

GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

The Twenty-fifth 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

MERCY FOR THE DOUBTING, THE BURNING, & THE DEFILED

"God's wondrous grace can exchange the excrement-covered garments for festive garments of righteousness. For no one, not even the most defiled sinner, is beyond salvation through faith in Christ's redeeming work."
--Douglas Moo

"Even as we slog through the trials, persecutions, irritations, temptations, distractions, apathy, and just plain weariness of this world, the Gospel points us to heaven where our King Jesus-- the Lamb of God who was crucified in our place and raised gloriously from the dead-- now sits interceding for us. Not only so, but it calls us forward to that final day when heaven will be filled with the roaring noise of millions upon millions of forgiven voices hailing Him as crucified Savior and risen King." --Greg Gilbert

Call to Worship

Blessed be the Lord, my Rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle.

He is my steadfast Love and my Fortress, my Stronghold and my Deliverer, my Shield and He in whom I take refuge.

Bow Your heavens, O Lord, and come down! Touch the mountains so that they smoke! Flash forth the lightning and scatter them; send out Your arrows and rout them!

I will sing a new song to You, O God

Psalm 144:1-2, 5-6, 9.

We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we

begin worship with His Word:

His invitation to us to gather

Of David.

The First Word

in His name.

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.

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up... He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far has the LORD helped us.'" I Samuel 7:12

Robert Robinson (1758); Tune: NETTLETON, Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music (1843). Public domain

COME THOU FOUNT



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 Elder & Director of Discipleship Matt Bouknight either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

GOOCHLAND CHURCH PLANT UPDATE

Joe Brown, Church-Planter www.cultivategoochland.com

OLD Testament Reading

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments." And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord was standing by.

Zechariah 3:1-5

Read by Susan Wood, serving with the Women's Ministry Curriculum Team

Ministry of Prayer

Offering

You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. Please visit www.wepc.org/giving for or scan the QR code for online giving options, or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).



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).

"Since we have a great high priest... let us approach the throne of grace with confidence." Hebrews 4:14.16

John Newton (1779); Tune: CLEANSING FOUNTAIN, Traditional American Melody (19th cent.). Public domain.

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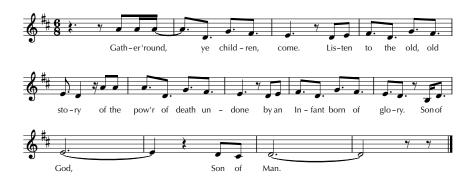
died!"

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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GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

Scripture Reading

²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Jude 1:22-23

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.

Heavenly Father, You have not left us in the dark. You have blessed us by Your creation, Your Word, Your Spirit and Your Son. And so, You have given us powerful promises of redemption and a future hope. You have given us good commandments to walk in. Forgive our heard-hearted cynicism, pride, and frantic self-dependence. Forgive us for doubting You and fleeing from You. Forgive us for when we have rebelled against Your guidance and keep Your servants from willful sins; may they not rule over us. May these words of our mouths and this meditation of our hearts be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like our God, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. He will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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 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 glutenfree 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

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL



"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Matthew 5:7

Written by: Isaac Wardell, Orlando Palmer, and Paul Zach ©2019 Integrity Worship Music/PG Songs and Hymns/ASCAP. Used by permission "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.'" Exodus 33:19

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THE LORD OUR GOD IS GOOD



UNTO HIM (JUDE 24-25)



"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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"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.

Elder & Director of Adult Discipleship Matt Bouknight preached today's sermon. Pastors Kevin Greene & Isaiah Thomas administered the the Lord's Supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Elder Tom Krieger, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Erin Bouknight, Andi Alberts, Buddy Miner, Donald Smith and Paul Cho led this morning's congregational singing. Jay Smith and Aaron Sutten managed today's audio and video live stream. Cody Hahn managed the in-house video system.

Sermon Notes

announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: 9 AM / Room 810 Kingdom Prayer: Through November 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 listen and engage with the words of Jesus in Matthew 5-7 in the Sermon on the Mount! <u>Register now</u>. 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. Contact Kevin (kevin@wepc.org) with questions.

The Table

Every Friday / 12-1 PM / FH The Table is an informal, weekly gathering to pray and fellowship as a church. We'll have a short devotional, pray for the needs of the church, each other, and eat lunch together! Please bring a packed lunch. No need to RSVP; all are welcome! Questions? Contact: Matt Bouknight (matt@wepc.org).

Men's Ministry - Second Monday

www.wepc.org/grow/men
November 11 / 6:30 PM / FH
Join us for our monthly gathering of men
from WEPC and the community for food,
fellowship, and testimony & encouragement
from Boaz Opedun. Contact: Mike Glasgow
(atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com)

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Young Adult Ministry

Young Adults at WEPC is for those in their 20s & 30s looking for a space to grow in their faith and connect with others. We currently meet every other Thursday night for a potluck dinner. To find out more info, contact Matt Bouknight (matt@wepc.org).

