



West End
presbyterian church

**The Fifth Sunday after the
Epiphany**

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is a time that helps us to remember Jesus as the long-awaited Hebrew Messiah and His mission to the nations. Epiphany has a particular focus on Jesus as the Light of the World and "God with us," and the Church's role in proclaiming that Jesus is Lord.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

UNTIL I COME

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

--*Revelation 22:16*

"Elijah came near to all the people and said, 'How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.' And the people did not answer him a word."

--*1 Kings 18:21*

"Oh, when will it be? When will it be? Why, the very thought of it makes me feel as if I could sing, 'Oh! happy hour, oh! blest abode, I shall be near and like my God.' What a joy it will be to be just like Him, to have no more corruption of the flesh, and no more incitements to sin to destroy the soul's delight and pleasure in her God! May the Lord hasten on the day! 'Perfecting holiness.'"

--*Charles Spurgeon*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 86:9-12

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.

All the nations You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.

For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.

Invocation.

Asking God to be with us.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, He
 5. He speaks and list - 'ning to His voice, new
 6. Glo - ry to God, and praise and love, be

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glor - ies of my
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free; His blood can make the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful bro - ken
 e - ver, e - ver giv'n by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of His grace.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean, His blood a - vailed for me.
 hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

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*

Charles Wesley
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 Gläser (1828).
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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

1 Kings 16:29-33

"In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him. And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and worshiped him. He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria. And Ahab made an Asherah. Ahab did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him."

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*Led by Elder Richard
Campbell*

Pray for God's advancing Kingdom. For our Church, City, and World. This week...

- **For West End Presbyterian Church:** *For the Holy Spirit to give us a heart for God's glory and conform us to Christ's likeness.*
- **For Metropolitan Richmond:** *That God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. For the peace and unity of all people in all jurisdictions. For leaders and citizens who earnestly seek the common welfare of Metro Richmond.*
- **For God's World Mission:** *For North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia for WEPC Mission Partner SeeJesus, and M. as he ministers in that region of the world. For CL & JL serving with Mission to the World in Central Asia. wepc.org/outreach/missions*

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 or scan the QR code for online giving options, or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quiocassin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).



TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

*"These are they which follow the Lamb... they are without fault before the throne."
Revelation 14:4-6*

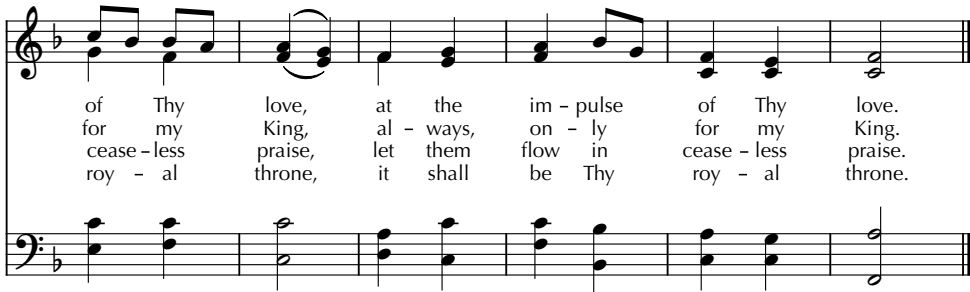
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1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to
 2. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for
 3. Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with -
 4. Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no lon - ger



Thee. Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse
 Thee. Take my voice, and let me sing on - ly
 hold. Take my mom - ents and my days, let them flow in
 mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy



of Thy love, at the im - pulse of Thy love.
 for my King, al - ways, on - ly for my King.
 cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 roy - al throne, it shall be Thy roy - al throne.

