

GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

We are now in the season of Easter—a celebration of lesus' 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

LENT TO THE LORD

"What do you have that you did not receive?" -- I Corinthians 4:7

"We must lay before Him what is in us; not what ought to be in us." --C.S. Lewis

"He knows our needs before we ask Him. This is what gives Christian prayer its boundless confidence and its joyous certainty. It matters little what form of prayer we adopt or how many words we use, what matters is the faith which lays hold on God and touches the heart of the Father who knew us long before we came to Him... it is always the prayer of a child to a Father... If God were ignorant of our needs, we should have to think out beforehand how we should tell Him about them, what we should tell Him, and whether we should tell Him or not." --Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Call to Worship

Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

Tell of all His wondrous works!

He is the Lord our God;

His judgments are in all the earth.

He remembers His covenant forever,

The word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

Psalm 105:1-2, 7-8

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.

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

COME YE SINNERS, POOR & NEEDY

Adoration

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

"Come and take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17 Words: Robert Grant (1833); Tune: LYONS. Public Domain



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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.

Gospel Reading

And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Matthew 6:5-8

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).

"I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD'." Exodus 33:19

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THE LORD OUR GOD IS GOOD



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

Scripture Reading

²¹The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever." ²³Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. ²⁷For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord."

I Samuel 1:21-28

And he worshiped the Lord there.

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 Mark 14:16-25

The disciples prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And they were reclining at the table and as they were eating, He took bread. And after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

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.

Pardon our sins, merciful Lord. We have been slow and superstitious in prayer, this sin leads to so many others. Keep us from withholding true worship from You, which Your glory is due, and which our hearts so urgently need. Wipe out our sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, remembered and forgotten. Grant us power to believe Your blood cleanses us from all sin, Your Spirit leads us in all prayer, Your grace overwhelms all evil, and Your Good News is our sole life and message, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

Hebrews 7:25

He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

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

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER



"How much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

Matthew 7:11

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"And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power." I Corinthians 6:14

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BY THE SAVIOR'S POWER



ALL MUST BE WELL



"We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Mary Bowley-Peters (1847), alt. Matthew Smith (2007); Tune: Matthew Smith, ©2007 Detuned Radio Music (ASCAP). Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "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-in-

one) nature.

Doxology



The Last Word God always has the last word in our worship. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of

blessing.

Benediction

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

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Robin Huff, Chris Alberts, Pastor Kevin Greene, Donald Smith, and Jake Bruning led this morning's congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader and Luke 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.

Sermon Notes

announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: The Gospel Pursues Sundays through June 29 / 9 AM / Room 810 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 22 / Bouknight 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)

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)

CHILDREn's MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/children

Sundays

- 9 ÁM: 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)

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 <u>here</u> by June 1 to guarantee your child a t-shirt. Many VOLUNTEERS are needed - sign up to volunteer <u>here</u>!

Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- Youth Sunday School: 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- Youth Group: May 14_
- Amazing Race: May 17The Landing: June 12-16

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)

Neighborhood Outreach Ice Cream Social May 30 / 4 PM / Nottingham Green Playground Join us for time of fun and fellowship with our neighborhood friends as we kick off the summer. All are welcome. Questions? Contact: Rylee Blevins (rylee@wepc.org)

2025 WEPC Track Camp

June 9-13 / 5-8 PM

WEPC Track Camp is a family-friendly ministry for rising 1st through 12th grade students. Come have fun with relays, sprints, baton handoffs, birthday push-ups, and more! This camp is FREE! Sign up to register here or to volunteer here. Contact: Rylee Blevins (rylee@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).

Missions

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Missions Lunch: Matt Irvine
June 8 / 12 PM / Fellowship Hall
Join us for a lunch and update with WEPC
Mission Partner, Matt Irvine, who serves with
Serge in Harrow, London, UK. Hear what Jesus
is doing in outreach and church planting in
British South Asian communities. RSVP to Karen
Howe (karen@wepc.org).

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 (SeeJesus 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).

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

Matt Mailloux, Luke Shrader, & Bryan Meeks

Congregational Meeting:

Budget Presentation & Election of Officers
June 1 / Following the 10:30 AM service
Please join us for a congregational meeting as
we present the FY 2025-26 church budget, vote
on the Pastors' Terms of Call, and re-elect church
officers. Everyone is welcome, members will vote.
Deacon Re-election: Mike Glasgow, Stephen
Hunn, Rick McMahon
Elder Re-election: Richard Campbell, Roger

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The Life of Samuel Spotify Playlist

Check out <u>The Life of Samuel Spotify Playlist</u> 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."

WCPC Community 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 (casey@wepc.org).

Keep in Touch

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



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Who invited you to WEPC	C? How did you	first hear abou	it us?

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

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- ♦ Visitor <u>Age:</u>
- ♦ Male
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- ♦ Female
 ♦ Single
 ♦ Student (Grade ___)
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- ♦ Married ♦ 65 and older
- ♦ Parent♦ Widowed

I would like info about:

- ♦ WEPC
- ♦ Women's Ministry
- ♦ Men's Ministry
- ♦ Young Adult 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.