



West End

presbyterian church

**The Twenty-seventh 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

LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS

"Ask the Lord God not to look at you as you are in yourself, but to see you in Christ Jesus. Take care that you look on God through Jesus' wounds. And if you do, you will see in Him infinite love and boundless kindness. The glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ is unutterable love."

--Charles Spurgeon

"Let there be light!
thus spoke the Lord;
thus we were made
and thus restored."

--John Piper

"Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!"

--Psalm 80:3

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 67:1-5. To the
choirmaster; with stringed
instruments. A Psalm. A Song.*

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.

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us,
that Your way may be known on earth,
Your saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for You judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!**

Invocation.
Asking God to be with us.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the world, You stepped down in-to dark-ness, o - pened my eyes, let me
King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - al - ted, glo - rious in heav - en a -
see. Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You,
- bove. Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,
hope of a life spent with You. So, here I am to
all for love's sake be - came poor.
wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.
You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er
won - der - ful to me. I'll ne - ver know how much it co - st to see
my sin up - on that cro - ss. Here I am to

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.

"Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow." Philipians 2:9-10

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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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5

Read by Tracy Payne, serving
as a volunteer Sunday
School Teacher with the
Children's Ministry

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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. 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).



MIGHTY TO SAVE

*"The LORD is
in your midst,
a mighty one
who will save."
Zephaniah 3:17a*

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Reuben Morgan
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VERSE

1. Ev-ery-one needs com-pas - sion, love that's nev - er fail - ing. Let
mer - cy fall on me._____ Ev-ery-one needs for-give - ness, the kind-ness of a Sav -

REFRAIN

- ior. The hope of na - tions._____ Sav - ior, He can move the
moun - tains. My God is might-ty to save. He is might-y to save. For -

ev - er, Au-thor of sal - va - tion. He rose and con-quired the grave. Je - sus
con-quired the grave. Shine Your light, and let the whole world
see. We're sing-ing for the glo - ry of the ri - sen_____ King. Je - sus,
shine Your light, and let the whole world_____ see. We're sing-ing
for the glo - ry_____ of the ri - sen_____ King!_____

"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

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)

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GATHER ROUND YE CHILDREN, COME

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 6/8 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Gath-er'round, ye child-ren, come. Lis-ten to the old, old'. The second line contains 'sto-ry of the pow'r of death un - done by an In - fant born of glo-ry. Son of'. The third line contains 'God, Son of Man.' and ends with a double bar line. The melody is simple and repetitive, with many eighth and sixteenth notes.

Gath-er'round, ye child - ren, come. Lis-ten to the old, old

sto-ry of the pow'r of death un - done by an In - fant born of glo-ry. Son of

God, Son of Man.

SCRIPTURE Reading

“For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

II Corinthians 4:6

Sermon

A Worship Guide with sermon questions is posted each Sunday at <https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media>. You can also find the sermon audio on [Apple Podcasts](#) and [Spotify](#) under "West End Presbyterian Church RVA"

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.” When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you... And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.”

Luke 22:7-8, 14, 19-20, 29-30

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.

Holy God, when You call us to follow You with great boldness, we tremble and cover our eyes. We are afraid of what we will see. Your greatness unveils our weakness, Your justice unveils our iniquity, and Your holiness unveils our stained hearts and minds. Lord Jesus Christ, Giver of all grace, forgive us our sins. Give us the strength to renounce that which hides You from us. Lift our eyes to see the glory of God in the face of Christ. Give us the wisdom to trust Your atoning sacrifice. We believe; help our unbelief, that we might know the freedom and power of Your Cross.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

from Colossians 1:12-14

The Father has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 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.

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 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

COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED (LOOK TO JESUS)

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

Original Words:
Joseph Swain
Add'l. Words and
Music: Kevin Twit
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1. Come ye souls by sin a - flic - ted, bowed with
2. Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; love will
3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, blessed the
4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, light to



fruit - less, sorr - ow down; by the
make your o - be - dience sweet, Christ will
ears that hear His voice; bless - ed
new - ly o - pened eyes, like full



bro - ken law con - vic - ted, through the
give you strength to bear it, while His
are the souls that trust Him, and in
springs in, des - erts drea - ry, is the



cross, be - hold the crown; look to Je - sus, look to
grace shall guide your feet. Safe to glo - ry, safe to
Him a - lone re - joice; His com - mand - ments, His com -
rest the cross sup - lies; all who taste it, all who



Je - sus, look to Je - sus; mer - cy flows through
glo - ry, safe to glo - ry, where His ran - somed
mand - ments, His com - mand - ments then be - come their
taste it, all who taste it shall to rest imm -



Him a - lone.
cap - tives meet.
ha - ppy choice.
or - tal rise.