"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

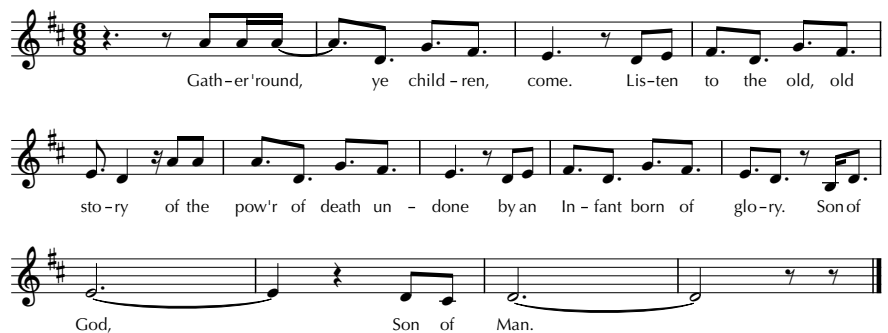
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

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



GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 2:18-29

¹⁸"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

¹⁹"I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²²Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸And I will give him the morning star. ²⁹He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

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

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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.

O Lord, we desperately need You and the forgiveness You offer. You have called us to be Your people and to live for Your glory. But we have sinned against You. We have not believed we are Your holy people. We have not trusted You as beloved children, marked by Your glory and purposes. We have lived impatiently as if only we mattered, and all of our passions are out of order. Mercifully forgive us all our sins for Jesus' sake and renew us in Your redeeming love. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Peter 2:22-24

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

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.

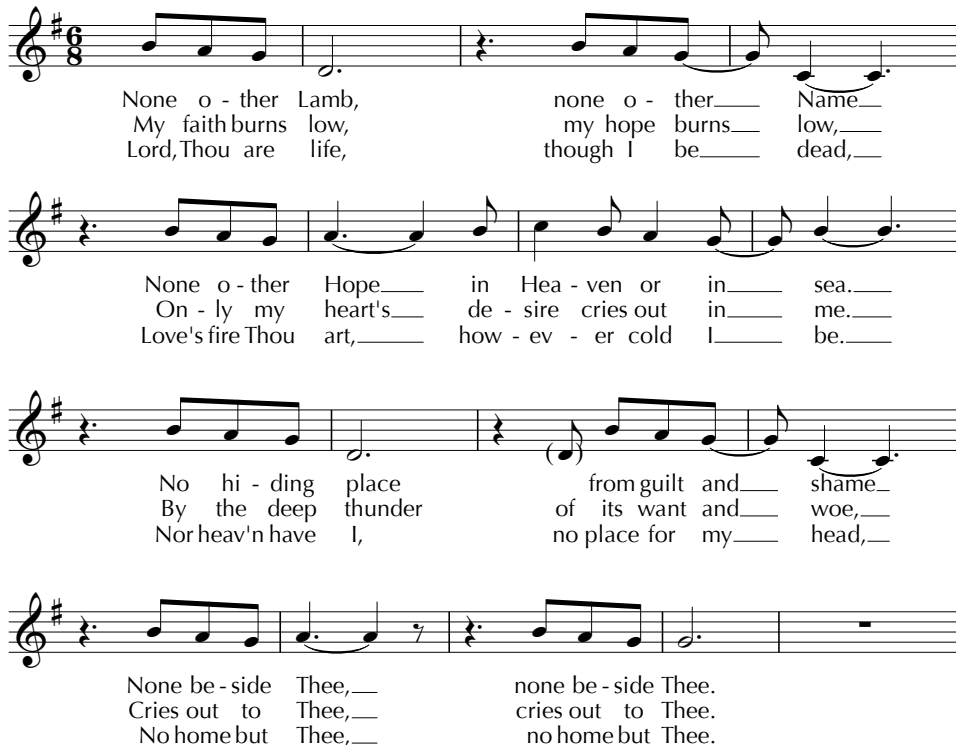
At the center aisle station, double-cups are also available, where the small gluten-free wafer is found in the bottom cup. Again, grape juice is in the purple cups and wine is in the clear cups. For a list of ingredients in the wafers, see www.wepc.org/communion.

