



West End

presbyterian church

The Third 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).

Psalms 118:19-24

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.

Invocation.
Asking God to be
with us.

2 March 23, 2025

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

THE GATE

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

—*Matthew 7:13-14*

“The man showed him the fold into which the sheep were led at night. It consisted of four walls, with a way in. Sir George said to him, ‘That is where they go at night?’ ‘Yes,’ said the shepherd, ‘and when they are in there, they are perfectly safe.’ ‘But there is no door,’ said Sir George. ‘I am the door,’ said the shepherd. He was not a Christian man, he was not speaking in the language of the New Testament. He was speaking from the Arab shepherd’s standpoint. Sir George looked at him and said, ‘What do you mean by the door?’ Said the shepherd, ‘When the light has gone, and all the sheep are inside, I lie in the open space, and no sheep ever goes out but across my body, and no wolf comes in unless he crosses my body; I am the door.’”

—*R. Kent Hughes, retelling a story of Old Testament scholar Sir George Adam Smith’s conversation with an Arab shepherd about his work.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

COME THOU FOUNT

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - ez - er hith - er by Thy help I've
3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
come; and I hope, by Thy good plea - sure, safe - ly
be! Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my

songs of lou - dest praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
wan - dering heart Thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the
strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God; He, to
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my

mount— I'm fixed up - on it mount of God's re - deem - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

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.

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up...He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far has the LORD helped us.'" I Samuel 7:12

Robert Robinson (1758); Tune: NETTLETON, Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music (1843).
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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.

*Led by Andrew Conrad,
James River Presbytery
Church-Planting Mobilizer*

GOOCHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PLANT COMMISSIONING (10:30 am)

STORIES FROM THE CHURCH: Jesus Makes Himself Known

Martha Hills

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

OLD TESTAMENT & GOSPEL READINGS

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Micah 5:4

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

John 5:1-9

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).

*"You, Lord, are
forgiving and good,
abounding in love to
all who call to you."
Psalm 86:5*

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Stocker (1776).
Music: Sandra
McCracken. ©2001
Same Old Dress
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THY MERCY, MY GOD

1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme
2. With - out Thy sweet mer - cy I could
3. Thy mer - cy is more than a match
4. Great Fath - er of mer - cies Thy good -

of my song, the joy of my heart and the boast
not live here; sin would re - duce me to ut -
for my heart which won - ders to feel its own hard -
- ness I own and the cov - e - nant love of Thy cru -

of my tongue. Thy free grace a - lone from the first
- ter des - pair; but through Thy free good - ness my spir -
- ness de - part; dis - solved by Thy good - ness I fall
- ci - fied Son; all praise to the Spi - rit whose whisp -

to the last hath won my af - fec - tions and bound
- its re - vive and He that first made me still keeps
to the ground and weep for the praise of the mer -
- per di - vine seals mer - cy and par - don and right -

my soul fast.
me a - live.
- cy I've found.
- eous - ness mine.

*"But Jesus said, 'Let
the little children
come to me and do
not hinder them,
for to such belongs
the kingdom of
heaven.'
Matthew 19:14*

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

Children, age 4 through 2nd grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from Room 121. www.wepc.org/grow/children

SCRIPTURE Reading

John 10:7

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep."

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 Matthew 26:17-29

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus. They did as He had directed them, and prepared the Passover.

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your steadfast love and atoning sacrifice, You took our place and proved Yourself to be the Friend of sinners. You were punished that we might be pardoned, and broken that we would be made whole. In Your resurrection You demonstrated Your power over death, and secured our future-- triumphant, redeemed, and blessed eternally. While we await Your return, we confess that we have been faithless and anxious in heart. In our restlessness we have sought peace for our souls in a salvation of our own making. Apart from You, we find ourselves dangerously proud, alone and worn. Forgive us, Savior! Renew our faith and restore to us the true rest You alone offer us. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

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

Kevin Greene, 2017.

