



West End
presbyterian church

**The Sixth Sunday in Lent:
Palm Sunday**

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).

Zechariah 9:9-10, 16-17

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.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

I AM THE TRUE VINE

“A machine can do work; only life can bear fruit. A law can compel work; only love can spontaneously bring forth fruit.”

--*Andrew Murray*

“We cannot love grace into a child, nor mercy into a friend; we cannot love them into heaven, though it may be the greatest desire of our soul... But now the love of Christ, being the love of God, is effectual and fruitful in producing all the good things which He wills unto His beloved. He loves life, grace, and holiness into us; He loves us also into covenant, loves us into heaven.”

--*John Owen*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is He,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**His rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

On that day the LORD their God will save them,
as the flock of His people;
for like the jewels of a crown
they shall shine on His land.

**For how great is His goodness,
and how great His beauty!**

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

JESUS, I COME



1.Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night, Je - sus I come,
2.Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus I come,
3.Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus I come,
4.Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus I come,



Je - sus I come. In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light Je - sus I
Je - sus I come. In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross, Je - sus I
Je - sus I come. In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus I
Je - sus I come. In - to the joy and light of Thy home, Je - sus I



come to Thee, Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health,
come to Thee. Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm,
come to Thee. Out of my - self to dwell in Thy love,
come to Thee. Out of the depths of ru - in un - told,



out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth, out of my
out of life's storms. and in - to Thy calm, out of dis -
out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove, up - ward for -
in - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold, ev - er Thy



sin and in - to Thy - self, Je - sus I come to Thee.
stress in - to jub - i - lant psalm, Je - sus I come to Thee.
ev - er on wings like a dove, Je - sus I come to Thee.
glor - i - ous face to be - hold, Je - sus I come to Thee.

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 to me, all
you who are weary
and burdened, and
I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28*

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Sleeper. Music: Greg
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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.

STORIES FROM THE CHURCH: Jesus Makes Himself Known

Katie Funk

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 27:6

In days to come Jacob shall take root, Israel shall blossom and put forth shoots and fill the whole world with fruit.

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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).

GIVE ME JESUS

VERSE

1. In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I
2. And when I am a - lone, and when I am a -
3. And when I come to die, and when I come to

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rise, in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je -
lone, when I am a - lone, give me Je -
die, when I come to die, give me Je -

9

REFRAIN

sus.
sus. Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus. You can
sus.

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have all this world, but give me Je - sus.

"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words."
Psalm 17:6

African-American
Spiritual

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

"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

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Sermon

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

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you....And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

*Luke 22:7-8, 14-16, 19-20,
29-30*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 139:1-2,7,23-24

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.

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

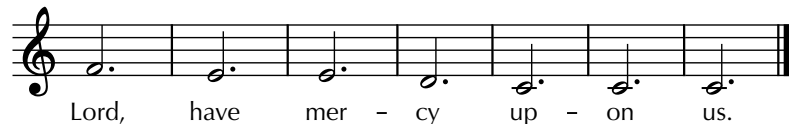
Silent Confession of Sin

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

In my anguish I cried to the Lord; and He answered by setting me free.
The Lord is with me. The Lord is my Strength and my Song;
He has become my Salvation.

from Psalm 118

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*

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(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, thou 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.

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO



1.O Love that will not let me go, I
 2.O Light that fol - low'st all my way, I
 3.O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
 4.O Cross that lift - est up my head, I



rest my wear - y soul in Thee, I give Thee back the
 yield my flick'ring torch to Thee, my heart re - stores its
 can - not close my heart to Thee, I trace the rain - bow
 dare not ask to fly from Thee, I lay in dust life's



li - fe I owe, that in Thine o - cean
 borr - owed ray, that in Thy sun - shine's
 through the rain, and feel the prom - ise
 glo - ry dead, and from the ground there



depths its flow. May ri - cher, full - er be.
 blaze its day. May bright - er, fair - er be.
 is not vain. That morn shall tear - less be.
 bloss - oms red. Life that shall end - less be.

*"I have loved you
 with an everlasting
 love; I have
 drawn you with
 loving-kindness."
 Jeremiah 31:3*

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

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(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. **Elder Tom Krieger, Sarah Shrader, Sonya Smith, Pat Reynolds, and Paul Cho** led this morning's congregational singing. **Jay Smith and Rob MacBride** 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: 9 AM / Room 810

- **April 13:** Final 1 Peter Class
- **April 20:** Fellowship & Testimony
- **April 27:** Responding to Your Heart's Burdens
- **May 4:** Mission Update with the Mussers

Young Adult Ministry

Meets every other Thursday / 7 PM

Next Meeting: April 24

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)

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)

WEPC COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

www.wepc.org/preschool

Preschool Scholarship Fundraiser - The Giving Grid

Each year we give scholarships so children from our church and neighborhood can attend preschool - to learn and hear about Jesus. Our annual scholarship needs are around \$15,000. We're launching a new fundraiser called The Giving Grid! Blocks 1-200 are up for grabs. Our goal is to fill every block and raise \$20,100! Claim a number (or multiple) and donate that amount. Thank you in advance for your support! www.wepc.org/preschool/giving-grid

Preschool Enrollment - Still Open

Classes available for 1-5 year olds! Come join us! Visit wepc.org/preschool or contact Casey Zollinhofer (casey@wepc.org).

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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 Quiocasin 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. Contact: Joyce Lawrence (jcl7577@comcast.net) or Heather Oberle (hoberle@wepc.org).

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

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)

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.)
- Nursing Mom's Room** (service audio available during both services)

Kids Club

Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM / K-5th Grade

Join us for Bible teaching, games, crafts, and fellowship!

Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- **Homework Time:** Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
- **Youth Group:** April 16

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)

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. Contact: Jim and Chris Black (jim_black@verizon.net)

Food Items Needed

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

General Information

Deacons of the Week

Jon Greenhill, Tim Andrews, & Matt Mailloux

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 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)

More ONE AND DONE Greeters Needed!

WEPC greeting teams are looking for 6 (1st service only) greeters to join our 10 rotating teams. These "one and done" greeters would welcome folks at the side door and finish up at 9:30 AM. Contact: karen@wepc.org

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 Meal & Communion Service April 17 / 6 PM / Fellowship Hall

Join us as we gather around tables 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.

- Simple meal begins at 6 PM, followed immediately by the communion service where an offering will be taken up for the Deacon's fund. We will be in the Fellowship Hall for both portions of the evening.
- If you would like to help with a portion of the service, such as setup, bringing food, and cleanup, sign up [here!](#) Contact: Kristin Tetterton (kristin@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. An offering will be taken up for the Deacon's fund for those interested in giving.

•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: _____

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.