



# West End

presbyterian church

**The Seventh 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

### JUDGE NOT

"It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart."

--*1 Corinthians 4:4b-5*

"So, if my problem is my heart, then it is right to say that my biggest problem in life is me. And, since I can't run from my heart and have no independent ability to transform my heart, I need to be rescued. The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is the story of how God works through his Son to rescue us from ourselves.

--*Paul Tripp*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 50:1-4, 23*

**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.

The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Our God comes; He does not keep silence;  
before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

**He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.**

"The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies Me;  
to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

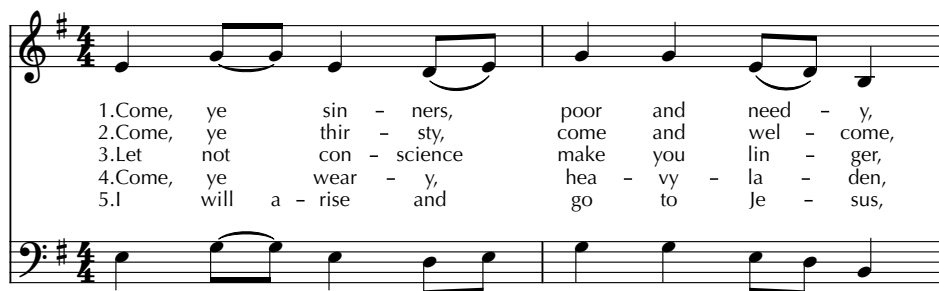
**Invocation**

Asking God to be  
with us.

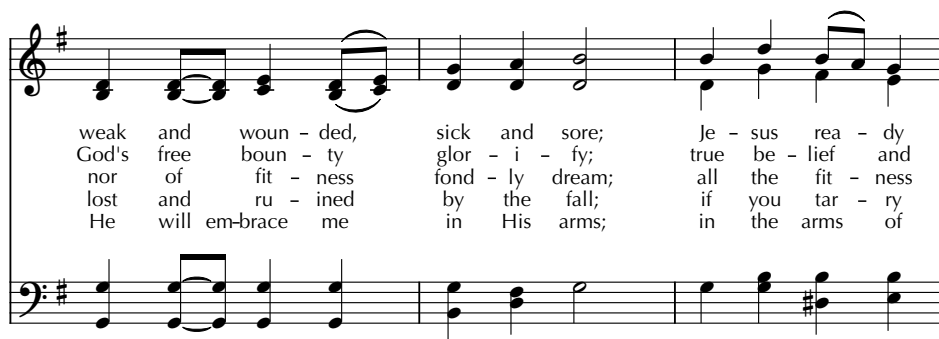
## INVOCATION

# SONG OF ADORATION

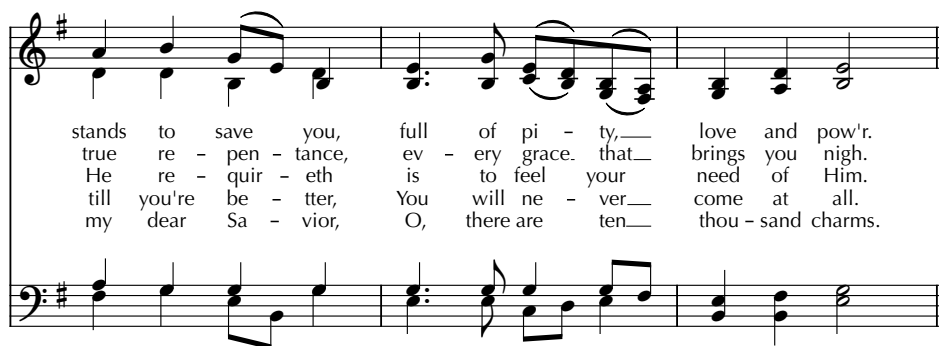
## COME YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y,  
 2. Come, ye thir - sty, come and wel - come,  
 3. Let not con - science make you lin - ger,  
 4. Come, ye wear - y, hea - vy - la - den,  
 5. I will a - rise and go to Je - sus,



weak and woun - ded, sick and sore; Je - sus rea - dy  
 God's free boun - ty glor - i - fy; true be - lief and  
 nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness  
 lost and ru - ined by the fall; if you tar - ry  
 He will em - brace me in His arms; in the arms of



stands to save you, full of pi - ty, love and pow'r.  
 true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace. that brings you nigh.  
 He re - quir - eth is to feel your need of Him.  
 till you're be - tter, You will ne - ver come at all.  
 my dear Sa - vior, O, there are ten thou - sand charms.