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

NONE OTHER LAMB

VERSE



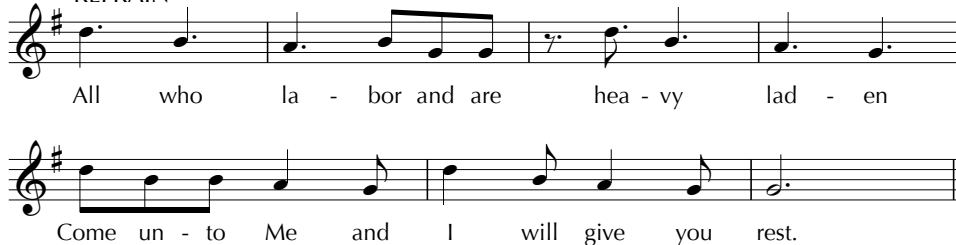
None o - ther Lamb, none o - ther Name,
My faith burns low, my hope burns low,
Lord, Thou are life, though I be dead,

None o - ther Hope in Hea - ven or in sea,
On - ly my heart's de - sire cries out in me,
Love's fire Thou art, how - ev - er cold I be,

No hi - ding place from guilt and shame,
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Nor heav'n have I, no place for my head,

None be - side Thee, none be - side Thee.
Cries out to Thee, cries out to Thee.
No home but Thee, no home but Thee.

REFRAIN



All who la - bor and are hea - vy lad - en,
Come un - to Me and I will give you rest.

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

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*"And I am sure of this,
that He who began a
good work in you will
bring it to completion
at the day of Jesus
Christ." Philippians 1:6*

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
With ev - ery breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has

more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy, my right-eous-ness and
side the Sav - ior, He will stay. I lab - or on in weak-ness and re -
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that He will bring me home. And day by day I know He will re -

free - dom, my stead-fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
joi - cing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I
par - don, and He was raised to ov - er - throw the grave. To this I
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I

hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
hold: my Shep-herd will de - fend me. Through the deep - est val - ley He will
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to

His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall ov - er-come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
Him. When the race is com-plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not

I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.

HOLY FOREVER



And the an-gels cry,____ "Ho - ly." All cre-a-tion cries,____ "Ho -



ly." You are lift - ed high,____ Ho - ly, Ho-ly for-e - ver.



Hear Your peo-ple sing,____ "Ho - ly," to the King of Kings,____ "Ho -



ly." You will al-ways be____ ho - ly, ho-ly for-e - ver.



You will al-ways be____ ho - ly, ho-ly for-e - ver.

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

Revelation 4:8

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"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6

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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.

**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.

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. **Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changiwok Deng** led worship. **Elder Mark Crutcher, Rebecca Crutcher, Mya Wilcox, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Jamison Taggart, and Troy Arnold** led this morning's congregational singing. **Deacon Luke Shrader and Rob MacBride** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Ethan Molique** managed the in-house video system.*

Sermon Notes

Announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: 9AM / Room 810

1 Peter / Feb 9 - Apr 13

In times of suffering where do we find hope? 1 Peter reminds us that hope is offered in Jesus Christ. Join us as we learn that suffering is more than just hardship, it can be an opportunity to see and share the love of Christ. Led by Elder Chris Newlin and Matt Bouknight. (matt@wepc.org).

Young Adult Ministry

Meets every other Thursday / 7 PM

Next Meeting: February 13 / The Jackson 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. Contact: Matt Bouknight (matt@wepc.org)

Wednesday Night Fellowship: The Cross-Shaped Life

www.wepc.org/WNF

Wednesdays through April 2 / 6-7:30 PM / Chapel
The Cross of Christ is the heart of God and the way we live as disciples. Led by Kevin Greene, Brian Wilcox, and Becca Wethered.
Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies

Join us as we continue studying the Sermon on the Mount. New women are welcome.
Wellspring: Tuesdays / 9:15-11:30 AM
Restore: Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM
Contact: Brice Bowman (brice@wepc.org)

2025 Women's Retreat

www.wepc.org/grow/women

March 1 at 9 AM - March 2 at 11 AM

Roslyn Retreat Center

Registration is now open!

