

West End

presbyterian church



**The Tenth 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

WHY DID YOU DOUBT?

"To live by faith-- better, to live a faith life-- means to be tested. Untested faith does not yet qualify as faith. Untested faith, having the appearance of faith, the feeling of faith, the language of faith, may be only wishful thinking, or an adolescent illusion...a cover for self-sovereignty—whatever...The test is the catalyst in which our response to God, the raw material of faith, is formed into a life of faith."

--*Eugene Peterson*

"Even as we slog through the trials, persecutions, irritations, temptations, distractions, apathy, and just plain weariness of this world, the Gospel points us to heaven where our King Jesus-- the Lamb of God who was crucified in our place and raised gloriously from the dead-- now sits interceding for us. Not only so, but it calls us forward to that final day when heaven will be filled with the roaring noise of millions upon millions of forgiven voices hailing Him as crucified Savior and risen King."

--*Greg Gilbert*

"I sometimes think myself inclined

To love Thee if I could;

But often feel another mind,

Averse to all that's good.

Oh make this heart rejoice or ache;

Decide this doubt for me;

And if it be not broken, break—

And heal it, if it be."

--*William Cowper*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 77:11-15. To the
choirmaster: according to
Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.*

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 will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember Your wonders of old.

I will ponder all Your work, and meditate on Your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

You are the God who works wonders;

You have made known Your might among the peoples.

With Your mighty arm You redeemed Your people.

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.

REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

VERSE



1. Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and
2. His King - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er
3. Re-joyce, in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the

King a - dore. Re-joyce, give thanks and sing
earth and Heav'n. The keys of death and hell
King will come. And take His ser - vants up

and tri - umph e - ver - more, and tri - umph e - ver - more.
are to our Je - sus giv'n, are to our Je - sus giv'n.
to their e - ter - nal home, to their e - ter - nal home.

REFRAIN

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

"Rejoice in the Lord always."
Philippians 4:4

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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 [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.

Presentation of New Members

Lucas & Kaitlyn Henderson (9AM)

Davis & Lauren Newlin (10:30AM)

STORIES FROM THE CHURCH: Jesus is at work in his church

Kurt Zebley

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

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).



JESUS I AM RESTING, RESTING

VERSE



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the
 2. Oh, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er,
 3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be -
 4. Ev - er lift Thy face u - pon me as I



joy of what Thou art; I am find - ing out the great -
 broad - er than the sea! Oh, how mar - ve - lous Thy good -
 hold Thee as Thou art, and Thy love, so pure, so change -
 work and wait for Thee; rest - ing 'neath Thy smile, Lord Je -



- ness of Thy lov - ing heart. Thou hast bid me gaze u - pon
 - ness, la - vished all on me! Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov -
 - less, sa - tis - fies my heart; sa - tis - fies its deep - est long -
 - sus, earth's dark sha - dows. flee. Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo -



— Thee, and Thy beaut - y fills my soul, for, by
 - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine, know Thy
 - ings, meets, sup - lies its ev - ery need, comp - as -
 - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face, keep me



Thy trans - form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole. Je - sus,
 cer - tain - ty of prom - ise, and have made it mine.
 seth me round with bless - ings: Thine is love in - deed!
 e - ver trust - ing, rest - ing, fill me with Thy grace.



I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art; I am



find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.

*"You keep him
 in perfect peace
 whose mind is
 stayed on You,
 because he trusts
 in You."
 Isaiah 26:3*

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SCRIPTURE Reading

Matthew 14:31

³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him,
"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

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, You have not left us adrift. You blessed us in Your creation, Your Word, Your Spirit and Your Son. And so, You have provided redemption and a future hope. You have given us good commandments to walk in. Forgive our pride and frantic self-dependence. Forgive us for doubting and fleeing from You. Forgive us for rebelling against Your Law and keep Your servants from willful sins. Forgive our little faith and have mercy on us in our fear and weakness. May these words of our mouths and this meditation of our hearts be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. 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

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like our God, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. He will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

First Communion

Davis & Lauren Newlin (10:30 AM)

Davis & Lauren recently met with the Elders, who heard their testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Newlin family to receive communion first.

