

Mission to North America ESL Teacher Training
October 25-26 / 6-9:30PM & 8:45AM-5:30PM
Attendance is required on BOTH days.

Join us for a comprehensive ESL training led by Barbara Goodno from Mission to North America. Cost is free to WEPC Members and regular attenders, and food will be provided. Contact Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org) by October 21 if interested.

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 (changjwok@wepc.org).

Young adult Ministry

Dinner & Discussion

October 24 / 7PM

Calling all those in their 20s & 30s looking for a space to grow in their faith and connect with others! Join us for our first gathering at Becca Wethered's home (2204 Mendota Drive). Whether you are in college, the workforce, single, married, or have children - you are welcome! To RSVP or find out more info, contact Matt Bouknight (matt@wepc.org) and join our Remind text group for updates: text @wepcya to the number 81010.

Missions

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Gallery Opening: Boas Opedun's Visual Storytelling

November 1 / 6:30 PM / WEPC Join us for work by WEPC Missionary in Residence, Boas Opedun, who tells stories from around the globe through his missional lens. www.boasopedun.com

CrossOver Saturday Mission Clinic

November 2 / 8AM - 12PM WEPC will join our supported mission partner, CrossOver Healthcare Ministry (crossoverministry.org) for a Saturday Mission Clinic. Are you a medical clinician, nurse, or Spanish language interpreter who would be willing to serve our neighbors through Crossover's Quioccasin Road Clinic? Contact: Amanda Stark (amandablairstark@gmail.com)

Silent Retreat Opportunities

November 3 & 4 at Roslyn Retreat Center Hosted by WEPC Missions Partner, Compass Center for Spiritual Formation, these silent retreats offer time with Jesus through prayer, scripture study, and reflection. If interested, visit https://compasscenterva.org/events/.

WRAPAROUND MINISTRY

Visit the WrapAround table in the Gallery to discover ways to support children in foster care and their families. We're collecting gently used books for teenagers and distributing prayer cards for children awaiting adoption.

WORLD RELIEF RESOURCES Southeast Hurricane Disaster Relief

See the PCA's Mission to North America's website for opportunities to give and support those affected by the hurricanes in the southeast.

FOOD Pantry

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

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

General information

Deacons of the Week

Matt Mailloux, Jake Porter, David Creasy, & Bryce Allison

Evening Prayer Service

November 3 / 7PM / Chapel Kingdom prayer is nothing short of intimately knowing the King, loving His Kingdom values and priorities, and having His glory break through our hearts. Join us as we gather together for a time of prayer and worship. Contact: Becca (becca@wepc.org)

Inquirer's Weekend

November 8-10 / Fellowship Hall For those interested in learning more about our church and the possibility of membership in the future. Come meet our pastors and learn some foundations of Christianity, our church's worship, and opportunities for connection and service with others. Questions or to RSVP (due by Nov 4): Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org)

Fellows Program Discussion & Lunch

November 10 / 12 PM / Fellowship Hall Join us after church for lunch and dialogue about a potential Fellows Program at WEPC. The Fellows are a cross-generational ministry that engages young adults around vocation, discipleship, service, and community. Come hear from our own Abbey Thomas about her experience as a fellow and the impact on her story. Please RSVP to Heather Oberle (hoberle@wepc.org).

DivorceCare Mens Group Fall 2024

Tuesdays through Dec 10 / 7:30-9 PM / Chapel Join us for a Christ-centered program addressing the complexity of life when facing marital separation or divorce. Register at www.divorcecare.org/findagroup. Contact: Bryan (Bryanlfinch@gmail.com) or Matt (Osengam@hotmail.com)

WEPC Employment Opportunity: Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach

WEPC is currently seeking candidates to fill the Coordinator position for our Neighborhood Outreach Ministry. Read the job description HERE. Contact: Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org)

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 10/13/2024):

Operating gifts YTD: \$615,323.60 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$669,180.68 % of expected budget received: 91.95%

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:** Age:

- ◊ Visitor ♦ Male
- ♦ 20 or vounger ◊ Female ♦ 21-26 ♦ 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
- ♦ 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 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 sinsmy old life living for myself—and receive you as Savior, Amen.