

#### The Fifth 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 BREAD OF LIFE

"When Jesus said I am the bread of life, he says, I am God made breakable for you."

--Tim Keller

"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

--Revelation 7:16-17

"In this alternative economy of the true bread of life, we are turned inside out so that we are no longer people marked by scarcity, jockeying for our own good, but are new people, truly nourished, and therefore able to extend nourishment to others. The economy of the Eucharist is true abundance."

--Tish Harrison Warren

### Call to Worship

I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season. You open your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His works.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

Psalm 145:1, 14-17, 21

#### 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

### Song of Adoration

#### ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME



#### Invocation.

Asking God to be with us.

#### 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.

"For the sake of Your name, lead me and guide me." Psalm 31:3

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### Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning! If you are visiting our church for the first time, or are a regular attender or church member, we encourage you to use our online or paper <u>Keep in Touch form</u> to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church. Following the service, please introduce yourself to Pastor Steve Shelby either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

## 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. Nate George

### **OLD TESTAMENT & GOSPEL READINGS**

Deuteronomy 8:3

And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

John 6:1-14

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

### 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).

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall now want" Psalm 23:1

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#### I SHALL NOT WANT



### 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. <a href="www.wepc.org/grow/children">www.wepc.org/grow/children</a>

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

### Scripture Reading

John 6:22-59

<sup>22</sup>On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup>Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>lesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." 32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." 41So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. 44No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— <sup>46</sup>not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father.

<sup>47</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

### 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

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

I Corinthians 11:23-26

### Confession of Sin

#### 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.

Most merciful God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us; we have been obsessed with creating a life of constant pleasure; we have been indifferent to the treasure of heaven; we have neglected Your wise and gracious Law. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. 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

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:28-29

### 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.

### Songs of Response to God's Grace

"I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me." Psalm 13:6

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#### **BOUNTIFULLY WITH ME**



#### WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION



"For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more." Isaiah 30:19

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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-inone) nature.

### Doxology



# God always has

The Last Word

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. Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Sarah Jurewicz, Deacon Rick McMahon, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Tucker Tetterton, and Donald Smith fed this morning's congregational singing. Greg Stiles and Deacon Sean Winterhalter managed today's audio and video live stream. Micah Andrews managed the in-house video system.

## Sermon Notes

### **announcements**

### **ADULT MINISTRY**

www.wepc.org/adults

**Adult Sunday School: 1 Peter** 

9 AM / 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 / Gallery The Cross of Christ is the heart of God and the way we live as disciples. Join us for a final class celebration & potluck. 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)

#### **Men's Ministry - Second Monday**

www.wepc.org/grow/men April 14 / 6:30 PM / FH

Join us for our monthly gathering of men from WEPC and the community for food, fellowship, and Gospel teaching. Contact: Mike Glasgow (atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com)

### 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!

### Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- First Sunday Breakfast: 9 AM / FH
- Homework Time: Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
- Youth Group: April 9
- High School Modgnik: April 11-13

### **Missions**

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

### WEPC Short Term Mission Team Interest Meeting Egypt: October 2025

April 27 / 12 PM / Room 160

Join us for an interest meeting to hear about staffing a vision clinic in partnership with WEPC Supported Mission Partner, Mafdi (SeeJesus Arab World Trainer) and a local church in Sohag, Egypt. Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

#### **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 / Meeting TODAY! 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).

#### CrossOver Volunteers Needed

WEPC Missions Partner, CrossOver Healthcare Ministry, is looking for volunteers to serve as Greeters to help direct patients coming to the Henrico Clinic for care. If interested, contact Volunteer Manager Sharon Drennan (volunteer@crossoverministry.org)

### 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 (changjwok@wepc.org)

### 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.

### General information

#### **Deacons of the Week**

Stan Cover, Cory Payne, Luke Shrader, & Taylor Miller

#### **Church Workday**

April 26 / 9 AM - 12 PM

Everyone ages 14+ welcome! Please RSVP to Mike Glasgow (atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com) or Matt Bouknight (matt@wepc.org) for further information and to receive updates.

**2025 DivorceCare Men & Women's Group**Tuesdays through May 6 / 7-9 PM / Room 8:

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="mailto:Bryanlfinch@gmail.com">Bryanlfinch@gmail.com</a>) or Matt Osenga (<a href="mailto:Osengam@hotmail.com">Osengam@hotmail.com</a>)

#### More ONE AND DONE Greeters Needed!

WEPC greeting teams are looking for 6 (1st service only) greeters to join our 10 rotating teams. These special and likeable "one and done" greeters would welcome folks arriving at the side door and finish up at 9:30 AM when that door locks for the day. Contact: <a href="mailto:karen@wepc.org">karen@wepc.org</a>

### 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 <u>HERE</u> for more info and to sign-up. Contact: Ali Fogarty (alifogarty@gmail.com)

### Lent & Caster 2025 at WCPC

 $\underline{www.wepc.org/lent-and-easter}$ 

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 lesus 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



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♦ I am interested in learning more about becoming a Christian.

sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and forgiving me. I run from my sins my old life living for myself—and receive you as Savior. Amen.