

GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Easter Sunday

We are now in the season of Easter—a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. Followers of Christ are called to a life of dying to sin, rising to the life of the Spirit, and participating in His reign as the Sovereign Lord. The Church now lives as those who are "risen with Christ," living under His rule.

Preparation for Worship & Communion

I AM THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE

"Who is to say which is more incredible – a man who raises the dead or a God who weeps?"

-Ken Gire

"'Jesus was the only one that ever raised the dead,' The Misfit continued, 'and He shouldn't have done it. He thrown everything off balance. If He did what He said, then there's nothing for you to do but throw away everything and follow Him, and if He didn't, then it's nothing for you to do but enjoy the few minutes you got left the best way you can.'"

—Flannery O'Connor, "A Good Man is Hard to Find"

"In Jesus, the kingdom is already here and has already been inaugurated. The raising of Lazarus serves as a living demonstration that the eternal Life-Giver, Jesus, is already present with humanity. What is more, life — eternal, spiritual life — is a gift to be enjoyed already in the here and now, not merely in some distant future day."

—Andreas Köstenberger

Call to Worship

Mark 16:1-8

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. When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Declaration Of Faith

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead,

Council of Nicaea, 325AD

Song of Adoration

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

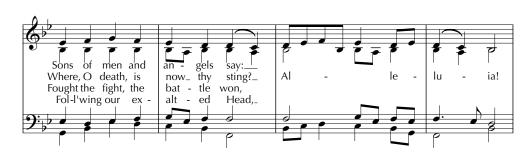
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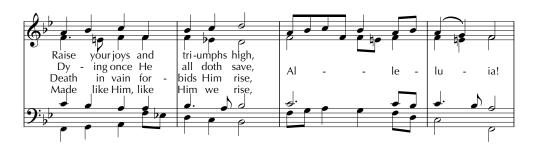
The God who meets with us in worship is good and powerful. We recognize His greatness and remember His amazing works together in song.

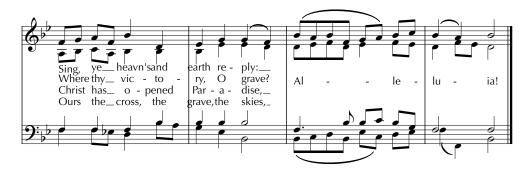
"Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." I Corinthians 15:20

Charles Wesley (1749); Tune: EASTER HYMN, Lyra Davidica (1708). 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.

Presentation of New Members (10:30am)

Doug Cherrington & Carol Simmons Rebecca Nelson

OLD Testament Reading

Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

lob 19:23-27

Ministry of Prayer

Let us pray for the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, we pray to You, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve in wisdom, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. For President Trump, for the leaders of the nations, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth, we pray to You, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Richmond, the Commonwealth of Virginia, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, we pray to You, Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, all whose homes are broken or torn by strife, and for the sick, the wounded, and the suffering. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in the mist of their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, we pray to You, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those that have lost, in death, the ones they love. For all who continue in the hope of the resurrection of the dead, we pray to You, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, we pray to You, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For comfort and help for the weak-hearted; for You to raise up those who fall, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet, we pray to You, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have struggled in the faith, that they may rest in the truth of the Gospel, we pray to You, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, we pray to You, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our enemies and those who endeavor to do us harm, we pray to You, Lord. Lord, have mercy.

That it may please You to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts to You in repentance, we pray to You, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all whom we have injured or offended. For the forgiveness and remission of our sins, we pray to You, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness she may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to You, Lord. **Risen Lord, hear our 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).



BY THE SAVIOR'S POWER



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

"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:8b

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Scripture Reading

John 11:17-44

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" 38Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." 40Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." 43When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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.

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, by the power of Your Spirit You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have often seen and followed ways that lead to death, and failed to give Him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people. Lift our eyes to look upon our Savior that we might live. Help us to see Jesus Christ who rules all things and is Head of the Church, His Body. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

I Timothy 3:9; I Corinthians 5:7-8, 10:16-17, 15:3-4;

from the Book of Common

Often we find that our hearts

than God. In confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit probes

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.

worship something other

our hearts and minds and

Prayer

Confession & **Encouragement**

from I Corinthians 15:20-22

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. 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

