



West End
presbyterian church

The Eighth 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

EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES

"God will either give us what we ask or give us what we would have asked if we knew everything He knows."

--*Tim Keller*

"We are the children of a Father who not only loves us but looks upon us and keeps His eye upon us. He will never give us anything evil."

--*Martin Lloyd-Jones*

"The sense that in this universe we are treated as strangers, the longing to be acknowledged, to meet with some response, to bridge some chasm that yawns between us and reality, is part of our inconsolable secret... The door on which we have been knocking all our lives will open at last."

--*C.S. Lewis*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8.
Of David.*

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.

I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

Before the gods I sing Your praise;

I bow down toward Your holy temple

**And give thanks to Your name
for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,**

For You have exalted above all things
Your name and Your word.

**On the day I called, You answered me;
my strength of soul You increased.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
You preserve my life;

**The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me;
Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

INVOCATION

Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

SONG OF ADORATION

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.

"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



The Lord our God is good. The Lord our God is good, full of
kind-ness and com-pas-sion, mer-ci-ful and just, the Lord our God is good.

1. Who else knows our deep-est pain, bears it as His own? ____
2. Who takes His in-her-i-tance and gives it all a-way? ____

Finds us in our na-ked shame, clothes and brings us home? ____
Wel-comes guests to feast with Him who ne-ver can re-pay? ____

____ The Lord our God is good. The Lord our God is good, full of
kind-ness and com-pas-sion, mer-ci-ful and just; the Lord our God is good.

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

Isaiah 55:6-9

Read by WEPC Worship
Arts Intern Jude Molique

Seek the Lord while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.
For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are My ways higher than your ways
and My thoughts than your thoughts.

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 or scan the QR code for
online giving options, or mail your offering to the church office
(9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).*



COME TO THE FEAST



1. Go to the high - ways and hed - ges, go to the far - thest of fields,
 2. Go to the streets_ of the ci - ty, bring in the crip - pled and blind,
 3. (In the) robe of the Lamb_ you'll be co - vered, dressed in His pure_ right - eous - ness.

go and com - pel, the sick and the well_ for our Fa - ther's house will be
 all who would taste this ban - quet of grace must come and waste no more
 All of your guilt, His blood it was spilt_ so, come by your Fa - ther be

filled. Come to the feast, come to the ta - ble, the great and the least, blessed.

the rich and the poor. Come to the feast, come to the ta - ble.

Come, and hun - ger no more.

"Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled."
 Luke 14:23

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CHILDREN's Message (10:30am)

SCRIPTURE Reading

Matthew 7:9-10

"⁹Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?"

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

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."

from Mark 14:16-25

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, Your Law is holy and Your covenant blessings are abundant, but we receive them with ingratitude and neglect them both. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Jesus, You are rich, yet You became poor for our sakes. You are Lord, yet You were meek among us. You deserve all honor, yet You grant us all mercy. You are without sin, yet You bore God's wrath for our rebellion. You alone are our Hope, and we can only trust Your intercession for our forgiveness and Your merit for our righteousness. In Your name, we pray. 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

1 John 3:1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

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

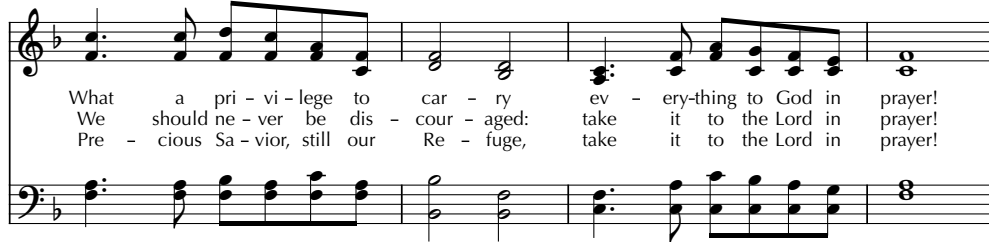
WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

