

### GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

### The Fourth 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).

# Preparation for Worship & Communion

### I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." --Matthew 9:36

"O Lord teach me to seek You, and reveal Yourself to me when I seek You. For I cannot seek You unless You first teach me, nor find You unless you first reveal Yourself to me. Let me seek You in longing, and long for You in seeking. Let me find You in love, and love You in finding."
--Ambrose of Milan, 4th century

"Oh, what sweet music there is to us in the name which is given to our Lord Jesus Christ of the Good Shepherd! It not only describes the office He holds, but it sets forth the sympathy He feels, the aptness He shows, and the responsibility He bears to promote our well-being." --Charles Spurgeon

# Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

### 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, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For He is our God,

And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

**Invocation.** Asking God to be with us.

Invocation

# Song of Adoration

### **COME YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY**



#### 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.

"Come and take the free gift of the water of life."

Revelation 22:17

Joseph Hart (1759); Traditional American melody, Walker's Southern Harmony (1835). Public domain

# 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.

# STORIES FROM THE CHURCH: Jesus Makes Himself Known

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.

**Tucker Tetterton** 

# **OLD TESTAMENT & GOSPEL READINGS**

Ezekiel 34:12

As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

John 21:1-11

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.

# Ministry of Prayer

# **Offering**

You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. Please visit <a href="www.wepc.org/giving">www.wepc.org/giving</a> 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).

### FOR THE TIRED AND ALONE



"I will come to you... Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." John 14:18,27

Seth Thomas Crissman & Greg Yoder (2022). The Soil and Seed Project. Used by permission. "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

### GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

# Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

# Sermon

A Worship Guide with sermon questions is posted each Sunday at <a href="https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media">https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media</a>. You can also find the sermon audio on <a href="https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media">Apple Podcasts</a> and <a href="https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media">Spotify</a> under "West End Presbyterian Church RVA."

# Preparation for the Lord's Supper

# Words of Institution

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

I Timothy 3:9; I Corinthians 5:7-8, 10:16-17, 15:3-4; John 14:3; from the Book of Common Prayer

# 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.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us: restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, merciful Father, for His sake, that we may live godly, righteous, and obedient lives, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Praying to the Lord for mercy is a worship practice with roots in ancient Israel (Psalm 51:1), and heard in the cries of those who came to Jesus in the Gospels (Matthew 15:22, 17:15, 20:30). As a part of confessing our sin in worship this Lent, the followers of Jesus expectantly sing, "Lord, have mercy".

"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

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. I Peter 2:24-25

# 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 <a href="https://www.wepc.org/communion">www.wepc.org/communion</a>.

If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please contact the WEPC office.

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# Songs of Response to God's Grace

"While we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight." II Corinthians 5:7-8

Traditional American Hymn (19th century). Public domain



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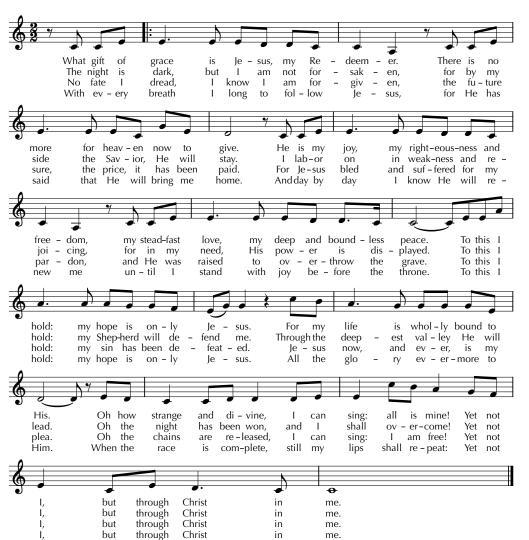
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### YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME



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

Jonny Robinson Michael Farren | Rich Thompson ©2018 CityAlight Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "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-inone) 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. Elder Chris Newlin, Erin Bouknight, Buddy Miner, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Donald Smith and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Tim Drummond and Deacon Chris May 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: 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: April 10

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 9 / 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
\*No meeting April 1 & 2 due to Spring Break
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
\*No meeting April 4 due to Spring Break

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 ÁM:** 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 Mom¹s Room (service audio available during both services)

### **Kids Club**

\*No meeting April 2 due to Spring Break
Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM / Kindergarten-5th Grade
Join us for Bible teaching, games, crafts, and
fellowship!

### Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- Sunday School: 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- Homework Time: \*No meeting April 1
- Youth Group: \*No meeting April 2
- **High School Modgnik:** April 11-13

### Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Bible Study

2nd & 4th Sundays / 5-6:30 PM / Room 810 Next Meeting: April 13

Join our multicultural community twice a month as we meet to study the Bible using the book of Acts. Contact: Changjwok Deng (<a href="mailto:changjwok@wepc.org">changjwok@wepc.org</a>)

### FOOD Pantry

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

### Volunteers Needed

Our food pantry rotating teams are in need of additional volunteers to serve our neighbors on Sundays after worship from 12-1:30 PM. This is a great place for families with youth - aged children to serve together. Please reach out to Jim and Chris Black (jim\_black@verizon.net) for more information.

#### Food Items Needed

Please continue to check our <u>weekly list</u> or join a <u>Food Item Team</u> to help keep the shelves stocked for our neighbors.

### **Missions**

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Young Life Leaders Needed

WEPČ 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 WEPC men and women, teens through
adults, is forming to do childcare at a Young
Lives (WEPC Missions Partner) camp, impacting
teen parents and their children with the Gospel.
Join us for an interest meeting on Sunday, April
6, 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** 

Ed Bowman, David Creasy, & Matt Mailloux

**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 <a href="www.divorcecare.org/findagroup">www.divorcecare.org/findagroup</a>. Contact: Bryan Finch (<a href="Bryanlfinch@gmail.com">Bryanlfinch@gmail.com</a>) or Matt Osenga (<a href="Osengam@hotmail.com">Osengam@hotmail.com</a>)

**Prayer & Support Group** 

Email <u>pray4fam@wepc.org</u> for prayer and support for couples struggling with infertility.

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 3/23/2025):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,858,853.43 Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,960,932.73 % of expected budget received: 94.79%

### WRAPAROUND MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry/

STEM Event for Foster Care Children
April 26 / 4-7 PM / Fellowship Hall
WEPC is hosting a STEM-focused event for kids in
foster care and we need volunteers! Please click
HERE for more info and to sign-up. Contact: Ali
Fogarty (alifogarty@gmail.com)

# Lent & Caster 2025 at WCPC

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
  potluck 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. If you would like to help with a portion of the
  service, such as setup, bringing food, and cleanup,
  sign up <a href="here!">here!</a> Contact: Kristin Tetterton (<a href="here">kristin@</a>
  wepc.org)
- 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.

# Keep in Touch

# Especially if this is your first Sunday with us —welcome!



Date:			
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Who invited you to WEPC	? How did you	first hear abo	ut us?

♦ Check if this is <u>NEW</u> contact information for you.

### Please check the appropriate boxes:

- ♦ Visitor <u>Age:</u>
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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 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.

<b>Prayer Requests:</b>
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### 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.