

West End

presbyterian church



The Third Sunday of Easter

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

REMEMBER ME

"With my voice I cry out to the LORD;
with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.
I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him."

—*Psalms 142:1-2*

"Then the LORD said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings.'"

—*Exodus 3:7*

"There is the freedom Hannah knows. She is a woman with a heavy spirit (many of God's people are) and she has been pouring out her soul before Yahweh...in her bitterness of soul, with many tears, out of grief and despair, she pours out her anguish...our Lord can handle our tears; it won't make him nervous or ill at ease if you unload your distress at His feet."

—*Dale Ralph Davis*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-15

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.

I love the Lord, for He heard my voice;
He heard my cry for mercy.

**Because He turned His ear to me,
I will call on Him as long as I live.**

What shall I return to the Lord
for all His goodness to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all His people.

**Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of His faithful servants.**

INVOCATION

Invocation.

Asking God to be with us.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

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,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed originated at the Council on Nicaea (AD 325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (AD 451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and the Person and Work of Jesus Christ.

SONG OF ADORATION

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.

*"Bless the LORD, O
my soul! O LORD,
my God, you are
very great!"
Psalm 104:1*

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(1833);
Tune: LYONS.
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O WORSHIP THE KING

1.O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove, o
2.O tell of His might, o sing of His grace, whose
3.Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble and frail in
4.O mea - sure - less might, un - change - a - ble love whom

grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love; our Shield and De -
robe is the light and ca - no - py space; His char - iots of
You do we trust, nor fi - nd You to fail; Your mer - cies, how
an - gels de - light to wor - ship a - bove; Your ran - somed cre -

fen - der the An - cient of Days pa - vil - ioned in
wrath the deep thun - der clouds form, and dark is His
ten - der, how firm to the end, our Ma - ker, De -
a - tion, with glo - ry a - blaze in true a - dor -

splen - dor and gir - ded with praise.
path on the win - gs of the storm.
fen - der, Re - dee - mer and Friend!
a - tion shall si - ng to Your praise.

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 Elder & Director of Neighborhood Outreach Changwok Deng either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

GOSPEL READING

²⁵And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Mark 5:25-34

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).

"Holy, holy, holy,
is the Lord God
Almighty, who
was and is and
is to come!"
Revelation 4:8

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Simply Global,
Phil Wickham
Music, My
Magnolia
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HOLY FOREVER

1. A thou - sand gen - er - a - tions and
2. You who've been for - gi - ven, and
fall - ing down to wor - ship to sing the song of a - ges to the Lamb,
you who've been re - deemed, sing the song for - ev - er to the Lamb,
and all who've gone be - fore us and all who will be - lieve will
you who walk in free - dom, and you who bear His name,
sing the song of a - ges to the Lamb. Your name is the high - est, Your
sing the song for - e - ver to the Lamb.
name is the grea - test, Your name stands a - bove them all. All
thrones and do - min - ions, all pow - ers and po - si - tions, Your name stands a - bove them
all. And the an - gels cry, "Ho - ly." All cre - a - tion cries, "Ho -
ly." You are lift - ed high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly for - e - ver.
Hear Your peo - ple sing, "Ho - ly," to the King of Kings, "Ho -
ly." You will al - ways be ho - ly, ho - ly for - e - ver. You will al - ways be
ho - ly, ho - ly for - e - ver.

CHILDREN's Message (10:30am)

GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

⁹After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD.

1 Samuel 1:9-20

¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly.

¹¹And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head." ¹²As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. ¹⁴And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you."

¹⁵But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation."

¹⁷Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." ¹⁸And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. ¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the LORD."

Sermon

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

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

from Matthew 26:17-29

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus. They did as He had directed them, and prepared the Passover. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Confession & Encouragement

Often we find that our hearts worship something other than God. In confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit probes our hearts and minds and graciously shows us what we mistakenly believe will give us life. Jesus is good to lead us from sorrow over our sin to the sweetness of His grace.

Father in heaven, we thank You for the glorious riches You have given us through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son. But we confess today that we often live like we do not have Your favor in Christ. Instead of resting in Your delight in Your Church, we avoid You in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving Your gracious supply to meet our every need, we strive for peace with anxious effort. Instead of believing that You have made us Your own people, we act as if we are cut off from our King and His Kingdom. Instead of pursuing Your purposes, we scrap and cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Restore us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Matthew 11:28-29

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.

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.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

*"Come to Me, all
you who are weary
and burdened, and
I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28-30*

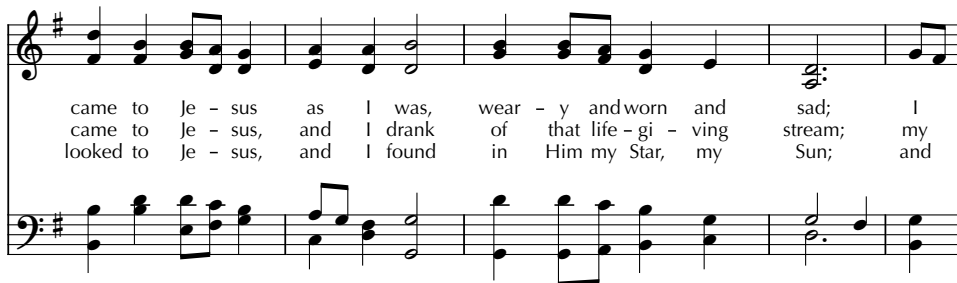
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KINGSFOLD;
Traditional English
Tune.
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1.1 heard the voice of Je - sus say, "come un - to Me and rest;" lay
2.1 heard the voice of Je - sus say, "be - hold, I free - ly give the
3.1 heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's Light; look



down, thou wear - y one, lay down thy head u - pon my breast. I
li - ving wa - ter; thir - sty one, stoop down, and drink and live." I
un - to Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright." I



came to Je - sus as I was, wear - y and worn and sad; I
came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - gi - ving stream; my
looked to Je - sus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun; and



found in Him a res - ting place, and He has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in Him.
in that light of life I'll walk, till tra - veling days are done.