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.

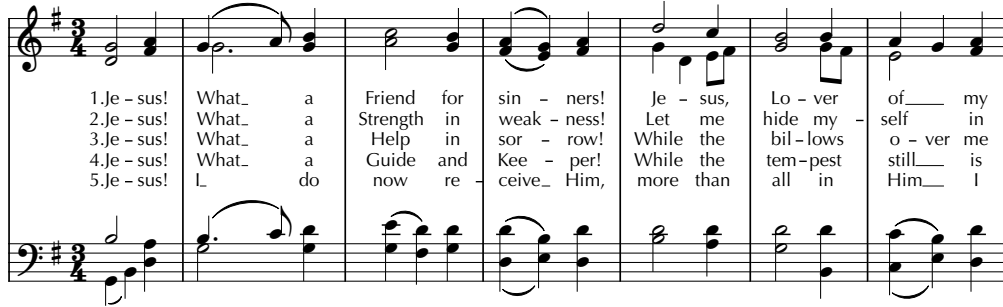
Songs of Response to God's Grace

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

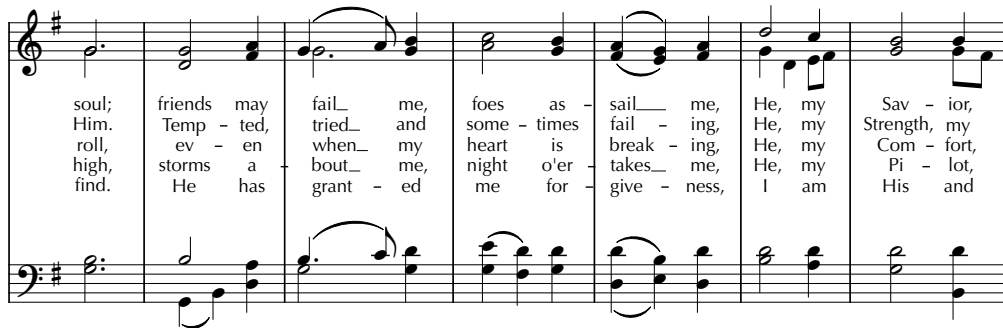
"A friend of tax collectors and sinners." Luke 7:34

John Wilbur Chapman (1910);
Tune: HYFRYDOL,
Rowland Hugh Prichard (1830)

VERSE



1. Je - sus! What a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus, Lo - ver of my
2. Je - sus! What a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my self in
3. Je - sus! What a Help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o - ver me
4. Je - sus! What a Guide and Kee - per! While the tem - pest still is
5. Je - sus! L now re - ceive Him, more than all in Him I



soul; friends may fail me, foes as sail me, He, my Sav - ior,
Him. Temp - ted, tried and some - times fail - ing, He, my Strength, my
roll, ev - en when my heart is break - ing, He, my Com - fort,
high, storms a bout me, night o'er takes me, He, my Pi - lot,
find. He has grant - ed me for give - ness, I am His and

REFRAIN



makes me whole. Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! What a
vic - tor - y wins. soul. cry. mine.
helps my is
hears my is
He my is



Friend! Sa - ving, hel - ping, keep - ing, lo - ving, He is with me to the end.

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

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BELOVED

1. The mor - ning comes and I can see the light of dawn, the signs.

2. An 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 Spi - rit 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, and when

of doubt, come take my hand and pull me out, drown all

be - long, my life the sea You walk u - pon, Your Word,

my faith seems far too small still I am Yours and

my an - xious thoughts and fears till all my trem - bling heart

a stea - dy place to stand, where I re - mem - ber who

am called: Be-lo - ved, be-lo - ved, You call me be-lo - ved. Be-lo -

can hear is: Be-lo - ved, be-lo - ved, You call us be-lo - ved. Be-lo -

I am: Be-lo - ved, be-lo - ved, we call You be-lo - ved. Be-lo -

ved, be - lo - ved, to Je - sus I be - long.

ved, be - lo - ved, to Je - sus we be - long.

ved, be - lo - ved, to Je - sus we be - long.