"I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow." Jeremiah 31:13

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O COME TO THE ALTAR



I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

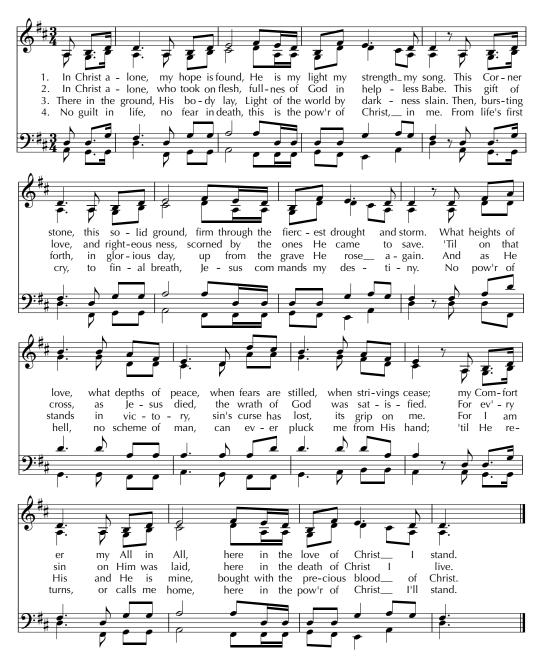


"I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth." Job 19:25

Samuel Medley (1775); Tune: ANTIOCH, Sacred Harp; 19th century American folk hymn. Public Domain "Jesus... there is salvation in no one else." Acts 4:11-12

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IN CHRIST ALONE



Doxology



"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.

Benediction

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

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Abbey Thomas, Sonya & Donald Smith, Pastor Kevin Greene, Mollie Bowman, Tucker Tetterton, and Jake Bruning led this morning's congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader and Deacon Tim Andrews managed today's audio and video live stream. Ethan Molique managed the inhouse video system.

The tapestry at the front of the sanctuary is the traditional liturgical color of white for this 50-day season of Easter. The tapestry will return to its many colors during the season of Pentecost. The piece is entitled "Psalm 148," and was created by a team of WEPC artists.

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.

announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: 9 AM / Room 810

- April 20: Fellowship & Testimony by Gavle Mellis
- April 27: Responding to Your Heart's Burdens Hear a testimony from Joyce Minor and learn practical ways to move forward with the burdens God has placed on your heart.
- May 4: Mission Update with the Mussers

Young Adult Ministry

Meets every other Thursday / 7 PM Next Meeting: April 24 / Oberle 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)

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

- Youth Sunday School: 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- Homework Time: Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
- Youth Group: April 23

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!

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)

Irish Vision & Prayer Summit

July 26-August 3, 2025 / Dublin, Ireland Join us for a week in Dublin, Ireland in which participants will hear about God's work in Ireland, learn about Irish culture, and travel across Ireland to listen to, encourage, and pray with Irish Pastors and ministry leaders. In partnership with WEPC supported mission agency, Serge. Ages 18 and older; 14+ with adult. Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

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: April 27

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)

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)

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. We're launching a new fundraiser called The Giving Grid! Our goal is to fill every block. 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 (<u>casey@wepc.org</u>).

Gospel & Race

www.wepc.org/resources/gospel-race

Summer 2025 Gospel & Race Book Discussion Swing Low: A History of Black Christianity in the United States (vol. 1), by Walter Strickland Sundays, June 29 - August 17 / 12:30 - 2 PM The dynamic witness of the Black church in the United States is an essential part of Christian history. In this history of African American Christianity, we'll explore five theological anchors of Black Christianity. Author Walter Strickland will join WEPC in September to lead a conference on this same material. To register for the study, contact Kevin Greene (kevin@ 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. 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

EJ Fogarty, Tim Andrews, Chris Hennesey, & Sean Winterhalter

WEPC Church Office Closed Monday April 21 The office will reopen on Tuesday April 22 at 9 AM.

Church Workday

April 26 / 9 AM - 12 PM

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

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

Keep in Touch



Especially if this is your first Sund	day with us –	-welcome!	30162H333H4
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I would like info about: \$\times \text{WEPC}\$ \$\times \text{Women's Ministry}\$ \$\times \text{Men's Ministry}\$ \$\times \text{Childrens Ministry}\$ \$\times \text{Youth Ministry}\$ \$\times \text{Adult Classes}\$ \$\times \text{Home Groups}\$ \$\times \text{Neighborhood Outreach}\$ \$\times \text{Becoming a member of WEPC}\$ \$\times \text{Other:}		Prayer of Belief Lord Jesus Christ, I admit	that I am weaker and more

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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.