### 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

Joseph Hart (1759); Traditional American melody, Walker's Southern Harmony (1835). Public domain

# 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 Pastor Steve Shelby either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Leviticus 19:9-18*

Read by WEPC Youth  
Intern Anna Roe Brown

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

## OFFERING

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).

*You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. Please visit [www.wepc.org/giving](http://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).*



## GATHER THEM IN

VERSE

1. We wait for You to tes - ti - fy. to hold the  
 2. Sing out, sing out you daughters of Zi-on, and shout a -

king - doms to a - ccount. Your right - eous  
 loud, O Is - ra - el. Be glad, re -

jus - tice shall not fail, all those who  
 joyce with all your hea - rt, He has re -

REFRAIN

trust in Your name. You will ga - ther them in, You will  
 moved your pun - ish - ment. He will ga - ther us in, He will

bring, bring them home. King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.  
 bring, bring us home. King of all Kings, Lord of all Lords.

*"At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes," says the LORD."*  
 Zephaniah 3:20

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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](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)*

## SCRIPTURE Reading

*Matthew 7:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>"Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

## 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

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.

*from Matthew 26:17-29*

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

**Gracious heavenly Father, if You should mark iniquities, who could stand? Not only do we fail to love our enemies, we judge them. Not only are we imperfect in obedience, we gave ourselves to rebellion. Not only do we fail to forgive as we are forgiven, we harbor hate. The more we gaze into Your perfect Law, the more You reveal the depth of our transgressions. Forgive us for excusing and reducing our sin. Forgive us for the love we lack and the commands we defy. We have no hope, save Jesus Christ. Thank You for our Savior. Because He is the perfect atoning sacrifice for our sin, we are restored. Amen.**

*Silent 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.

# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*John 5:24* Jesus said “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

## 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](http://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

## HELP MY UNBELIEF

*"Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'"*  
Mark 9:24

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VERSE

1. I know the Lord is nigh, and would but can-not pray, for  
2. I would but can-not love, though wooed by love div-ine; no

Sa - tan meets me when I try, and frights my soul a-way. And  
arg - u-ments have pow'r to move a soul as base as mine. A

frights my soul a - way.  
soul so base as mine. I

would but can't re - pent, though I en-dea-vor oft; this  
would but can - not rest, in God's most ho - ly will; I

ston - y heart can ne'er re-lent till Je - sus makes it soft. Till Je -  
know what He ap-oints is best, and mur - mur at it still. I mur -

REFRAIN

- sus makes it soft. Help my un - be - lief. Help my un - be -  
- mur at it still.

lief. Help my un - be - lief. My help must come from Thee.

*"Look, He is coming  
with the clouds, and  
every eye will see  
Him." Revelation 1:7*

St. 1-2 Charles  
Wesley (1758); St.  
3-4 John Cennick  
(1752); alt. Martin  
Madan (1760);  
Music Adapted from  
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Unbudding Fig  
Music (ASCAP)

## LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING



1.Lo! He comes with clouds de - scen-ding, once for  
2.Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold Him robed in  
3.Ev - ery i - sland, sea, and moun-tain, heav'n and  
4.Now Re - demp-tion, long ex - pec - ted see in

fav - ored sin-ners slain, once for fav - ored sin-ners slain; thous - and,  
dread - ful ma - je - sty, robed in dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who  
earth shall flee a - way, heav'n and earth shall flee a - way; all who  
sol - emn pomp a - ppear! See in sol - emn pomp a - ppear! All His

thou - sand saints at - ten - ding swell the  
set \_\_\_\_\_ at naught and sold Him, pierced and  
hate \_\_\_\_\_ Him must, con - foun - ded, hear the  
saints, \_\_\_\_\_ by man re - jec - ted, now shall

tri - umph of His train, swell the tri - umph of His train. Hal - le -  
nailed Him to the Tree, pierced and nailed Him to the Tree, deep - ly  
trump pro - claim the Day, hear the trump pro - claim the Day; come to  
meet Him in the air, now shall meet Him in the air. Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God a - ppears on earth to reign.  
wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
judg - ment! Come to judg - ment! Come, Lord, Je - sus, come!  
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! See the Day of God a - ppear!

