



West End

presbyterian church

**The Eleventh 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 DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

"Jesus's entire life, death, and resurrection revolve around the central truth that He is the Son of God, the one who reveals God to the world and through whom the world is being remade."

--*N. T. Wright*

"What really matters is not what people say about Jesus, but what we say to Him—who we confess Him to be, and how that confession shapes our life."

--*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

"Peter saw and believed, not because flesh and blood revealed it to him, but the Father in heaven. He saw with the eyes of the heart."

--*Augustine of Hippo*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 72: 1-2, 17-19

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.

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!

**May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!
May people be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!**

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!**

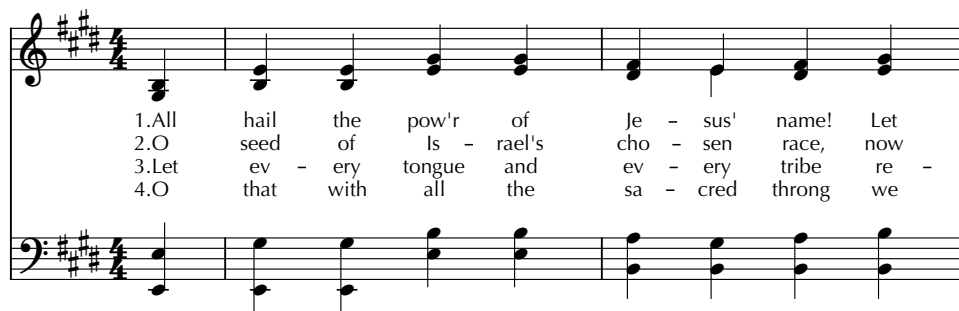
Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

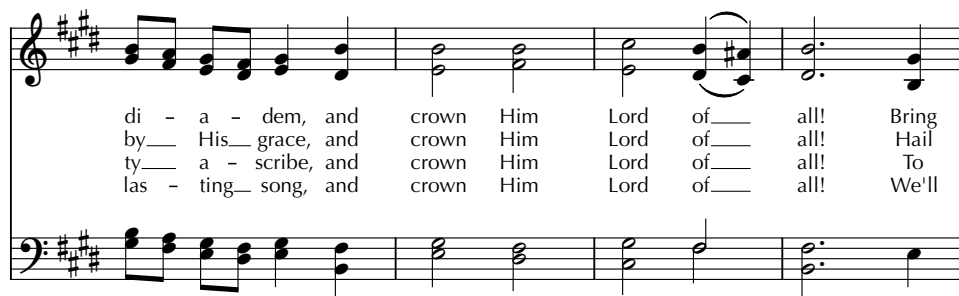
ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME



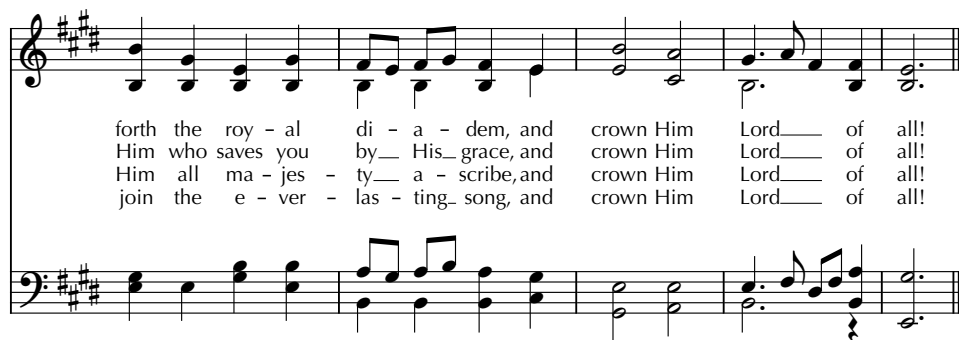
1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let
 2. O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, now
 3. Let ev - ery tongue and ev - ery tribe re -
 4. O that with all the sa - cred throng we



an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al
 ran - somed from the fall; hail Him who saves you
 spon - sive to His call to Him all ma - jes -
 at His feet may fall; we'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of all! Bring
 by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all! Hail
 ty - a - scribe, and crown Him Lord of all! To
 las - ting song, and crown Him Lord of all! We'll



forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of all!
 Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!
 Him all ma - jes - ty a - scribe, and crown Him Lord of all!
 join the e - ver - las - ting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

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.

"God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name." Philippians 2:9

Edward Perronet (1779), alt. John Rippon (1787; Tune: CORONATION, Oliver Holden (1792). 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 attendee 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

Catherine Shallow

OLD Testament Reading

II Samuel 7:8-16

Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

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).



GOD WHO SAVES

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



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.

*"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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SCRIPTURE Reading

Matthew 16:13-15

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

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

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

Luke 22:7-8, 14, 19-20, 29-30

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you..."

