

GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

The Sixth 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

REPUTATION & REALITY

"At the center of Christian devotion is not a revealed doctrine, a religious ideal, or even a right way of life, but an embodied human Person. Christianity began not with beliefs about Jesus, but with people who had known Jesus. The heartbeat of Christian faith is embodied encounter."

--Ben Myers

"It is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there."

--C.S. Lewis

"In one hand Christ holds the Spirit that gives life to the Church; in the other hand Christ holds the Church needing the life of the Spirit. Both are held by Christ and they are brought together by Christ."
--Adrian Dieleman

Call to Worship

Romans 5:1-2

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. Since we have been justified by faith:

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand,

And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Invocation. Asking God to be with us.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

REJOICE! THE LORD IS KING

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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.

"Rejoice in the Lord always" Philippians 4:4

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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 <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

Glyn Hall (9AM) Keira Frizzelle (10:30AM) Aaron & Debbie Nadlicki (10:30AM)

OLD Testament Reading

Zechariah 3:1-10

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. And the angel of the Lord solemnly assured Joshua, "Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here. Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day. In that day, declares the Lord of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree."

Ministry of Prayer

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

- For West End Presbyterian Church: For spiritual renewal, revival, and tenderheartedness.
- For Metropolitan Richmond: For the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond. For all who are incarcerated, their families, and their loved ones. For law enforcement, judges, attorneys, court personnel, correctional officers and institutions, juvenile detention facilities, and probation officers. For chaplains, jail & prison ministries, half-way houses, work-release programs, and after-care programs. For victims of violent crime. For Prison Discipleship Ministry of the James River Presbytery.
- For God's World Mission: For countries represented by the members and friends of WEPC who are new to life in the United States. That the Gospel would go forth in those countries. For the missionaries Jesus has sent to the United States. wepc.org/outreach/missions

Offering

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 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).

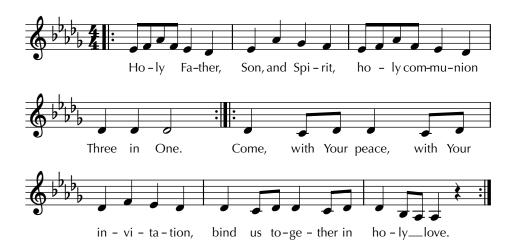


The offering isn't just about money. Our response to the Gospel goes much deeper; God demands our whole selves. The act of giving in worship is a part of offering ourselves as "living sacrifices" to God (Romans 12:1).

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." Colossians 3:14

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TRINITY SONG



"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

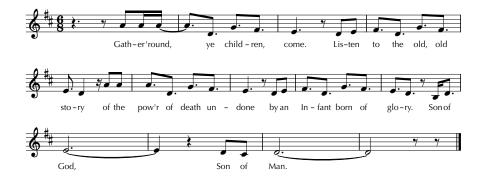
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CHILDRen's WORSHIP (10:30am)

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 3:1-6

¹"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars: I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. ³Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. ⁴Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶He 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 passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night 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, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

I Corinthians 11:23-26

Confession of Sin

O God of grace, You imputed our sin to our Substitute, and imputed His righteousness to us, clothing us with a Bridegroom's robe. But, in our Christian walk we are still in rags; our best prayers are stained with sin; our tears have so much impurity; our confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin. We need to repent of our repentance; We need our tears to be washed; We have no robe to bring to cover our sins, no loom to weave our own righteousness; We are always standing clothed in filthy garments, and, by grace are always receiving new clothes, for You always justify the ungodly; We are always going into the far country, and always returning home a prodigal, always saying, "Father, forgive us," and You are always bringing forth the best robe. Every morning let us wear it, every evening return in it, suffer death in it, stand before the great white throne in it, enter heaven in it shining as the sun. Grant us never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace. Amen.

adapted from The Valley of Vision, "Continual Repentance"

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.

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Words of Encouragement

II Corinthians 5:21

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

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 to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

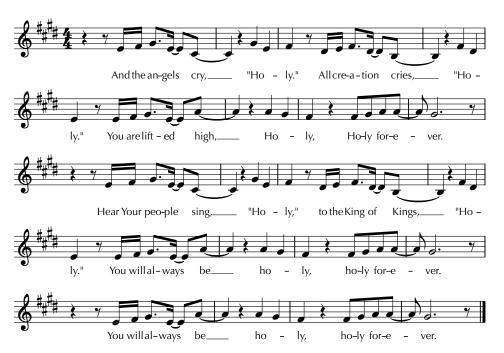
Words: William Sleeper. Music: Greg Thompson. ©2000 Cardiphonia Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "Whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ." Philippians 3:7

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BETHOU MY VISION



HOLY FOREVER



"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" Revelation 4:8

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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-in-one)
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.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Trey & Jen Wickham, Sarah Shrader, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Pat Reynolds and Paul Cho led this morning's congregational singing. Greg Stiles and Chris Malak managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick 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 27

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 21)
Contact: Heather Oberle (hoberle@wepc.org)

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: Núrsery (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 19
- Homework Time: Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
- Galentine's Celebration: TODAY! / 12:15 PM
- **MS Girls' Game Day:** Feb 17 / 12 PM

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. Sign up here to be part of the training team. 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: February 23 Join our multicultural community twice a month as we meet to study the Bible using the book of Acts. Contact: Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org)

Missions

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Donations Needed for Bloom by PRC Richmond WEPC Supported Missions Partner Bloom by PRC (Pregancy 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

David Creasy, Tim Andrews, & Chris Perry

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 <u>HERE</u> for the job description and the WEPC Employment Application. Applications due March 1, 2025. Contact: Isaiah Thomas (isaiah@wepc.org)

Volunteer Greeters Needed

We are looking for 12 Greeters to fill upcoming team openings on Sunday mornings. Commitment is approxametely once every 10 weeks. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Karen Howe (karen@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 May 6 / 7-9 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 2/9/2025):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,564,252.99 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,674,079.76 % of expected budget received: 93.44%

WCPC Community 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/mercyministry

Please continue to check our <u>weekly list</u> 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



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I would like info about: ⟨ WEPC ⟨ Women's Ministry ⟨ Men's Ministry ⟨ Childrens Ministry ⟨ Youth Ministry ⟨ Adult Classes ⟨ Home Groups ⟨ Neighborhood Outrea ⟨ Becoming a member of Other:	of WEPC	Prayer of Belief	
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♦ I am interested in learning more about becoming a Christian.

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.