

The Fourth 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

BEFORE THE LORD

"Saul's words are not the fruit of a broken heart, but of a troubled conscience. He confesses with his lips, but his heart remains proud." --John Calvin

"Saul wanted the benefits of God without surrendering to the authority of God. That is not repentance, that is negotiation."
--Tim Keller

"Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known."

-- I Corinthians 13:12

Call to Worship

When Christ came into the world, He said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure."

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet.

For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Hebrews 10:5-6, 11-14

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

"And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" Revelation 4:8

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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.

New Testament Reading

Llohn 2:1-6

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Ministry of Prayer

Psalm 86:8-13. A Prayer of David. There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours.

All the nations You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.

For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.

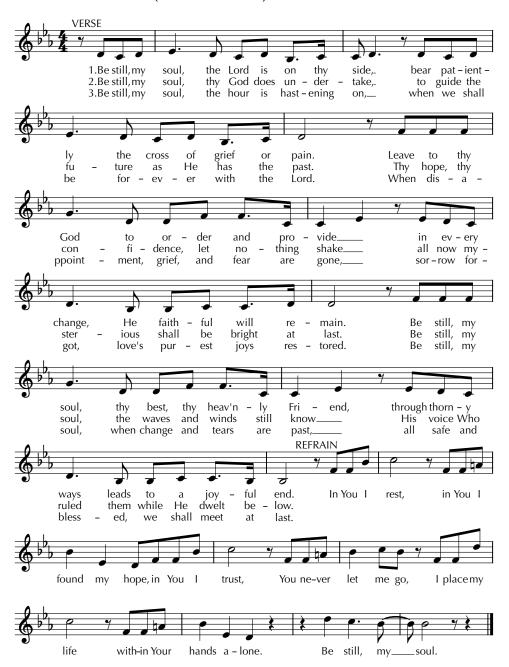
For great is Your steadfast love toward me; You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

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).



BE STILL MY SOUL (IN YOU I REST)



"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10

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CHILDRen's Message (10:30am)

Scripture Reading

I Samuel 15:1-35

And Samuel said to Saul, "The Lord sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel; now therefore listen to the words of the Lord. ²Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'I have noted what Amalek did to Israel in opposing them on the way when they came up out of Egypt. 3Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey." 4So Saul summoned the people and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand men on foot, and ten thousand men of Judah. 5 And Saul came to the city of Amalek and lay in wait in the valley. 6 Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart; go down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the people of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. ⁷And Saul defeated the Amalekites from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt. 8And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and devoted to destruction all the people with the edge of the sword. 9But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them. All that was despised and worthless they devoted to destruction. 10 The word of the Lord came to Samuel: 11 "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments." And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the Lord all night. 12 And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told Samuel, "Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned and passed on and went down to Gilgal." 13And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed be you to the Lord. I have performed the commandment of the Lord." 14And Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?" 15 Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the Lord your God, and the rest we have devoted to destruction." 16Then Samuel said to Saul, "Stop! I will tell you what the Lord said to me this night." And he said to him, "Speak." ¹⁷And Samuel said, "Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. 18And the Lord sent you on a mission and said, 'Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' 19Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the Lord?" 20 And Saul said to Samuel, "I have obeyed the voice of the Lord. I have gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction. ²¹But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal." 22And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. ²³For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king." ²⁴Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. ²⁵Now therefore, please pardon my sin and return with me that I may bow before the Lord." ²⁶And Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you. For you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel." ²⁷As Samuel turned to go away, Saul seized the skirt of his robe, and it tore. ²⁸And Samuel said to him, "The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you. 29And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret." 30 Then he said, "I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may bow before the Lord your God." ³¹So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul bowed before the Lord. ³²Then Samuel said, "Bring here to me Agag the king of the Amalekites." And Agag came to him cheerfully. Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past." 33And Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." And Samuel hacked Agag to pieces before the Lord in Gilgal. 34Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. 35And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

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."

from Matthew 26:17-29

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we come before You acknowledging that we have often heard Your commands without obedience. You desire wholehearted love of You and our neighbor, but we have fixed our hearts on ourselves and the idols of our own making. Father, forgive us our sin. Forgive us for choosing our own wisdom over Your Word. You tell us that to obey and to listen is better than sacrifice. Yet we have been presumptuous, negotiating with You instead of trusting You.

Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. You will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Substitute, our Sacrifice, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

based on I Samuel 15 and Psalm 51:10-12, 16-17

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.

Words of Encouragement

II Corinthians 5:21

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

I SHALL NOT WANT



"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" Psalm 23:1

Audrey Assad Bryan Brown ©2013 worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Fortunate Fall Music (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.). Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

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JESUS, I COME



ARISE MY SOUL, ARISE



"Consequently, 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." Hebrews 7:25

Charles Wesley, 1742. ©1996 Twit, Kevin. 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-inone) 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.

Doxology



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. Trey & Jen Wickham, Children's Director Audrey Snyder, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Worship Arts Intern Jude Molique, Pat Reynolds, and Pastor Kevin Greene led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Gordon Kuhfuss, Jay Smith, and Scott Hoye managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick managed the in-house video system. Children's Ministry Director Audrey Snyder gave the Children's Message at the 10:30 AM service.

Sermon Notes

announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: 9AM / Room 810

- July 6: Mission Update with Prison Discipleship
- **July 13**: Mission Update with The Fosters
- **July 20**: New Class: Walking at a Different Pace

Wednesday Night Summer Fellowship: Forgiveness

www.wepc.org/WNF

Wednesdays through 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 through July 28 / 6:30-8 PM / FH Join other women as we share a simple meal and consider a passage of Scripture together. All are welcome! Please RSVP to 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 ÁM:** 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: July 6

• First Sunday Breakfast: RÉSCHEDULED to July 13

• Youth Group: July 9

• Girls Beach Day: July 12

• Game Night: July 14

1823 College-Aged Ministry

Thursdays / July 17, 31, August 77-8:30 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 through August 17 / 12:30-2 PM / Room 810 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. Please BYOL. To register for the study, contact Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org).

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Ready, Set, Learn Camp

August 4-8 / 9 AM - 12 PM / WEPC Library WEPC Neighborhood Outreach is excited to offer a back-to-school readiness camp for our ESL families. Please consider serving alongside us by providing school supplies or volunteering. Visit our table in the gallery or click here to learn about donating. Contact Talya (talya@wepc.org) to learn about volunteering.

Missions

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

WEPC Missions Partners: J & S Foster & Family July 13 / 9 AM / Fellowship Hall

Hear from long-time global missions (Serge) partners and WEPC members with an update on God's faithfulness and goodness abroad.

Contact: Karen Howe (<u>karen@wepc.org</u>)

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.

General information

Deacons of the Week

Chris Hennesey, Luke Shrader, Cory Payne, & Taylor Miller

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 (<u>karen@wepc.org</u>) or mark your tear-off.

WEPC is on Instagram!

Follow us on Facebook and now on Instagram @wepcrva.

WEPC Fall 2025 Conference Swing Low: The Story of the Black Church in the United States

September 27, 2025 / 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM WEPC Fellowship Hall

The history of African American Christians tells the story of followers of Jesus compelled to pursue spiritual and social change to God's glory. Join us to be encouraged by the dynamic witness of the Black church in the United States. Led by author Walter Strickland.

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."

WCPC Community Preschool

WEPC Community Preschool is hiring!

Do you love Jesus' and love working with young children? The Preschool is looking to hire 2 Preschool Assistants for the 2025-26 school year. For more information, please visit our website or reach out to the preschool director, Casey Zollinhofer (casey@wepc.org). Please help us spread the word!

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.

Year End Giving Report for FY 24-25 will be provided in the bulletin on July 13.

Keep in Touch

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



Date:			
Name:			
Children's Names:			
Address:			
City:			
Phone:			
Email:			
Who invited you to WEPC? I	How did you	first hear abou	t us?

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

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- ♦ Visitor <u>Age:</u>
- ♦ Male
 ♦ 20 or younger
- ♦ Female
 ♦ Single
 ♦ Student (Grade ___)
 ♦ 35-49
- ♦ Student (College)♦ 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:	sts:	Req	Prayer
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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.