"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." Isaiah 26:3

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Music: David B. Hampton
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JESUS, I AM RESTING, RESTING

VERSE

1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the
 2. Oh, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er,
 3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be -
 4. Ev - er lift Thy face u - pon me as I

joy of what Thou art; I am find - ing out the great -
 broad - er than the sea! Oh, how mar - ve - lous Thy good -
 hold Thee as Thou art, and Thy love, so pure, so change -
 work and wait for Thee; rest - ing 'neath Thy smile, Lord Je -

- ness of Thy lov - ing heart. Thou hast bid me gaze u - pon
 - ness, la - vished all on me! Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov -
 - less, sa - tis - fies my heart; sa - tis - fies its deep - est long -
 - sus, earth's dark sha - dows. flee. Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo -

— Thee, and Thy beaut - y fills my soul, for, by
 - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine, know Thy
 - ings, meets, supp - lies its ev - ery need, comp - as -
 - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face, keep me

REFRAIN

Thy trans - form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole. Je - sus,
 cer - tain - ty of prom - ise, and have made it mine.
 seth me round with bless - ings: Thine is love in - deed!
 e - ver trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with Thy grace.

I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art; I am
 find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.

O WORSHIP THE KING

"Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are very great!" Psalm 104:1

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(1833); Tune: LYONS.
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1.O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove, o
 2.O tell of His might, o sing of His grace, whose
 3.Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble and frail in
 4.O mea - sure - less might, un - change - a - ble love whom

grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love; our Shield and De -
 robe is the light and ca - no - py space; His char - iots of
 You do we trust, nor fi - nd You to fail; Your mer - cies, how
 an - gels de - light to wor - ship a - bove; Your ran - somed cre -

fen - der the An - cient of Days pa - vil - ioned in
 wrath the deep thun - der clouds form, and dark is His
 ten - der, how firm to the end, our in Ma - ker, De -
 a - tion, with glo - ry a - blaze in true a - dor -

splen - dor and gir - ded with praise.
 path on the win - gs of the storm.
 fen - der, Re - dee - mer and Friend!
 a - tion shall si - ng to Your praise.

*"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-in-
one) nature.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures
here be - low Praise Him a - bove ye heavn - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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 Lord's
Supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Elder Mark Crutcher, Sonya Smith,
Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Jamison Taggart, and Paul Cho led
this morning's congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader and Deacon Chris
Scoggins managed today's audio and video live stream. Michael Whitman
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

***No meeting Nov 27**

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 Retreat

March 1-2, 2025 / Roslyn Retreat Center

Registration details coming soon!

Young Adult Ministry

Next Meeting: December 5

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).

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Sunday School:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- **Homework Time:** **No Homework Time 11/26*
- **Youth Group:** **No Youth Group 11/27*
- **Girls Christmas Day:** Dec 1
- **Parent Meeting TODAY!** / FH / 12:30-1:30 PM

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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

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Bible Study

TODAY! / 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: Changjiwok Deng (changjiwok@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)

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 STEP's website. ***Donations due at WEPC December 1.***

General Information

Deacons of the Week

Jon Greenhill, Taylor Miller, & Chris May

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 (Bryanfinch@gmail.com) or Matt (Osengam@hotmail.com)

WEPC Sermons Now Available on Apple Podcast & Spotify

Starting today, the sermon audio will be available on both the [Apple Podcast](#) and [Spotify](#) platforms. It should be uploaded each week by the end of Monday. You can find it by searching for "West End Presbyterian RVA" on either platform.

WEPC Office Closed:

Thursday Nov 28 & Friday Nov 29.

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 11/17/2024):

Operating gifts YTD: \$804,608.18

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$878,718.73

% of expected budget received: 91.57%

FOOD PANTRY

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

Please continue to check our [weekly list](#) to help keep the shelves stocked for our neighbors.

Food Item Teams:

Reach for Team Peach! (canned peaches)

Give the Fry Team a try! (oil & salt)

Team Garbanzo, you rock! (dry or canned)

Way to Go, Team Tomato! (canned tomatoes)

Shine! Join Team Star Baker! (flour & sugar)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS at WEPC

Advent Communion 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

God visited His people and we share His love when we visit our neighbors. Join us for a night of fellowship and Christmas caroling as we visit with folks from our neighborhood! We'll go caroling near the church and then enjoy some dessert together - so bring some cookies to share! RSVP to Becca Wethered (becca@wepc.org) if you can make it or 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: _____

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 NEW contact information for you.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| ◇ Visitor | Age: |
| ◇ Male | ◇ 20 or younger |
| ◇ Female | ◇ 21-26 |
| ◇ Single | ◇ 27-34 |
| ◇ Student (Grade ____) | ◇ 35-49 |
| ◇ Student (College) | ◇ 50-64 |
| ◇ Married | ◇ 65 and older |
| ◇ 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 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.