# GOD WHO SAVES

*"For He made  
Him who knew  
no sin to be sin  
for us, that we  
might become the  
righteousness of  
God in Him."  
2 Corinthians 5:21*

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VERSE



1. There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain,  
2. There is truth in His bo - dy — raised that third day,  
3. There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain,

there is pow'r, there is pow'r in His name. There is  
there is joy in a stone rolled a - way. There is  
there is pow'r, there is pow'r in His name. There is

love pour - ing out of the wounds that were made, pour - ing  
hope pour - ing out of the tomb where He lay, pour - ing  
hope pour - ing out of the wounds that were made, pour - ing

REFRAIN

out, pour - ing o - ver our — shame. So praise the  
out, pour - ing o - ver the — grave.  
out, pour - ing o - ver our — shame.

God who saves! — Praise the God who bled! —

Praise the God who was nailed to a tree — and wore our

sins u - pon - His head.

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

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

### 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.

## 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.

## 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. **Elder Chris Newlin**, **Women's Leadership Development Associate Erin Bouknight**, **Buddy Miner**, **Doug Cherrington**, **Donald Smith**, **Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered** and **Troy Arnold** led this morning's congregational singing. **Greg Stiles** and **Deacon Chris May** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Michael Whitman** managed the in-house video system.*

# Sermon Notes

# Announcements

## ADULT MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/adults](http://www.wepc.org/adults)

### **Adult Sunday School: 9AM / Room 810**

- **Walking at a Different Pace (*through 8/24*)**  
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 Bouknight ([matt@wepc.org](mailto:matt@wepc.org))
- **August 31: Hymn Sing**  
(\*meeting in the Chapel)  
Join us in singing hymns of praise together, followed by food and fellowship.

### **Wednesday Night Summer Fellowship: Forgiveness**

[www.wepc.org/WNF](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:hoberle@wepc.org)).

### **Feels Like Home: Marriage & Household Packets**

It's not too late to pick up a packet! Feels like Home desires to provide families/households and couples the opportunity to have intentional conversations around important topics at home. There will be three conversations specific for families/households and three specific for couples. We recommend a pace of one lesson per week. Packets will be available at a table in the Gallery or find it on our website under "Adults." Contact: Matt Bouknight ([matt@wepc.org](mailto:matt@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](mailto:matt@wepc.org))

## 1823 COLLEGE-AGED MINISTRY

Thursdays / July 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](mailto:kristin@wepc.org)).

## NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/neighborhood](http://www.wepc.org/neighborhood)

### **Neighborhood Outreach Info Luncheon**

TODAY! / 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](mailto:talya@wepc.org)) to learn about volunteering.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.
- **Nursing Mom's Room** (service audio available during both services)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://www.wepc.org/grow/youth)

- **Youth Sunday School:** July 27
- **Game Night:** July 28
- **Worship Night:** July 29
- **Youth Group:** July 30

## MISSIONS

[www.wepc.org/outreach/missions](http://www.wepc.org/outreach/missions)

### Compass Center: Growing In Christ

WEPC supported mission partner, the Compass Center for Christian Formation & Soul Care, is a local ministry that offers individual spiritual direction and half-day retreats. Learn more about upcoming Soul Care Retreats on August 10 and 11 at [CompassCenterVA.org](http://CompassCenterVA.org). A limited number of scholarships are available; to apply, contact Kevin Greene ([kevin@wepc.org](mailto:kevin@wepc.org)).

### STEPRichmond Ministry School Supply Drive

Help us collect school supplies for children in Gilpin Court. A collection bin can be found just outside the WEPC church office through **August 12**.

## GOSPEL & RACE

[www.wepc.org/resources/gospel-race](http://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](mailto:kevin@wepc.org)).

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Deacons of the Week

Tim Andrews, David Creasy, Jon Greenhill, & Sean Winterhalter

### Questions Jesus Asked Spotify Playlist

Check out the [Questions Jesus Asked Spotify Playlist](#) to sing along to songs that remind us of Jesus' power over death, care for His people, and kingdom reign. You can find it by searching "Questions Jesus Asked" or "West End Presbyterian Church RVA + playlists."

## Officer Nominations

Members wishing to nominate a man for elder or deacon, please read 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 for the Biblical qualifications for these offices. Notify your nominee and then send his name, in writing, to the church office by **August 31**.

## 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](https://www.instagram.com/wepcrva).

## WEPC COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

[www.wepc.org/preschool](http://www.wepc.org/preschool)

### WEPC Community Preschool is hiring!

Do you love Jesus and love working with young children? The Preschool is looking to hire a Preschool Assistant 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](mailto:casey@wepc.org)). Please help us spread the word!

## FOOD PANTRY

[www.wepc.org/mercyministry](http://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](mailto: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.

# 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
- ◇ 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.