

The Second Sunday after Pentecost: Ordinary Time

We are now in the season after Pentecost, known as "Ordinary Time." Having celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost, Ordinary Time signals the interim of the Church until Christ comes again in glory. Jesus is faithfully advancing His Kingdom in the power of His Spirit in this season. We anticipate the consummation of all things when Christ comes in His glory as King of all.

Preparation for Worship & Communion

I HAVE SEEN MY PEOPLE

"Not merely does God will to guide us in the sense of showing us His way, that we may tread it; He wills also to guide us in the more fundamental sense of ensuring that, whatever happens, whatever mistakes we may make, we shall come safely home. Slippings and strayings there will be, no doubt, but the Everlasting Arms are beneath us; we shall be caught, rescued, restored. This is God's promise; this is how good He is."

-- I.I. Packer

"Providence means that God has not abandoned the world that He created, but rather works within that creation to manage all things according to the 'immutable counsel of His own will'."
--lames Montgomery Boice

Call to Worship

Praise be to You, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor.

For everything in heaven and earth is Yours.

Yours, O Lord, is the Kingdom; You are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name.

from I Chronicles 29

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.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME



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.

Led by Stephen Irwin

Commissioning (10:30 am)

Malaga, Spain Mission Team: June 26-July 6, 2025

An English camp for children & youth making contacts to aid evangelism and future church planting

Rebecca Perry Anna Perry Nathan Perry Matthew Perry Riley Landrum Carol Simmons

YoungLives Mission Team: July 5-9, 2025

Providing childcare for YoungLives camp in Rockbridge, VA, impacting teen parents and their children with the Gospel

Mollie Bowman
Jane Brown
Tori Drummond
Marcela Henderman
Joyce & Bob Lawrence
Jenna Lawrence
Emily Long
Heather Oberle
Maddie Seagraves

WEPC Vacation Bible School: June 23-26

A week of Bible teaching, games, crafts, and fellowship for children pre-K through rising 5th grade.

Gospel Reading

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

John 1:43-51

Ministry of Prayer

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.
For kingship belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations.

Psalm 22:27–28. To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

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

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LET ME FIND THEE



CHILDRen's WORSHIP (10:30am)

Children, age 4 through 1st 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

I Samuel 9:1-27

¹There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. ²And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people. ³Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. So Kish said to Saul his son, "Take one of the young men with you, and arise, go and look for the donkeys." 4And he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them. And they passed through the land of Shaalim, but they were not there. Then they passed through the land of Benjamin, but did not find them. 5When they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, let us go back, lest my father cease to care about the donkeys and become anxious about us." 6But he said to him, "Behold, there is a man of God in this city, and he is a man who is held in honor; all that he says comes true. So now let us go there. Perhaps he can tell us the way we should go." ⁷Then Saul said to his servant, "But if we go, what can we bring the man? For the bread in our sacks is gone, and there is no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?" 8The servant answered Saul again, "Here, I have with me a quarter of a shekel of silver, and I will give it to the man of God to tell us our way." 9(Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he said, "Come, let us go to the seer," for today's "prophet" was formerly called a seer.) 10 And Saul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of God was. 11 As they went up the hill to the city, they met young women coming out to draw water and said to them, "Is the seer here?" 12They answered, "He is; behold, he is just ahead of you. Hurry. He has come just now to the city, because the people have a sacrifice today on the high place. 13As soon as you enter the city you will find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat till he comes, since he must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now go up, for you will meet him immediately." 14So they went up to the city. As they were entering the city, they saw Samuel coming out toward them on his way up to the high place. 15 Now the day before Saul came, the Lord had revealed to Samuel: 16" Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, because their cry has come to me." ¹⁷When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord told him, "Here is the man of whom I spoke to you! He it is who shall restrain my people." 18Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate and said, "Tell me where is the house of the seer?" 19Samuel answered Saul, "I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for today you shall eat with me, and in the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is on your mind. 20As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father's house?" ²¹Saul answered, "Am I not a Benjaminite, from the least of the tribes of Israel? And is not my clan the humblest of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then have you spoken to me in this way?" 22Then Samuel took Saul and his young man and brought them into the hall and gave them a place at the head of those who had been invited, who were about thirty persons. ²³And Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the portion I gave you, of which I said to you, 'Put it aside.'" ²⁴So the cook took up the leg and what was on it and set them before Saul. And Samuel said, "See, what was kept is set before you. Eat, because it was kept for you until the hour appointed, that you might eat with the guests." So Saul ate with Samuel that day. 25And when they came down from the high place into the city, a bed was spread for Saul on the roof, and he lay down to sleep. ²⁶Then at the break of dawn Samuel called to Saul on the roof, "Up, that I may send you on your way." So Saul arose, and both he and Samuel went out into the street. ²⁷As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant to pass on before us, and when he has passed on, stop here yourself for a while, that I may make known to you the word of God."

