



West End

presbyterian church

The Second Sunday in Lent

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to ask God to help us confront our own mortality and sinfulness, to ask Him to show us our need for grace, to grow in repentance, and to reflect on the amazing truth of the Church's participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The season of Lent—the period between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday before Easter—lasts 40 days (not including Sundays), reminiscent of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness.

Each Sunday this Lent, we will sing “Lord, Have Mercy” and hear stories of how Jesus is revealing Himself to His people, leading us to repent, becoming like Him in His death, and attaining His resurrection (Philippians 3:10-11).

*Psalm 27:1,4, 13-14.
Of David.*

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.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

“The God who made light to shine in the darkness was now doing this work in me. This work of breaking into and overcoming the blindness I was born embracing... ‘What You are calling me to do, I can’t do it on my own, but I know enough about You to know that You will help me.’ I said to God, my new Friend. I didn’t know that the confession of my inability to please Him and the shifting of my back away from sins I’d previously embraced was repentance. Nor did I recognize that my resolve to believe that He could be to me what no one else could, was faith. But it was. Without asking my permission, a good God had come to my rescue.”

–Jackie Hill Perry

“John’s Gospel speaks of Jesus’s miracles as signs... For a moment, Jesus, the Light of the World (John 8:12), shines in a way that irresistibly overcomes the world’s darkness, and says, ‘This is who I am and this is what I will do.’ One day Christ will return in the full glory of His resurrection power. The light will be switched on permanently. The Lamb of God who took away the sin of the world will be present in the new heavens and earth as their lamp. Neither sun nor moon will be needed (Revelation 21:23). As He will be the Life, so He will be the Light of the new world.”

–Sinclair Ferguson

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**


Invocation

Invocation.
Asking God to be
with us.


Song of Adoration

COME LIGHT OUR HEARTS

REFRAIN




For You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait. For




You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait. Tru-ly our hope is in

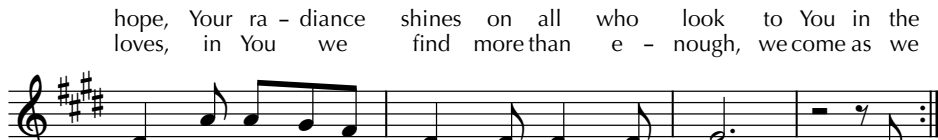
VERSE



You, tru-ly our hope is in You. 1.O Lord of life, our on - ly
2.O Joy a - bove all oth - er



hope, Your ra - diance shines on all who look to You in the
loves, in You we find more than e - nough, we come as we



dark. E-mman-u - el come, comelight our hearts. For
are, O heal and re - store, comelight our hearts.

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.

*"Blessed is he whose
help is the God of
Jacob, whose hope
is in the LORD his
God" Psalm 146:5*

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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.

Presentation of New Members (10:30 am)

Ben & Rachel Farkas

STORIES FROM THE CHURCH: Jesus Makes Himself Known

Kofi-Buaku Atsina

During this season of Lent, brothers and sisters from our church will share the ways Jesus is revealing Himself to us, His people. These testimonies will be included in each week's [worship study guide](#).

OLD TESTAMENT & GOSPEL READINGS

Isaiah 49:6

I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

John 9:1-11, 35-41

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight."...

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

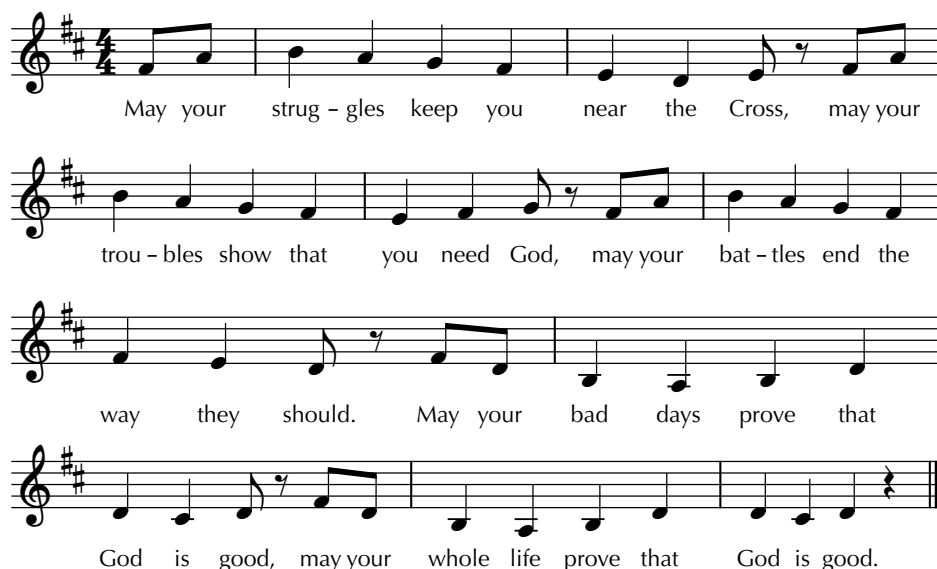
OFFERING

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).

