



West End
presbyterian church

The Ninth 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

WHO IS MY FAMILY?

"Kinship with Jesus means responsiveness to his message."

--*Darrell L. Bock*

"For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, 'I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Behold, I and the children God has given me.'"

--*Hebrews 2:10-13*

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

--*Matthew 10:37-39*

CALL TO WORSHIP

I Chronicles 29:10-13

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.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

**Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the victory and the majesty,
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours.**

Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head above all.

**Both riches and honor come from You,
and You rule over all.**

In Your hand are power and might, and in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

**And now we thank You, our God,
and praise Your glorious name.**

INVOCATION

Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

SONG OF ADORATION

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION



1.The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord; she
 2.E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth, her
 3.The Church shall ne - ver per - ish, is with her to the end. To
 4.'Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war, she
 5.Yet she on earth hath u - nion with God, the Three in One, and



is His new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word: from
 char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, the one birth; from
 guide, su - stain and cher - ish, is with her to the end. Though
 waits the con - su - ma - tion of peace for - e - ver - more, till
 my - stic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won: O



heaven He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride; with
 ho - ly name she bles - ses, par - takes one ho - ly food; and
 there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale, a -
 with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest, and
 hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we, like



His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
 to one hope she pres - es with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 against a foe or trai - tor, She e - ver shall pre - vail.
 the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with Thee.

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.

*"Christ Jesus
 Himself as the
 chief cornerstone."
 Ephesians 2:20*

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OFFICER INSTALLATION (10:30 am)

Deacons: Mike Glasgow, Stephen Hunn, Rick McMahon

Elders: Richard Campbell, Roger Johnson, Glenn Smith, Gary Witthoefft

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.

STORIES FROM THE CHURCH: Jesus IS AT WORK IN HIS CHURCH

Erin Bouknight

OLD Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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

VERSE



1.The mor - ning comes and I can see the light of dawn, the signs.
2.And in this age of deep di - stress, I need Your peace here



of spring a qui - et voice speaks to my heart and tells
con - fess The Spir - it You so free - ly give, oh, let



me of the love of God How sweet the days when I
Your love be where I live And find me in the waves
3.To Je - sus I will e'er



am sure that good will con - quer, hope en - dure, an when
of doubt, come take my hand and pull me out, drown all
be - long, my life the sea You walk up - on, Your Word,

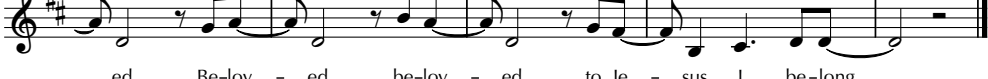


my faith seems far too small still am Yours and
my an - xious thoughts and fears till all my tremb - ling heart
a stea - dy place to stand, where re - mem - ber who

REFRAIN



am called:
can hear is: Be - lov - ed, be - lov - ed, You call me be - lov -
I am:



ed. Be - lov - ed, be - lov - ed, to Je - sus I be - long.

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

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SCRIPTURE Reading

Matthew 12:46-50

⁴⁶While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. ⁴⁸But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" ⁵⁰For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

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

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*1 Timothy 3:9; 1
Corinthians 5:7-8, 10:16-
17, 15:3-4; from the Book
of Common Prayer*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and merciful Father, You have called us to be Your desired followers and have made us one family. Yet we have not lived as one. We have not loved You and one another as You command. We have been fascinated with ourselves, and failed to believe we have encouragement in Christ, comfort from love, and participation in the Spirit. We have not treated one another as those who belong to Jesus Christ, having the same mind, same love, and enjoying full accord. Forgive us for our sins against You and our neighbor. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, make us a church that is eager to do Your will and walk in Your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

GRACE

*"By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."
Ephesians 2:8*

VERSE



1. Your grace that leads this sin - ner home, from
2. Your grace that I can-not ex - plain, not
3. Let praise rise up and ov - er - flow. My

death to life for - ev - er. And sings the song of right - eous -
by my earth - ly wis - dom. The Prince of life, with-out a
song re-sound for - ev - er. For grace will see me wel-comed

REFRAIN

ness stain by blood and not by mer - it. By
stain was trad - ed for this sin - ner.
home to walk be-side my Sav - ior.

grace I am re-deemed, by grace I am re-stored. And

now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ my Lord.

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*"And above all these
put on love, which
binds everything
together in perfect
harmony."
Colossians 3:14*

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TRINITY SONG



Ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit, ho - ly com - mu - nion



Three in One. Come, with Your peace, with Your



in - vi - ta - tion, bind us to - ge - ther in ho - ly love.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses."
Hebrews 12:1

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1. For all the saints _____ who from this
2. Thou wast their Rock, _____ their Fort - res,_____
3. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens
4. But lo! There breaks _____ a yet more
5. From earth's wide bounds, _____ from o - cean's



la - bor's rest to Thee by faith be - fore the
and their Might; Thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the
in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors
glor - ious day; the saints tri - um - phant rise in
far - thest coast, through gates of pearl _____ streams in the



world con - fess Thy name, O Je - sus be for -
well - fought fight; Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their
comes their rest; sweet is the calm of par - a -
bright ar - ray; the King of glo - ry pas - ses
count - less host, sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and



e - ver _____ blessed. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
one true Light. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
dise the blest. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
on His way. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu.
Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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

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(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. **Pastor Kevin Greene, Mya Wilcox, Deacon Rick McMahon, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Suzie Bird, Tucker Tetterton, Kim Forquer, Win Benko, and Jamison Taggart** led this morning's congregational singing. **Ross Bruning** and **Deacon Sean Winterhalter** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Micah Andrews** managed the in-house video system.*

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 9*

Restore: Wednesdays PM - *begins Sep 10*

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)

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, volunteering with ESL, or 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.

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 Worship is NOT meeting in August -- will resume September 14**
- **Nursing Mom's Room** (service audio available during both services)

Upcoming Dates:

- **Sunday School Volunteer Training:** August 17 / 9AM
- **Moving Up Sunday for PreK-5th:** August 24
- **NO Children's Worship in August:**
Will resume September 14

Volunteers Needed!!

Children's Ministry is still seeking a number of Volunteers for the year. Training provided.

9AM Sunday School:

- 1 Preschool Helper
- 2 Kindergarten Teachers, 2 Kindergarten Helpers
- 1 First Grade Teacher, 1 First Grade Helper
- 1 Second Grade Teacher
- 1 Fourth Grade Teacher
- 2 Fifth Grade Helpers

10:30AM Second Service Children's Worship

- 2 Children's Worship Teacher
- 3 Children's Worship Helpers

Wednesday Night Kids Club

- 6 Kids Club Leaders

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** August 10
- **NO Youth Group:** August 13
- **Prayer Time:** August 17

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).

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**.

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 to help keep the shelves stocked for our neighbors.

General Information

Deacons of the Week

Stan Cover, Mike Glasgow, Stephen Hunn, & Jon Greenhill

Congregational Meeting

August 24 / 12 PM

Join us for a Congregational Meeting following the second service to call Changjwok Deng as Associate Pastor of Community Outreach and vote on his Terms of Call. Members, please plan to attend!

25th Annual WEPC Camping Trip:

Outdoor Adventure Excursion Extravaganza September 12-14, 2025

Join us for a weekend of faith, fun, and adventure as we camp in the great outdoors and fellowship together! It's going to be Wepic! \$55/family. Contact Andi Alberts (alberts.andrea@gmail.com) to RSVP or if you have any questions.

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.

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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.