



West End

presbyterian church

**The Fifteenth 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

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?

"Jesus is turning the entire idea of greatness on its head. His kingdom isn't about status—it's about service, about drinking the cup of suffering."

--*N. T. Wright*

"He sat by the way begging: He was blind, yet he found the Way. He did not see Jesus, but he cried out in faith—and his sight was restored."

--*Augustine of Hippo*

"In crying out, 'Have mercy on me,' Bartimaeus recognizes what many miss—Jesus is the promised King, and mercy is our only hope. That is gospel faith."

--*Nancy Guthrie*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Job 19:25-27; Psalm 124:8

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 know that my Redeemer lives,
and that in the end He will stand on the earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;

**I myself will see Him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.**

How my heart yearns within me!

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
2 When I was sin - king down, sin - king down, sin - king down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
I was sin - king down, sin - king down; when I was sin - king
God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
down be - neath God's right eous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my
Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul!
sing, I will sing, while mil lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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.

"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died."
II Corinthians 5:14

American Folk Hymn; Tune: WONDROUS LOVE, 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

Jeremiah 31:7-11

For thus says the LORD: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. "Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.' For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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).

OFFERING

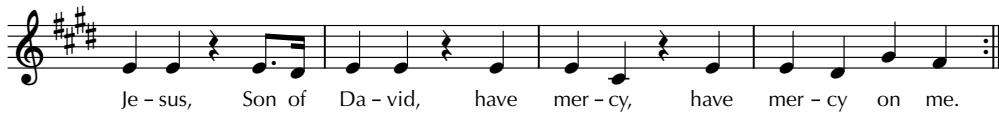
You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. Please visit www.wepc.org/giving or scan the QR code for online giving options, or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).



HAVE MERCY ON ME

"Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.'"
Mark 10:52

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

Children, age 4 through 2nd 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:35-40; 46-52

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴⁶And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." ⁵⁰And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." ⁵²And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Father of glory, our hearts cannot be hidden from Your sight. Our blind self-pity, self-serving and self-justifying are laid bare before Your eyes. Have mercy upon us, most merciful God. Grant us the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Christ, so that the eyes of our hearts might be enlightened. Help us to know the hope to which Jesus called us, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us. 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

Colossians 1:12-14

Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son. In Him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED (LOOK TO JESUS)

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

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Music: Kevin Twit
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1. Come ye souls by sin a - flic - ted, bowed with
2. Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; love will
3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, blessed the
4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, light to



fruit - less, sorr - ow down; by the
make your o - be - dience sweet, Christ will
ears that hear His voice; bless - ed
new - ly o - pened eyes, like full



bro - ken law con - vic - ted, through the
give you strength to bear it, while His
are the souls that trust Him, and in
springs in, des - erts drea - ry, is the



cross, be - hold the crown; look to Je - sus, look to
grace shall guide your feet. Safe to glo - ry, safe to
Him a - lone re - joice; His com - mand - ments, His com -
rest the cross supp - lies; all who taste it, all who



Je - sus, look to Je - sus; mer - cy flows through
glo - ry, safe to glo - ry, where His ran - somed
mand - ments, His com - mand - ments then be - come their
taste it, all who taste it shall to rest imm -



Him a - lone.
cap - tives meet.
ha - ppy choice.
or - tal rise.

*"Know therefore
that the Lord your
God is God, the
faithful God who
keeps covenant..."
Deuteronomy 7:9*

PROMISES



1. God of Ab-ra - ham, You're the God of cov - e - nant, of faith-ful prom - i - ses.
2. God, from age to age, though the earth may pass a - way, Your word re-mains the same.



Time and time a - gain You have pro - ven You'll do just what You
And his - tor - y can prove there's no - thing You can't do, You're faith - ful and



said. Though the storms may come, and the winds may blow, You'll re - main stead -
true.



fast. And let my heart learn when You speak a word, it will come to pass. Great is Your



faith - ful - ness to me. Great is Your faith - ful - ness to me. From the



ri - sing sun to the set - ting same, I will praise Your name. Great is Your faith - ful -



ness to me. I put my faith in Je-sus, my an-chor to the ground. My



hope and firm foun - da - tion, He'll ne-ver let me down. He'll ne-ver let me down.

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AMAZING GRACE

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
 4 When we've been there, ten thou - sand years,

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought
 bright shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days

but now am found, was blind but now I see.
 that grace ap - pear the hour - I first be - lieved!
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 to sing God's praise and when we'd first be - gun.