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

I Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

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, Son, and Holy Spirit,
We come before You, in need of Your grace.
We have sinned against You and our neighbor.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Too often have we chosen the fruit over the garden.
Too often have we bowed down to the golden calf.
Too often have we begged for a sign.
Too often have we declared Caesar to be Lord.
Too often have we demanded to see the wounds in Your hands.
Too often have we substituted our image of you, for You.
Too often have we neglected Your call to be salt and light.
Too often have we reduced following Christ to self-righteousness.
Too often have we forgotten Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.
Too often have we acted on sight and not on faith.
Gracious Lord, forgive us our sin.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Encouragement

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him... We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.

Daniel 9:9,18

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.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

Songs of Response to God's Grace

"Hear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy." Psalm 86:1

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LORD, I NEED YOU



AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)



"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

John Newton Chris Tomlin Louie Giglio ©2006 sixsteps Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "They were longing for a better country-- a heavenly one" Hebrews 11:16

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ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS



Doxology



"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.

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 Chris Newlin, Erin Bouknight, Buddy Miner, James Long, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Donald Smith, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader, Worship Arts Intern Jude Molique, and Deacon Tim Andrews managed today's audio and video live stream. Cody Hahn managed the in-house video system.

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: 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).

Wednesday Night Summer Fellowship: Forgiveness

www.wepc.org/WNF

July 2-August 20 / 6:30-8 PM / WEPC Chapel What does God say about forgiving and being forgiven? Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Outspoken skeptics, new Christians and long-time believers are encouraged to attend. Feel free to bring others, and drop in whenever you are in town! Led by Kevin & Kim Greene and Becca Wethered. Contact: Kevin (kevin@wepc.org)

Women's Ministry Summer Women's Fellowship

Mondays / June 30-July 28 / 6:30-8 PM / Rm 810 Join other women as we share a simple meal and consider a passage of Scripture together. All are welcome! Contact: Heather Oberle (hoberle@wepc.org)

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adults at WEPC is for those looking for a space to grow in their faith and connect with others. Want to know what's going on this summer? Contact: Matt (matt@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-1st grade; Children's Worship does not meet on the 1st Sunday of the month.
- Nursing Mom's Room (service audio available during both services)

Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- Youth Sunday School: June 22
- Youth Group: No meeting June 25
- Mario Party Day: June 28
- Game Night: June 30

1823 College-Aged Ministry

Thursdays / July 3, 17, 31, August 7 7-8:30 PM / Varying locations ALL younger adults (post high school, approx. ages 18-23, in college, working, taking a gap year) are invited to join us for some summer gatherings as we enjoy light snacks & fellowship, study Scripture, and pray together. Visit our website for more information or join the 1823 GroupMe HERE. Contact: Kristin Tetterton (kristin@wepc.org).

Gospel & Race

www.wepc.org/resources/gospel-race

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 / BYOL
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/Families Needed

Our food pantry rotating teams are in need of additional volunteers to serve our neighbors on Sundays after worship from 12-1PM. **This is a great opportunity for families to serve together.** 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.

Missions

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

WEPC Short Term Mission Team Egypt: October 18-29, 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? Visit WEPC's Missions page for more information, or 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)

STEP Volunteers Needed

Join WEPC Missions partner, STEP at Summer Enrichment to mentor children from Gilpin Court! Group leaders are needed to guide children through rotating skill-building stations. Chaperones are also needed for field trips on Thursdays. The program will meet 1pm-5pm, June 23rd-July 24th at New Life Baptist Church, 6229 Osborne Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23231. Sign up at steprichmond.org/summer

WCPC Community Preschool

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).

General information

Deacons of the Week

Sean Winterhalter, Rick McMahon, Chris May, & Jon Greenhill

WEPC is on Instagram!

Follow us on Facebook and now on Instagram @wepcrva

Inquirer's Weekend

July 25-27

The Pastors of WEPC extend a warm invitation to those interested in learning about our church and the possibility of membership in the future. Inquirer's Weekend is a wonderful time to meet our pastors in a group setting and learn some foundations of Christianity, foundations for our church's worship, and opportunities for connection and service with others. (Please note that the Friday and Saturday sessions serve as the first step towards membership.)

Friday: 6:30–9 PM (dinner included) **Saturday**: 9 AM–12 PM (breakfast included) *No childcare provided for Friday & Saturday*. **Sunday**: 7 PM: Dessert at the Shelbys' home. *Children welcome*.

RSVP by MON, July 21 to Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org) or mark your tear-off.

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."

Year to Date Giving Report (as of 6/17/2025):

Offering Budget: \$2,562,000 Received: \$2,375,194 Need: \$186,806

Fiscal Year ends 6/30/25

Keep in Touch

Especially if this is your first Sunday with us —welcome



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Children's Names:_				
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♦ Visitor ♦ Male ♦ Female ♦ Single ♦ Student (Grade) ♦ Student (College) ♦ Married ♦ Parent ♦ Widowed	Age:			
I would like info about: ⟨ WEPC ⟨ Women's Ministry ⟨ Men's Ministry ⟨ Young Adult Ministry ⟨ Childrens Ministry				

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.

♦ Please include me on the WEPC email list.

 \Diamond I am interested in learning more about becoming a Christian.

♦ Other:

♦ Youth Ministry♦ Adult Classes♦ Home Groups

♦ Neighborhood Outreach♦ Becoming a member of WEPC