"This God - His way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him." Psalm 18:30

GOOD, GOOD FATHER

VERSE



1. Oh, I've heard a thou - sand stor - ies of what — they
2. And I've seen ma - ny sear - ching for an - swers
3. Oh, it's love so un - de - ni - a - ble, — I can



think You're like, but I've heard the ten - der whis - per of love —
far and wide, but I know we're all sear - ching for an - swers —
hard - ly speak. Peace so — un - ex - plain - a - ble —



— in the dead of night, and You tell — me
— on - ly You pro - vide, 'cause You know — just
— I can hard - ly think, as You call — me

REFRAIN



that You're pleased and that I'm — ne - ver a - lone. You're a good, good
what we need be - for we — say — a word.
deep - er still, in - to love, — love, — love.



Fa - ther. It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are, —



— and I'm loved by You. — It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am. —

BRIDGE



— You are per - fect in all — of Your ways, You are per - fect in all — of Your



ways, You are per - fect in all — of Your ways, Je - sus.

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JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

*"You have
been...a refuge
for the needy
in his distress."
Isaiah 25:4*

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(1740); Tune:
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1. Je - sus, Lo - ver of my soul, let me to Thy bo - som__
2. Oth - er re - fuge have I none, I help-less, hang on__
3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I__
4. Plen-teous grace with Thee is found, grace to co - ver all my__



__ fly, while the near - rer wa - ters roll, while the
__ Thee; leave, oh leave me not a - lone, sup -
__ find; raise the fal - len, cheer the faint, heal the
__ sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and



temp-est still is__ high: hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,
port and com - fort__ me! All my trust on Thee is stayed, all
sick and leave the__ blind. Just and ho - ly is Thy name; I am
keep me pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art;



'till life's storm is__ past, safe in - to the
help from Thee I__ bring; co - ver my de -
all un - right - eous - ness; false and full of
let me take of__ Thee; spring Thou up with -



ha - ven guide, re - ceive my soul at__ last.
fense - less head, in the sha - dow of Thy__ wing.
sin I am, Thou art full of truth and__ grace.
in my heart, for all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changiwok Deng preached today's sermon. **Pastor Kevin Greene** led worship and administered the Lord's Supper. **Elder Mark Crutcher, Rebecca Crutcher, Jamison Taggart, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Gordon Collier** led this morning's congregational singing. **Ross Bruning and Scott Hoyer** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Deacon Brian Zollinhofer** managed the in-house 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.

Sermon Notes

Announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: 9 AM / Room 810

- **May 4:** Mission Update with the Mussers in the Fellowship Hall
- **May 11-June 29:** Pursuit: The Gospel Pursues
Join us as we seek to gain a deeper understanding of the good news and discuss how God has chosen our lives as one of the ways He communicates his grace to a broken and hurting world. Finally, we'll help you gain confidence in sharing the good news with those around you. Led by Matt Bouknight (matt@wepc.org).

Young Adult Ministry

Meets every other Thursday / 7 PM

Next Meeting: May 8

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

Final Gathering May 9

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

May 12 / 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)

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Bible Study

2nd & 4th Sundays / 5-6:30 PM / Room 810

Next Meeting: May 11

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)

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Missions

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

WEPC Short Term Mission Team Egypt:

October 2025

Interested in hearing more about staffing a vision clinic in partnership with WEPC Supported Mission Partner, Mafdi (See Jesus Arab World Trainer) and a local church in Sohag, Egypt? Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

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).

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 - Final Kids Club May 7

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

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

Vacation Bible School

June 23-26 / 5:30-8 PM

Join us for a fun-filled week of Bible teaching, games, crafts, and fellowship! Register your child [here](#)! Many VOLUNTEERS are needed - sign up to volunteer [here](#)!

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **1st Sunday Breakfast:** 9 AM / FH
- **Homework Time:** Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
- **Youth Group:** May 7
- **Amazing Race:** May 17

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 www.wepc.org/preschool or contact Casey Zollinhofer (casey@wepc.org).

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 12-1PM. 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

Ed Bowman, Stan Cover, & Taylor Miller

Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 4/20/2025):

Operating gifts YTD: \$2,009,370.11

Forecasted gifts YTD: \$2,150,608.51

% of expected budget received: 93.43%

More ONE AND DONE Greeters Needed!

WEPC greeting teams are looking for 3 (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

The Life of Samuel Spotify Playlist

Check out [The Life of Samuel Spotify Playlist](#) to sing along to songs that remind us of God's kingship, sovereignty, and faithfulness to His people. You can find it by searching "The Life of Samuel Sermon Series" or "West End Presbyterian Church RVA + playlists."

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.