\$180 (Registration closes on Feb 14)

Contact: Heather Oberle (hoberle@wepc.org)

Men's Ministry - Second Monday

www.wepc.org/grow/men

February 10 / 6:30 PM / FH

Join us for our monthly gathering of men from WEPC and the community for food, fellowship, and Gospel teaching. Contact: Mike Glasgow (atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com)

The Table Fellowship & Prayer

Fridays / 12 - 1 PM / Room 810

The Table is an informal gathering to pray and fellowship as a church, open to anyone that would like to attend. We'll have a short devotional, pray for the needs of the church and each other, and eat lunch together. Please bring a packed lunch. No need to RSVP.
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 / 6-7:30 PM / Kindergarten-5th Grade
Join us for Bible teaching, games, crafts, and fellowship!

Volunteers Needed: 1-2 Female Nursery Workers for 9 AM Service (*1x every 8 weeks*)

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Sunday School:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- **Youth Group:** February 12
- **Homework Time:** Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
- **SuperBowl Party:** TONIGHT! / 6:15 PM
- **Galentine's Celebration:** Feb 16 / 12:15 PM

Parent/Teen Book Club

Sundays through Feb 23 / 12 PM / Youth Lounge
Join us as we discuss the book *Mere Christianity*. Bring your own lunch. Contact: Joy Andrews (joy@wepc.org)

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

10K Training Team

Join the Good News Can't Lose Team if you are interested in running, jogging, or walking the Monument Avenue 10k on Saturday, April 12. Official training is each Saturday morning at 8AM, beginning February 8. Contact: Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org) if interested or with questions.

Simple English Bible Study

2nd & 4th Sundays / 5-6:30 PM / Room 810

Next Meeting: TONIGHT!

Join our multicultural community twice a month as we meet to study the Bible using the book of Acts. Contact: Changiwok Deng (changiwok@wepc.org)

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Donations Needed for Bloom by PRC Richmond

WEPC Supported Missions Partner Bloom by PRC (Pregnancy Resource Center) is collecting donations of baby lotion, shampoo/body wash, petroleum jelly, and grooming sets. If you are interested in donating these items, there is a bin available outside the WEPC office during the month of February. Contact: Maren Judge (phillygirl54@verizon.net).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Brian Zollinhofer, Cory Payne, Bryan Meeks, & Chris May

Youth Ministry Summer Internships Applications Available Now!

For those interested in applying for a Youth Ministry Summer Internship (May 27-August 3, 2025), please click [HERE](#) for the job description and the WEPC Employment Application.

Applications due March 1, 2025.

Contact: Isaiah Thomas (isaiah@wepc.org)

Inquirer's Weekend

February 21-23 / Fellowship Hall

wepc.org/about-us/learn-more

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 Feb 17): Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org)

WEPC Revelation Sermon Series Spotify Playlist

Check out our [Revelation Sermon Series Spotify Playlist](#) to sing along to songs that remind us of the glory of Jesus, our King, His faithfulness to His Church, and His coming Kingdom. You can find it by searching "WEPC Revelation Sermon Series" or "West End Presbyterian RVA + playlists."

2025 DivorceCare Men & Women's Group

Tuesdays through Apr 29 / 7:30-9 PM / Room 810

Join us for a 13-week Christ-centered program addressing the complexity of life when facing marital separation or divorce. The program includes video teaching from over 50 leading Christian counselors, teachers, and pastors, group discussion, and personal Bible study. 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)

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 2/2/2025):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,527,491.83

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,621,323.14

% of expected budget received: 94.21%

WEPC COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

www.wepc.org/preschool

Enrollment Now Open!

If you're considering preschool for the upcoming school year, we'd love your little ones to join us at WEPC. Classes available for 1-5 year olds! For more information, visit wepc.org/preschool or contact Casey Zollinhofer (casey@wepc.org). Enrollment packets available online and in the WEPC office.

FOOD PANTRY

www.wepc.org/mercymistry

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)

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:

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| ◇ 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.