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 10:30 AM worship service.
- Nursing Mom's Room (service audio available during both services)

Kids Club

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

Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- Youth Group: 9 AM / Fellowship Hall
- Homework Time: Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
- Youth Group: November 13th / Youth Lounge
- Youth Friendsgiving: November 23rd / FH
- Parent Meeting November 24th / Youth Lounge

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Bible Study

TONIGHT! / 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)

Wrap-around Ministry

www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry/

Father to the Fatherless Lunch

November 17 / 12 PM / Fellowship Hall Join us for National Adoption Month as WEPC member and adoptive father Patrick Wininger shares his adoption journey and the ways the church community supported him as a single parent. We'll also spend time in prayer for the 1,600 children waiting in foster care for a permanent, loving family, followed by a Q&A session. Questions or to RSVP: Ali Fogarty (wraparound@wepc.org).

Missions

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Boas Opedun's Visual Storytelling Gallery Fellowship Hall

Come see work by WEPC Missionary in Residence, Boas Opedun, who tells stories from around the globe through his missional lens. www.boasopedun.com

Angel Tree is Here!

Please visit the table in the gallery to pick your Angel Tree children. Angel Tree helps to provide gifts to the children of prisoners in the Richmond area. Gifts needed by Sunday, December 1st. Contact: Steve Glissman (steveglissman@gmail.com) for more information.

STEP Christmas Store

Collecting donations of new, unwrapped gifts for children living in Gilpin Court. For more information on suggested items or volunteering, please visit <u>STEP's website</u>. Donations due at WEPC December 1.

General information

Deacons of the Week

Stan Cover, Ed Bowman, Matt Mailloux, & Sean Winterhalter

Fellows Program Discussion & Lunch

TODAY! / 12 PM / Fellowship Hall Join us after church for lunch and dialogue about a potential Fellows Program at WEPC. 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: Surviving the Holidays

November 19 / 7:30 PM / Chapel Join WEPC's DivorceCare group to find support and consider how to faithfully navigate the holidays after a marriage breakup. Open to both men and women. Questions? More info at www.divorcecare.org/events/242596 or contact Bryan Finch, (804) 939-7665.

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 11/3/2024):

Operating gifts YTD: \$718,259.12 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$791,778.98 % of expected budget received: 90.71%

advent & Christmas at Wepc

Advent Worship Service: *Every Longing Heart* December 1 / 7PM / Chapel

Advent is a season of waiting. As we look forward to celebrating Christ's birth, we all know grief, loss, and longing. Join us as we gather for a service of remembrance, redemption, and hope. At this service we will lament the losses experienced in this broken world, and look expectantly in hope to Jesus, the Desire of every nation, the true Joy of every longing heart.

Advent 2024 Devotional

A weekly worship devotional to guide the church in celebrating the coming of our Savior through Scripture, prayer, and song. Available December 1 online and in the church gallery.

Neighborhood Caroling

Dec 5 / 6PM / Fellowship Hall Join us for a night of fellowship and Christmas caroling with your WEPC family! We'll go caroling near the church and then enjoy some dessert together - so bring some cookies to share! Contact Becca Wethered (<u>becca@wepc.org</u>) with any questions.

Kids Club Christmas Pageant

December 11 / 6:30 PM / Sanctuary Join us as Kids' Club celebrates our Savior's birth by sharing the Nativity story. Reception to follow in the Gallery.

Christmas Eve Services

- 4PM: Family-friendly Service celebrating our Savior's Advent through Scripture and song. Children are encouraged to bring an offering of non-perishable food for the WEPC Food Pantry.
- 7PM: Communion Service of Lessons & Carols celebrating our Savior's Advent through Scripture and song.
- Scripture Readers Needed: If you are interested in reading Scripture at the 4PM or 7PM Christmas Eve services, please contact Becca Wethered (becca@wepc.org).

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.

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Keep in Touch

Especially if this is your first Sunday with us —welcome!



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Who invited you to WEPC?	How did you	first hear abou	ıt us?

♦ Check if this is <u>NEW</u> contact information for you.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- \Diamond Visitor <u>Age:</u>
- \Diamond Male \Diamond 20 or younger
- ◊ Female
 ◊ 21-26

 ◊ Single
 ◊ 27-34

 ◊ Single
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- \Diamond Student (Grade ___) \Diamond 35-49 \Diamond Student (College) \Diamond 50-64
- ♦ Married ♦ 65 and older
- ♦ Parent
 ♦ Widowed

I would like info about:

- ♦ WEPC
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- ♦ Childrens Ministry
- ♦ Youth Ministry
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- ♦ Home Groups
- \Diamond Neighborhood Outreach
- ♦ Becoming a member of WEPC
- ♦ Other:
- ♦ Please include me on the WEPC email list.
- \Diamond 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.