

GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

The Twenty-sixth 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

ONLY SAVIOR; ALL GLORY

"Even those who have weak faith have the same strong Christ as others." --Sinclair Ferguson

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

--John 10:27-30

"It is by beholding the glory of Christ by faith that we are spiritually edified and built up in this world, for as we behold his glory, the life and power of faith grow stronger and stronger...Only a sight of His glory, and nothing else, will truly satisfy God's people."

--John Owen

Call to Worship

People of God, worship the living God today!

Praise the LORD, O my soul,

Remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth.

Praise the LORD, O my soul,

Remember that God raised Jesus from the powerlessness of death to the power of His right hand.

Praise the LORD, O my soul

Remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God's purposes.

Praise the LORD, O my soul,

Behold your God, who reigns now and forever!

Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

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.

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.

"A friend of tax collectors and sinners." Luke 7:34

John Wilbur Chapman (1910); Tune: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1830)

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!



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 Adult Discipleship Matt Bouknight either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

Presentation of New Members (10:30am)

Colin Elliot Jack & Stella Mae Amory Garrity

OLD Testament Reading

Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

I Chronicles 29:10-13

Read by Cora Snyder, representing Youth Ministry

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).

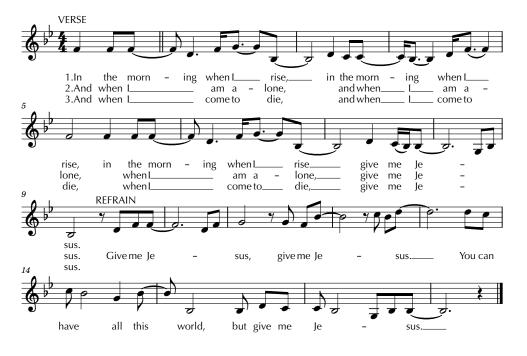


The offering isn't just about money. Our response to the Gospel goes much deeper; God demands our whole selves. The act of giving in worship is a part of offering ourselves as "living sacrifices" to God (Romans 12:1).

"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words." Psalm 17:6

African-American Spiritual

GIVE ME JESUS



"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

www.wepc.org/grow/children

Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from Room 121.

CHILDRen's WORSHIP (10:30am)

Children, age 4 through 2nd grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a

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child - ren, Gath-er'round, Lis-ten the old, old ye come. to sto-rv of the pow'r of death un - done by an In - fant born of glo-ry. Sonof God, Son of Man.

CHILDRen's Blessing (10:30am)

GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

Scripture Reading

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to 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

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

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus. They did as he had directed them, and prepared the Passover.

from Matthew 26:17-29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's 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.

Gracious Lord, we confess that we have dishonored You in our words, our thoughts and our deeds. Depending on our strength, we stumble. Glorying in our own righteousness, we reject You. Turning our faces from You, we seek our life in created things. We pray now, Lord, for You to forgive all of our sin; to cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our hearts back towards You. We pray these things in the name of Your most precious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

First Communion

Jack & Stella Mae Garrity (10:30 AM)

Jack & Stella Mae Garrity recently met with the Elders, who heard their testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Garrity 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 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

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST



"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." Jude 24

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"Jesus... there is salvation in no one else." Acts 4:11-12

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IN CHRIST ALONE



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

Mike Donehey Shane Barnard ©2022 Songs From Wellhouse; Perhaps Even More So Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "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.

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. Pastor Steve Shelby administered the the Lord's Supper. Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Sonya & Donald Smith, Deacon Rick McMahon, Kim Forquer, Tucker Tetterton, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Deacon Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. Deacon Brian Zollinhofer managed the in-house video system.

Sermon Notes

announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: 9 AM / Room 810 Advent: Waiting | Nov 24 - Dec 29

Advent asks us to patiently wait on the hope found in the birth of Christ. I do not like to wait, do you? What if we are missing something in the waiting? What if it is a gift? With Advent hymns and songs as our guide we'll learn how rich waiting can be. Led by Matt Bouknight. Contact: matt@wepc.org

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! Register now. Contact: Brice Bowman

(brice@wepc.org)

Save the Date: Women's RetreatMarch 1-2, 2025 / Roslyn Retreat Center
Registration details coming soon!

Young Adult Ministry

November 21 / 7PM / Oberle Home 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).

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).

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.

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

• Sunday School: 9 AM / Youth Lounge

Homework Time: Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
Youth Group: Nov 20th / Youth Lounge

• Youth Friendsgiving: Nov 23rd / FH / 6-8 PM

• Parent Meeting Nov 24th / FH / 12:30-1:30 PM

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Bible Study

Next Meeting: November 24th 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)

Wrap-around Ministry

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

Father to the Fatherless Lunch

TODAY! / 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. Children are welcome and childcare is provided. Questions: 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

David Creasy, Luke Shrader, Bryan Meeks, & Chris Perry

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 11/10/2024):

Operating gifts YTD: \$767,200.49 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$842,225.44 % of expected budget received: 91.09%

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).

Keep in Touch

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



Date:			
Name:			⊞axer®er:
Children's Names:			
Address:			
City:			
Phone:	-		
Email:			
Who invited you to WEPC? He	ow did you	first hear abou	ut 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
- \lozenge Female \lozenge 21-26 \lozenge Single \lozenge 27-34
- ♦ Student (Grade ___)
 ♦ Student (College)
 ♦ 50-64
- ♦ Student (College)♦ Married♦ 65 and older
- ♦ Parent
 ♦ Widowed

I would like info about:

- ♦ WEPC
- $\lozenge \, \mathsf{Men's} \, \mathsf{Ministry}$
- ♦ Childrens Ministry
- ♦ Youth Ministry
- $\lozenge \, \mathsf{Adult} \, \mathsf{Classes}$
- ♦ Home Groups
- \Diamond Neighborhood Outreach
- ♦ Becoming a member of WEPC
- ♦ Other:
- \Diamond 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.