KYRIE ELEISON (LORD, HAVE MERCY)



WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Rejoice and exult with all your heart...The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

Zephaniah 3:14-15

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

*"Stay with us, for it
is toward evening
and the day is now
far spent."
Luke 24:29*

Text: Henry Lyte
(1847) Music:
Justin Smith
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ABIDE WITH ME

1. A - bide with me; _____ fast falls the e - ven -
 2. Thou on my head, in ear - ly youth didst
 3. I need Thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing
 4. I fear no foe, _____ with Thee at hand to
 5. Hold Thou Thy cross, _____ be - fore my clos - ing

tide; the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a -
 smile; and, though re - bell - ious, and per - verse mean -
 hour. What but Thy grace, can foil the tempt - er's
 bless, ills have no weight, _____ tears lose their bit - ter -
 eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the

bide. When oth - er help - ers, fail and
 while. Thou hast not left me, oft as
 power? Who, like Thy - self, my Guide and
 ness. Where is thy sting, death? Where grave thy
 skies. Heav'n's mor - ning breaks, and earth's vain

com-forts flee. Help of the help-less, a-bide with me.
 I left Thee. On to the close Lord, a-bide with me.
 Stay can be? Through cloud and sun-shine, a-bide with me.
 vic - tor - y? I tri - umph still, _____ a-bide with me.
 shad-ows flee. In life, in death, Lord, a-bide with me.

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood... to Him be glory and power for ever and ever!"
Revelation 1:5-6

John Newton (1774);
Tune: Laura Taylor
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1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sa -
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en -
3. Let us sing through fierce temp - ta - tion, threa - ten hard to bear -
4. Let us wond - er der grace and jus - tice, join and point to mer -
5. Let us praise and join the chor - us of the saints en - throned



- vior's name, He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
- e - mies, called us by His grace and taught us,
us down, for the Lord our strong sal - va - tion
- cy's store, when through grace in Christ our trust is,
on high, here they trus - ted Him be - fore us,



He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame. He has
gave us ears and the gave us eyes. He has
holds in view the Conq - u'ror's crown. He who
jus - tice smiles and asks no more. He who
now their prai - ses fill the sky. You have



washed us with His blood, _____ He has washed us with His blood, _____
washed us with His blood, _____ He has washed us with His blood, _____
washed us with His blood, _____ He who washed us with His blood, _____
washed us with His blood, _____ He who washed us with His blood, _____
washed us with Your blood, _____ You have washed us with Your blood, _____



_____ He has washed us with His blood, _____ He has
_____ He has washed us with His blood, _____ He pre -
_____ He who washed us with His blood, _____ soon will
_____ He who washed us with His blood, _____ has se -
_____ You have washed us with Your blood, _____ You are



brought us nigh to God, _____
sents our souls to God, _____
bring us home to God, _____
cured our way to God, _____
wor - thy Lamb of God, _____

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

Text: Thomas Ken
(1709) Tune: OLD
HUNDREDTH
(Bourgeois, 1551)

What does "doxology" mean?

It's derived from
two Greek words
meaning "glory"
and "word." A
doxology, then, is
a spoken word or
song that ascribes
glory to God.
Today's doxology
calls all of creation
to praise God
as the source of
all blessing and
acknowledges His
Trinitarian (three-in-
one) nature.

DOXOLOGY

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

The Last Word
God always has
the last word in
our worship. For
those who are in
Christ Jesus, these
are always words of
blessing.

Benediction

*A team is available for prayer at the front of the Sanctuary following the
9 AM & 10:30 AM services.*

***Pastor Steve Shelby** preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's
Supper. **Pastor Kevin Greene** led worship. **Trey & Jen Wickham, Sarah Shrader,**
Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Tim Drummond, and Pastor Kevin
Greene led this morning's congregational singing. **Jay Smith and Aaron Satten**
managed today's audio and video live stream. **Cody Hahn** managed the in-
house video system.*

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 / Mollie & Mya's 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. 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:** TONIGHT! / 6-8 PM
- **High School Modgnik:** April 11-13

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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

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: TONIGHT!

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.

CrossOver Saturday Mission Clinic

May 3 / 8 AM - 12 PM

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)

Young Lives Childcare Team Needed

July 5-9 / Rockbridge, VA

A team of men and women, teens through adults, from WEPC are gathering to do childcare for a week of WEPC Missions Partner Young Lives camp—impacting teen parents and their children with the Gospel. If you would like to know more, join us for an interest meeting on **Sunday, April 6th at 9:15 in the Church Library**. Contact: Joyce Lawrence (jcl7577@comcast.net) or Heather Oberle (hoberle@wepc.org).

General Information

Deacons of the Week

Tim Andrews, Chris May, Bryan Meeks, & Chris Perry

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

TODAY! / 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. 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 3/16/2025):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,777,872.14

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,910,553.85

% of expected budget received: 93.06%

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

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

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:

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