



West End
presbyterian church

**The Eighth 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

WHOLEHEARTED

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.
"A guest," I answer'd, "worthy to be here";
Love said, "You shall be he."
"I, the unkind, the ungrateful? ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee."
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
"Who made the eyes but I?"
"Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve."
"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"
"My dear, then I will serve."
"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."
So I did sit and eat.
--George Herbert, *Love (III)*

"Apostasy must be confronted with His fidelity, looseness with conviction born of His authority, poverty with the fact of His wealth, frost with the mighty fire of His enthusiasm, and death with the life divine that is in His gift. There is no other cure for the loneliness of heaven, for the malady of the world, for the lukewarmness of the Church than the re-admitted Christ."
--G. Campbell Morgan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:1, 3, 6

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.

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

And he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

INVOCATION

Invocation.
Asking God to be
with us.

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

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
(1739); Tune:
AZMON, Carl G.
Gläser (1828).
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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.

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

Song of Solomon 5:2-5

I slept, but my heart was awake.
A sound! My beloved is knocking.
"Open to me, my sister, my love,
my dove, my perfect one,
for my head is wet with dew,
my locks with the drops of the night."
I had put off my garment;
how could I put it on?
I had bathed my feet;
how could I soil them?
My beloved put his hand to the latch,
and my heart was thrilled within me.
I arose to open to my beloved,
and my hands dripped with myrrh,
my fingers with liquid myrrh,
on the handles of the bolt.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Led by Elder Paul Howe

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

- **For West End Presbyterian Church:** *That we would know the favor we have with our Heavenly Father, the freedom we have in Christ, and the peace of His Holy Spirit.*
- **For Metropolitan Richmond:** *For healthy economic development. For all businesses, employers, and employees. For the unemployed and destitute.*
- **For God's World Mission:** *For WEPC Neighborhood Outreach Ministries, and the church's role in sharing the Gospel and demonstrating the mercy of God to recent immigrants and refugees.*
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).



PROMISES

"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant." Deuteronomy 7:9

VERSE

1. God of Ab-ra - ham, You're the God of cov - e - nant, of faith-ful prom-i - ses.
2. God, from age to age, though the earth may pass a - way, Your word re-mains the same.

Time and time a - gain You have pro - ven You'll do just what You
And his - tor - y can prove there's no - thing You can't do, You're faith - ful and

PRE-CHORUS

said. Though the storms may come, and the winds may blow, You'll re - main stead - true.

CHORUS

fast. And let my heart learn when You speak a word, it will come to pass. Great is Your

faith - ful - ness to me. Great is Your faith - ful - ness to me. From the

ri - sing sun to the set - ting same, I will praise Your name. Great is Your faith - ful -

BRIDGE

ness to me. I put my faith in Je - sus, my an - chor to the ground. My

TO CHORUS

hope and firm foun - da - tion, He'll ne - ver let me down. He'll ne - ver let me down.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30am)

SCRIPTURE Reading

Revelation 3:14-22

¹⁴“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.¹⁵‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²He 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

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."

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

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."

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O God, most high, most glorious,
I am toiling, troubled, and distressed,
but You are forever at perfect peace.**

adapted from The Valley of Vision, "Resting On God"

**I come to You as a sinner with cares and sorrows,
every sin calling for Christ's precious blood;
revive deep spirituality in my heart;
let me live near to the great Shepherd,
hear His voice, know its tones, follow its calls.**

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.

**Keep me from deception by causing me to abide in the Truth,
from harm by helping me to walk in the power of the Spirit.
Give me greater faith, burning into me by experience the things I know;
Let me never be ashamed of the truth of the Gospel.**

**Lord, help me, for I am often lukewarm;
unbelief mars my confidence,
sin makes me forget You.
Let the weeds that grow in my soul be cut at their roots;
grant me to know that I truly live only when I live to You.
Your presence alone can make me holy, devout, strong and happy.
Abide in me, gracious God.**

Silent Confession of Sin

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

JUST AS I AM

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was
 2. Just as I am, and wait - ting not to rid my soul of
 3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with ma - ny con - flicts,
 4. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, wel - come, par - don,
 5. Just as I am, Thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - ery

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out." John 6:37

Charlotte Elliott (1836); Tune: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury (1849). Public Domain

shed for me, and that Thou biddst me come to Thee, O
 one dark blot, to Thee, Whose blood can cleanse each spot, O
 ma - ny doubts; fight - tings and fears with - in, with - out, O
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause Thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O
 bar - rier down; now to be Thine and Thine a - lone, O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*"Behold, I am making
all things new."
Revelation 21:5*

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(1779); Tune: Clint
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ALL THINGS NEW

VERSE



1. Come, Lord, and tar - ry not; bring the long looked for day;
2. Come, for cre - at - ion groans, im - pat - ient of Thy stay,



o, why these years of wait - ing here, these a - ges of de - cay?
worn out with these long years of ill, these a - ges of de - lay.