Joseph Scriven (1855);
Tune: CONVERSE,
Charles C. Converse,
(1868). Public domain



1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and tem - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and hea - vy - la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a pri - vi - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should ne - ver be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sa - vior, still our Re - fuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness, take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

"I will sing to the
Lord, because He has
dealt bountifully with
me" Psalm 13:6

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BOUNTIFULLY WITH ME

1. I will sing my praise to the Lord, for the
2. I will trust God's love ne-ver fails, for the
3. I will fix my hope on the cross, where the

Lord has dealt boun-ti-fully with me. I will
Lord has dealt boun-ti-fully with me. I will
Lord has dealt boun-ti-fully with me. I will

sing my praise with joy, give thanks, re-joice.
trust God's love re-mains through sun and rain.
fix my hope on the Son, His scars, His love.

— He's dealt boun-ti-fully with me. 4. I can't
— He's dealt boun-ti-fully with me.
— He's dealt boun-ti-fully with me.

wait for the day He re-turns, when the

Lord will deal boun-ti-fully with me. What a

day when the faith will be sight, ev-ry wrong be made right.

He's dealt boun-ti-fully with me.

He's dealt boun-ti-fully with me.

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION



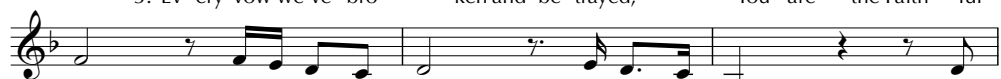
We will feast in the house of Zi- on, we will sing with our hearts re-stored. He has



done great things, we will say to - ge - ther, we will feast and weep no more.



1. We will not be burned by the fire; He is the LORD our
2. In the dark of night, be-fore the dawn, my soul, be not a -
3. Ev ery vow we've bro - ken and be-trayed, You are the Faith - ful



God. We are not con - sumed by the flood; up -
fraid! For the pro-mised mor - ning, o how long? O
One. And_ from the gar - den to the grave, bind



held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up!
God of Ja - cob, be my Strength.
us to - ge - ther, bring sha - lom.

"For a people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more."
Isaiah 30:19

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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-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. **Pastor Kevin Greene** led worship. **Sarah Jurewicz, Chris Alberts, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Worship Arts Intern Jude Molique, Donald Smith, and Paul Cho** led this morning's congregational singing. **Ross Bruning and Luke Andrews** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Ethan Molique** managed the in-house video system. **Pastor Isaiah Thomas** 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

- **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)
- **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

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

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Fall Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies:

Wellspring: Tuesdays AM - *begins Sep 10*

Restore: Wednesdays PM - *begins Sep 11*

Join us for this year's study "SHE IS..." Women as God's Image-Bearers. All women are welcome. Register Now! Contact: Brice Bowman (brice@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)

1823 COLLEGE-AGED MINISTRY

Thursdays / 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

Volunteers Needed!

Join us in loving our neighbors by serving in a variety of ways such as tutoring, helping with ESL, and caring for children. Visit the N.O. table in the gallery to learn about ways to serve during the 2025-2026 year. Contact: Heather (heatheresl@wepc.org) or Talya (talya@wepc.org) for more information.

Ready, Set, Learn Camp

School Supply Drive Update:

Neighborhood Outreach will be able to provide a backpack filled with school supplies to every single child attending our 2025 **Ready, Set, Learn!** Camp! God is Good! Thank you for your donations and support!

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

- **Goodbye Interns Sunday Breakfast:** August 3
- **Game Night:** August 4
- **Youth Group:** August 6
- **Prayer Time:** August 17

MISSIONS

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. A limited number of scholarships are available; to apply, contact Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org).

STEP Richmond 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

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).

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Luke Shrader, Bryan Meeks, Ed Bowman, & Chris Perry

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: Register Now! *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 Jesus-followers compelled to pursue spiritual growth 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. Register now at wepc.org/swinglow.

WEPC is on Instagram!

Follow us on Facebook and now on Instagram
[@wepcrva](#).

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.