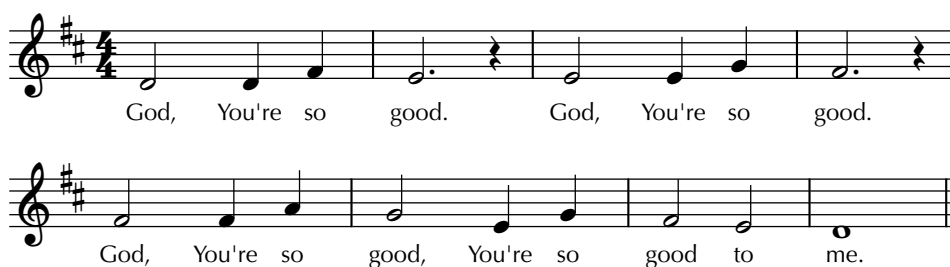
GOD IS GOOD



"Truly God is good to Israel." Psalm 73:1

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GOD YOU'RE SO GOOD



"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good." I Chronicles 16:34

Traditional African

SCRIPTURE Reading

John 8:12

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

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

from Mark 14:16-25

The disciples prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And they were reclining at the table and as they were eating, He took bread. And after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, You gave us Your Son, the Light of the world. Yet, we sinned against You and did what is evil in Your sight. We turned aside from Your glory, and walked in darkness. We preferred the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil, to the light of Your Truth. Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved! Forgive us our sins, and grant us Your Holy Spirit. That we might more and more die to sin, and live to righteousness, through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

based on Psalm 80

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.

KYRIE ELEISON (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

"God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Luke 18:13; Ancient Greek hymn, 4th century

Kevin Greene, 2017.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 John 1:5,7,9

God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

First Communion

Ben & Rachel Farkas (10:30 AM)

Ben and Rachel recently met with the Elders, who heard their testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Farkas 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 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, sor - 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 supp - 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.

"For by grace you
have been saved
through faith. And this
is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God,
not a result of works,
so that no one may
boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

VERSE



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. The Lord has pro - mised good to me, His
4. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the



saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
sun for - bear to shine. But God, who called me

REFRAIN



now I'm found, was blind but now I see. My chains are
grace ap - pear, the hour I first be - lieved.
por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
here be - low, will be for - e - ver mine.



gone I've been set free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed



me. And like a flood His mer - cy rains, un - end - ing



love, a - maz - ing grace.

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Tomlin | Louie Giglio
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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.

*"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.

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. **Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Sonya & Donald Smith, Mya Wilcox, Ford Hendrix, and Jake Bruning** led this morning's congregational singing. **Deacon Luke Shrader and Deacon Chris Scoggins** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Ethan Moliq** managed the in-house video system.*

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.

Sermon Notes

Announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: 1 Peter

9AM / Room 810 / Through 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 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. In this season, we are listening to personal stories of God's redemption in our lives. Contact: Matt (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)

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)

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Sunday School:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- **Homework Time:** Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
- **High School Game Night:** March 23 / 6-8PM
- **High School Modgnik:** April 11-13
[Register here!](#)

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

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Volunteers Needed to Help with Tax Ministry

March 22 / 10 AM / WEPC Library
Ever used TurboTax? Even a little? A group will be meeting at WEPC to help our neighbors file taxes (many of whom are not familiar with the filing process). No experience necessary- just a very basic understanding of taxes. Contact Nate Carroll (nate.carroll@gmail.com) for more info.

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 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

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.

Lunch with Chris & Janna Lee (MTW)

TODAY! / 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.

CrossOver Saturday Mission Clinic

May 3 / 8AM - 12PM

Are you a doctor, nurse, or Spanish language interpreter who would be willing to give a Saturday morning to serve our neighbors through WEPC supported missions partner, Crossover's Quioccasin Road Clinic? Contact: Amanda Stark (amandablairstark@gmail.com)

General Information

Deacons of the Week

Brian Zollinhofer, EJ Fogarty, & Cory Payne

Volunteer Greeters Needed

We are looking for more 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 3/9/2025):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,751,078.41

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,863,947.51

% of expected budget received: 93.94%

Lent & Easter 2025 at WEPC

www.wepc.org/lent-and-easter

The season of Lent began 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

•Maundy Thursday / April 17 / 6 PM / FH

Join us as we gather for a simple, church-wide meal and worship service to remember Christ's work on the cross, to celebrate communion, and to respond to Christ's mandate to serve each other.

•Good Friday / April 18 / 7 PM / Sanctuary

This service of corporate prayer, Scripture reading, confession, and celebration of our Lord's death helps us consider and respond to the crucifixion and atonement of Jesus Christ for us.

•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 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.