"And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

CONFESSION OF SIN

**All Your lovingkindness is in Your Son,
I bring Him to You in the arms of faith,
I urge His saving name as the One who died for me,
I plead His blood to pay for my debts of wrong.
Accept His worthiness for my unworthiness
His sinlessness for my transgression,
His purity for my uncleanness,
His sincerity for my guile,
His truth for my deceits,
His meekness for my pride,
His constancy for my backslidings,
His love for my enmity,
His fullness for my emptiness,
His faithfulness for my treachery,
His obedience for my lawlessness,
His glory for my shame,
His devotedness for my waywardness,
His holy life for my unchaste ways,
His righteousness for my dead works,
His death for my life. Amen.**

Adapted from The Valley of Vision, "God All-Sufficient"

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.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal 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.

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

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God." I John 3:1

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1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
2. Be - hold the Man u - pon a cross, my
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing; no

vast be - yond all mea - sure that He should give His on - ly Son to call
gifts, sin up - on His shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
His, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His

make a wretch His trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held Him there un -
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward? I

Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
til - it was ac - com - plished; His
can - not give an an - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath that brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

"I call upon you, for
you will answer me,
O God; incline your
ear to me; hear my
words."
Psalm 17:6

African-American
Spiritual

GIVE ME JESUS

VERSE

1. In the morn - ing when I _____ rise, _____ in the morn - ing when I _____
2. And when I _____ am a - lone, _____ and when _____ I _____ am a -
3. And when I _____ come to die, _____ and when _____ I _____ come to

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rise, in the morn - ing when I _____ rise _____ give me Je -
lone, when I _____ am a - lone, _____ give me Je -
die, when I _____ come to _____ die, _____ give me Je -

9

REFRAIN

sus.
sus. Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus. _____ You can
sus.

14

have all this world, but give me Je - sus. _____

HOLY FOREVER

1. A thou - sand gen - er - a - tions
2. You who've been for - gi - ven, and

fall - ing down to wor - ship to sing the song of a - ges to the Lamb,
you who've been re - deemed, sing the song for - ev - er to the Lamb,

and all who've gone be - fore us and all who will be - lieve will
you who walk in free - dom, and you who bear His name,

sing the song of a - ges to the Lamb. Your name is the high - est, Your
sing the song for - e - ver to the Lamb.

name is the grea - test, Your name stands a - bove them all. All

thrones and do - min - ions, all pow - ers and po - si - tions, Your name stands a - bove them

all. And the an - gels cry, "Ho - ly." All cre - a - tion cries, "Ho -

ly." You are lift - ed high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly for - e - ver.

Hear Your peo - ple sing, "Ho - ly," to the King of Kings, "Ho -

ly." You will al - ways be ho - ly, ho - ly for - e - ver. You will al - ways be

ho - ly, ho - ly for - e - ver.

*"Holy, holy, holy,
is the Lord God
Almighty, who
was and is and
is to come!"
Revelation 4:8*

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

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HUNDREDTH
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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. **Elder Mark Crutcher, Rebecca Crutcher, Jamison Taggart, Hill Shore, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Gordon Collier** led this morning's congregational singing. **Tim Drummond** and **Deacon Tim Andrews** 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

Adult Sunday School: 9AM / Room 810

- **Walking at a Different Pace (*through 8/24*)**
Join us as we 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.
- **Sunday Morning Discipleship: (*Beginning September 7*)**
We are offering two classes this Fall - We Believe: *A Study of the Nicene Creed* will be taught by Elders Changjwok Deng and Mark Crutcher and run the entire Fall. Alongside of that we will offer two six week classes led by Matt Bouknight and many others. The first will be on *Marriage* and the second will be on *Parenting*.

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)

Men's Ministry - Second Monday

www.wepc.org/grow/men

September 8 / 6:30 PM / FH

Join us for our monthly gathering of men from WEPC and the community for food, fellowship, and Gospel teaching. Contact: Mike Glasgow (atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com)

The Table Fellowship & Prayer: Resumes Sep 12!

Fridays / 12-1 PM / Room 810

The Table is an informal gathering to pray and fellowship as a church, open to anyone that would like to attend. We'll have a short devotional, pray for the needs of the church and each other, and eat lunch together. Please bring a packed lunch. No need to RSVP. Contact: Matt Bouknight

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:

- **Move Up Sunday for PreK-5th: TODAY!**
- **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

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** August 24 / 9 AM
- **Youth Group "School Year" Times: August 27**
Middle School: 6-7:30 PM
High School: 7:30-9 PM

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 Quioccasin Road Clinic? Contact: Amanda Stark (amandablairstark@gmail.com)

FOOD PANTRY

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

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

Ed Bowman, David Creasy, Taylor Miller, & Matt Mailloux

Congregational Meeting

TODAY! / 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.

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 (Bryanfinch@gmail.com) or Matt Osenga (Osengam@hotmail.com)

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.

Mercy Ministry:

Deacon Assistant Training Opportunity

September 21 / 12PM / WEPC Library

Are you a WEPC member interested in using your gifts to serve in the church's mercy ministry? Women & Men are invited to join us for a four-week training class at 9 AM Sundays this Fall. Our mercy ministry brings glory to God by addressing the material needs of those in the church and the surrounding community in a biblically sound, compassionate, wise, and effective manner. After completing the training, members are invited to apply to become a Deacon Assistant. Training is led by Deacons Chris Perry & Tim Andrews. To RSVP for the interest lunch, or for more information about the Deacon Assistant role, contact Pastor Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org).

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.

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.