IN CHRIST ALONE

*"Jesus... there
is salvation in no
one else."
Acts 4:11-12*

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1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found, He is my light my strength_ my song. This Cor - ner
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - nes of God in help - less Babe. This gift of
 3. There in the ground, His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain. Then, burs - ting
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ, _ in me. From life's first

stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
 love, and right - eous ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that
 forth, in glor - ious day, up from the grave He rose _ a - gain. And as He
 cry, to fin - al breath, Je - sus com mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri - vings cease; my Com - fort
 cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev' - ry
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost, its grip on me. For I am
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; 'til He re -

er my All in All, here in the love of Christ _ I stand.
 sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
 His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood _ of Christ.
 turns, or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ _ I'll stand.

*"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. **Pastor Kevin Greene** led worship. **Trey & Jen Wickham, Sarah Shrader, James Long, Elder Tom Krieger, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Pat Reynolds,** and **Troy Arnold** led this morning's congregational singing. **Jay Smith** and **Rob MacBride** managed today's audio and video live stream. **AJ Anonick** 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
What does God say about forgiving and being forgiven? Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Contact: Kevin (kevin@wepc.org)

HOW TO LIVE: Wednesday Night Fellowship

Sep 10 - Nov 12 / 6 - 7:30 PM / WEPC Chapel
Life is complex. The New Testament book of Philippians provides us with straightforward spiritual guidance in light of the essential teachings of Christianity. For anyone that would like to grow as they learn what it means to follow Jesus. Led by Kevin Greene, Changjwok Deng, and Becca Wethered. Questions? 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. 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, 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:**
TODAY / 9AM / Fellowship Hall
- **Move 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 and training is provided.

9AM Sunday School

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

10:30AM Children's Worship

- 2 Children's Worship Teachers
- 2 Children's Worship Helpers

Wednesday Night Kids' Club

- 5 Leaders

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

CrossOver Saturday Mission Clinic

Sept 6 / 8 AM - 12 PM

Are you a doctor, nurse, or Spanish language interpreter who would be willing to serve our neighbors through WEPC supported missions partner, Crossover's Quiocasin Road Clinic? Contact: Amanda Stark (amandablairstark@gmail.com)

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** August 17 / 9 AM
- **Prayer Time:** August 17 / 12 PM / FH
- **Parents vs. Students:** August 20

Youth Ministry Staff Updates

We are grateful for God's faithfulness to build and develop our Youth Ministry Team, and our team has shifted to the following roles:

- Marcela Henderman: Assistant Director of High School Ministry
- Hayden McMahon: High School Assistant
- Catherine Wilks: Assistant Director of Middle School Ministry
- Brandon Blevins: Assistant Director of Outreach and Discipleship

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

Davison Long, Bryan Meeks, Chris May, & EJ Fogarty

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

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.

Join a Small Group!

Small groups are starting up in September. They are a great way to make a big church seem small, meet people, and get into the Word. They meet throughout the week and in different locations throughout the city. Please fill out the interest form on our website or contact Joy Andrews (joy@wepc.org) if interested.

DivorceCare Group Fall 2025

Tuesdays, Sep. 2 - Dec. 2 / 7-9 PM / Chapel
Join us for a 13-week Christ-centered program addressing the complexity of life when facing marital separation or divorce. Men & women are welcome. Register at www.divorcecare.org/findagroup, and click on the "More Info" tab for West End Presbyterian Church. Contact: Bryan Finch (Bryanlfinch@gmail.com) or Matt Osenga (Osengam@hotmail.com)

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:

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| ◇ 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.