*"For by grace
 you have been
 saved through
 faith."
 Ephesians 2:8*

John Newton
 (1779; Tune:
 NEW BRITAIN,
 Virginia
 Harmony (1831).
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*"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. Georgia Collier, Chris Alberts, Mya Wilcox, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Win Benko, Tim Drummond, and Elder Tom Krieger led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Aaron Suttan 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

Sunday Morning Discipleship: 9 AM

- **We Believe: A Study of the Nicene Creed**
Sundays through Nov 23 / Room 35
What do you believe? The Nicene Creed was the first unifying statement of what Christians hold to be true and, to this day, defines orthodox Christian doctrine. Seekers, skeptics, new Christians, and long-time believers are encouraged to join us as we contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. Led by Ruling Elders Mark Crutcher and Changjwok Deng. Contact: Chang (changjwok@wepc.org)
- **Marriage: What Did You Expect?**
Sundays through Oct 12 / Room 810
Every marriage has something in common: challenges. When a marriage is built upon shared expectations fostered through commitment, they can experience challenges with confidence, knowing that will lead to growth and greater intimacy. This class is based on Paul Tripp's book *Marriage: 6 Gospel Commitments Every Couple Needs to Make*. Contact: Matt (matt@wepc.org)

HOW TO LIVE: Wednesday Night Fellowship

Through 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

Restore: Wednesdays PM

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 Fellowship Meal

Meets every other Thursday / 6:30-8 PM / FH

Next Meeting: September 25

Young Adults at WEPC is a space to grow in your faith and connect with others. We meet every other Thursday night in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and discussion. Contact: Matt (matt@wepc.org)

The Table Fellowship & Prayer

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 (matt@wepc.org)

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)

Wednesdays:

- **Club 4/5:** 4th & 5th graders will gather for a special time of fellowship, games, and diving deep into the Word together.
- **No Kids' Club for K-3rd Grade:** Because of changes in our volunteers' availability, we not hosting a program for K-3rd graders.

Volunteers Needed:

9AM Sunday School

- 1 Kindergarten Teacher, 1 Kindergarten Helper

9AM Nursery

- 5 Nursery Volunteers

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** September 21 / 9 AM
- **Youth Group:** Sep 24
Middle School: 6-7:30 PM
High School: 7:30-9 PM
- **HS Overnight:** October 3-4
- **MS Movie Night:** October 10

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

WEPC 8K & Half Marathon Training Team

Join our WEPC training group for the 8k and Half Marathon on Saturday, November 15. All levels are welcome: runners, joggers and walkers. Our group runs on Saturday mornings at 8am. Sign up [here](#)! Contact Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org)

Language of the Month

Language of the Month is a fun churchwide exercise to learn new words in another language. This month we will learn Arabic. Visit the "Life in the Neighborhood" bulletin station (near the church offices) to grab your learning resources: September Calendar and Bookmarks.

Fruitful Fridays

Oct 17, Nov 14, & Dec 12 / 4-6 PM
N.O. will begin to offer a monthly Afterschool Enrichment Program for our K-5 neighbors which will introduce kids to new and fun learning experiences this fall focused on music. For musicians who have awesome rhythm or those who just love kids - we'd love your help! To volunteer, contact Talya (talya@wepc.org).

WRAPAROUND MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry/

Father to the Fatherless Lunch

Oct 12 / 12 PM / Fellowship Hall
Rick and Chris McMahon along with their son Hayden will share their adoption journey. In honor of National Adoption Month, we'll also spend time praying for the 1,500+ children waiting in VA foster care for a permanent, loving family, followed by a Q&A session. Questions or RSVP to Ali Fogarty (wraparound@wepc.org)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Tim Andrews, Ed Bowman, Chris Perry, & Matt Mailloux

WEPC Fall 2025 Conference: *Swing Low: The Story of the Black Church in the United States*

September 27 / 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM / FH
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.

Mapping the Wilderness Conference

November 8 / 9 AM - 3 PM / City Church
This workshop looks to reinvent and refresh our approach to sharing the Gospel. Learn more at www.evangelizetoday.com, and register at <https://tinyurl.com/4pn893vy> Hosted by the James River Presbyterian. Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

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. Please fill out the [interest form](#) or contact Joy (joy@wepc.org) if interested.

Mercy Ministry:

Deacon Assistant Training Opportunity

TODAY! / 12 PM / WEPC Library
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. Women & men are invited to join us for a four-week training class at 9 AM Sundays this Fall. To RSVP for the lunch, or for more information about the Deacon Assistant role, contact Pastor Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org).

Barnabas Basic Training

November 8 / 9AM - 4PM / Veritas School
Join us for an introduction to the foundational principles of The Barnabas Model, which considers the human heart and human relationships within a Biblical framework. Cost is \$110 (\$15 optional lunch). [Register now](#). Scholarships and ministry rates available. Contact: Kim (kjohnson@barnabasrva.org)

Questions Jesus Asked Spotify Playlist

Check out the [Questions Jesus Asked Spotify Playlist](#). You can find it by searching "Questions Jesus Asked" or "West End Presbyterian Church RVA + playlists."

DivorceCare Group Fall 2025

DivorceCare is a 13-week Christ-centered program addressing the complexity of life when facing marital separation or divorce. OUR FALL 2025 CLASS IS FULL at WEPC. For inquiries or help in finding another location, contact: Matt Osenga (Osengam@hotmail.com)

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Find us on Facebook and 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
- ◇ Small 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.