Come, for Thy saints still wait; dail - y a - scends their sigh;
Come, for love wax - es cold, its steps are faint and slow;



the Spi - rit and the Bride say, "Come;" does Thou not hear the
faithnow is lost in un - be - lief, hope's lamp burns dim and

REFRAIN



cry? O come and make all things new, come and make all things
low.



new, o come and make all things new. Build up this ru - ined



earth, come and make all things new, all things new.

HOLY FOREVER

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



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.

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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-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.

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.

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. Pastor Kevin Greene, Deacon Rick McMahon, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Donald Smith, Kim Forquer, and Paul Cho led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Scott Hoye managed today's audio and video live stream. Deacon Brian Zollinhofer managed the in-house video system. Children's Ministry Director Audrey Snyder gave the Children's Message at the 10:30 AM service.

SERMON NOTES

Announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: 9AM / Room 810

Fellowship Day / TODAY

Join us for a Fellowship Day in Adult Sunday School for a time of food, great conversation, and hear a testimony from one of our new members.

1 Peter / March 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: March 13

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 (No meeting on March 5 - Ash Wednesday)

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

***No meeting on March 5 (Ash Wednesday)**

Contact: Brice Bowman (brice@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)

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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

***No Kids Club March 5 (Ash Wednesday)**

Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM / Kindergarten-5th Grade
Join us for Bible teaching, games, crafts, and fellowship!

Mother/Son BINGO: March 8 / 6-8 PM / FH

Join us for fellowship, fun, food, and surprises!
[RSVP here!](#)

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)

Simple English Bible Study

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

Next Meeting: March 9

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

Lunch with Chris & Janna Lee (MTW)

March 16 / 12 PM / Fellowship Hall

You are invited to come to a missions-focused lunch of encouragement with Chris and Janna Lee upon their return from Central Asia after 2 years. Please RSVP to Karen (karen@wepc.org).

Young Life Leaders Needed

WEPC Missions Partner, Young Life, is a non-profit organization that aims to introduce adolescents to Jesus and help them grow in their faith. This relational ministry needs at least one male and female adult leader to restart this great work at Godwin High School. Contact: Tracy Payne (traypay@gmail.com) or Becky Bruning (rmbutterfly@protonmail.com) for more info.

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **1st Sunday Breakfast:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- **NO Youth Group March 5 (Ash Wednesday)**
- **Homework Time:** Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
- **High School Modgnik:** April 11-13
[Register here!](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Chris Hennesey, Davison Long, & Sean Winterhalter

Volunteer Greeters Needed

We are looking for 12 Greeters to fill upcoming team openings on Sunday mornings. Commitment is approximately once every 10 weeks. Contact: Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org)

Goochland Presbyterian Church "Send-off" Celebration & Potluck

March 23 / 12 PM / Fellowship Hall

All are invited! Join us as we celebrate with the Goochland Presbyterian Church Core Group as they prepare to launch their first public worship service on Easter! We will share a meal together and spend time praying and thanking God for His provision for GPC. Please bring a food item to share for the potluck lunch. Contact: Kristin Tetterton (kristin@wepc.org)

Our Lives for Christ:

While We're Together & When We're Apart

March 28-29

A conference and time of fellowship, worship, and Biblical teaching for Christians experiencing same-sex attraction. For more information or to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4wa5pktx>

2025 DivorceCare Men & Women's Group

Tuesdays through May 6 / 7-9 PM / Room 810
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 Finch (Bryanfinch@gmail.com) or Matt Osenga (Osengam@hotmail.com)

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 2/16/2025):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,631,544.65
Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,759,466.89
% of expected budget received: 92.73%

Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 9!
Remember to set your clock FORWARD one hour.

Lent & Easter 2025 at WEPC

www.wepc.org/lent-and-easter

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and ends on the Saturday before Easter, April 19. Lent, a tradition from the early centuries of church history, is a season of preparation preceding the celebration of Easter, focused on repentance. Speaking biblically, to repent means to make a change in our attitudes, words, and lifestyle. Those who follow Jesus must learn that we must die before we rise. Beginning when we first trust Christ, and continuing throughout our lives, we turn more and more away from sin and self-centeredness and instead turn more and more to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Worship Services

Ash Wednesday

March 5 / 6:30 PM / Sanctuary

This communion service will be an opportunity to worship God in light of the grace He gives His people to repent and trust Christ alone for hope and salvation. An offering will be taken for the WEPC Deacon's Fund.

- Maundy Thursday / April 17 / 6 PM
- Good Friday / April 18 / 7 PM
- Easter Sunday / April 20 / 9 & 10:30 AM

Personal Retreat

March 22 / 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Roslyn Retreat Center

Join us for a time alone in prayer, reflection, Scripture readings, and communion. Register [here](#). Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

Lent 2025 Devotional

A weekly worship devotional to guide the church in practicing repentance as we prepare to celebrate Christ's victory over death through Scripture, prayer, and song. Available March 5 in the Gallery & online.

WEPC Lent 2025 Playlist

Listen to [this soundtrack](#) to sing along with Lenten songs of repentance and dependence on God. Many of these songs are sung in our worship services and are also used in our Lent 2025 Devotional.

FOOD PANTRY

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

We have some CRITICAL food item needs. Please continue to check our [weekly list](#) or join a [Food Item Team](#) to help keep the shelves stocked for our neighbors.

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.