

The Fifth 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

THE LORD LOOKS ON THE HEART

"What is going to make a kingdom go well is not if the king is a great warrior, or a brilliant tactician, but it's the king's heart. It's whether the king is wise, whether the king is loving...God is saying 'Don't be distracted like everyone else in the world. Don't be distracted by beauty, by polish, by sleekness, or even by talent or success – none of those things really matter. What matters is what's in the heart." --Tim Keller

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

--Matthew 23:27-28

"The rejected of men are often the beloved of the Lord." --Charles Spurgeon

Call to Worship

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'

I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him, so that my hand shall be established with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.

My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted. He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'

My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him. I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens."

Psalm 89:1, 3-4, 20-21, 24, 26, 28-29

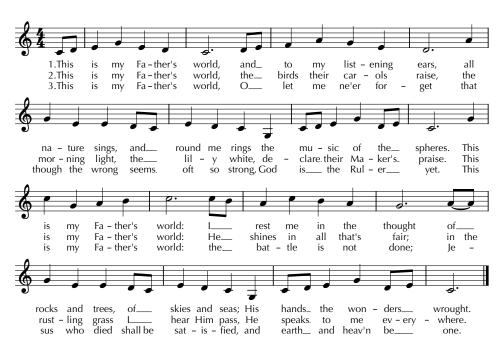
The First Word

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

Song of Adoration

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD



Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

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.

"Sovereign Lord... You made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them." Acts 4:24

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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

Matthew 2:1-6

Read by J.F., WEPC Missions Partner at the 10:30 AM service Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Ministry of Prayer

Psalm 96:1-10

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."

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).



BELOVED



"To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ." Jude 1:1

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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 16:1-13; 1 Samuel 25:1

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' 3And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." 4Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." 7But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 9Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 10 And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." 12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." 13Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

^{25:1}Now Samuel died. And all Israel assembled and mourned for him, and they buried him in his house at Ramah.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when 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 also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

I Corinthians 11:23-32

Confession of Sin

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Silent Confession of Sin

Psalm 139:1-2, 7, 23-24

Confession &

His grace.

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

Words of Encouragement

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Rejoice and exult with all your heart...The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

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

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST



"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy." Jude 24

Ada R. Habershon (1906);Tune: ©2013 Getty Music Publishing, Matthew Merker Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20

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TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS



JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL



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

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"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.

Doxology



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

The Last Word

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. Elder B-J Huff led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Emily Baish, Deacon Rick McMahon, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Suzie Bird, Kim Forquer, Tucker Tetterton, and Paul Cho led this morning's congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader and Deacon Chris Scoggins managed today's audio and video live stream. Ethan Molique managed the in-house video system.

Sermon Notes

announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: 9AM / Room 810

- **July 13**: Mission Update with The Fosters
- July 20: Walking at a Different Pace
 Do you always feel in a hurry? You are not
 alone, many of us feel this way. Yet a life of
 hurry seems to be incompatible with the life
 Jesus desires for us. Join us over the next six
 weeks as we step into this tension together,
 learn that we can slow down, and in so
 doing experience freedom when we start
 to walk at a different pace. Contact: Matt
 (matt@wepc.org)

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 (<u>kevin@wepc.org</u>)

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)

Feels Like Home: Marriage & Family Packets
Coming July 20th! Some of the most important
conversations in life happen at home. Feels
like Home desires to provide families and
couples the opportunity to have intentional
conversations around important topics. They'll
be three conversations specific for families and
three specific for couples. We'll share details
next week for how to access the material.

Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- First Sunday Breakfast: TODAY!
- Youth Group: July 16
- Game Night: July 14
- **Hike Day**: July 15
- Parents' Night Out: July 18
 Parents enjoy a night out while Youth & Adult volunteers watch rising K-5 students. <u>Sign Up</u> to HELP or Sign Up for your kids to ATTEND

1823 College-Aged Ministry

Thursdays / July 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).

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Neighborhood Outreach Info Luncheon
July 27 / 12 PM / WEPC Library
Join us for a great opportunity to hear about
how Neighborhood Outreach connects with
our neighbors. We hope to offer information
that encourages you to pray about joining in on
the fun! Bring your appetite and questions, we
would love to spend time with you!

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.

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)

Missions

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

WEPC Missions Partners: J & S Foster & Family TODAY! / 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 (karen@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.

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).

General information

Deacons of the Week

Cory Payne, Sean Winterhalter, Chris Hennesey, & Chris Perry

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.

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.

WEPC 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)

FY25 Financials (Preliminary):

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 2,544.327
 \$2,562,000
 99.31%

 3,542,000
 \$2,462,000
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 94.15%

Long Term Capital Project Expenditures: \$314,392

Keep in Touch



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∨ Visitor	Age:
♦ Male	♦ 20 or young
♦ Female	◊ 21-26
♦ Single	◊ 27-34
♦ Student (Grade)	◊ 35-49
♦ Student (College)	◊ 50-64
	♦ 65 and olde

♦ 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.
- becoming a Christian.

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.