



West End
presbyterian church

**The Sixteenth 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

A BEAUTIFUL THING

"Even though the money from the sale of the perfume could have been used to do a lot of good things, Jesus considers her act to be completely appropriate. Why? Because it is an act of worship. And He knows that life begins with what you worship. Worship the wrong things and nothing else will come out quite right. But worship the living God who has given Himself for us in the sacrifice of Jesus and you have a new sense of what matters and you will prioritize your life accordingly. Suddenly you find yourself 'wasting' your life on Jesus by giving your life to His agenda rather than your own. That will include caring about justice for the poor. Contrary to what is sometimes assumed, Jesus is not minimizing our responsibility to the poor in this passage. He actually is quoting from Deuteronomy 15, which encourages radical generosity to the poor. However, such generosity flows from worshiping God. First things first! Put God ahead of all else as the only One worthy of your worship and you will find you are pouring yourself out in all sorts of beautiful ways in service to the world."

--Tim Keller, reflecting on Mark 14:3-9

"One sometimes would like to see more things done for Him that the world would call 'utter folly,' and 'prodigal waste,' and 'absolutely useless.' Jesus Christ has a great many strange things in His treasure house-- widows' mites, cups of water, Mary's broken vase-- has He anything of yours?"

--Alexander Maclaren

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 63:1-4. A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

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.

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You;

My flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.

Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

So I will bless You as long as I live; in Your name I will lift up my hands.

Invocation

Invocation
Asking God to be with us.

SONG OF ADORATION

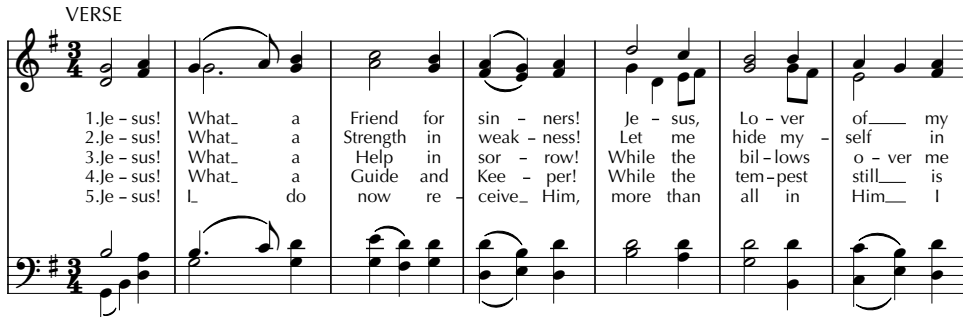
Adoration
The God who meets with us in worship is good and powerful. We recognize His greatness and remember His amazing works together in song.

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

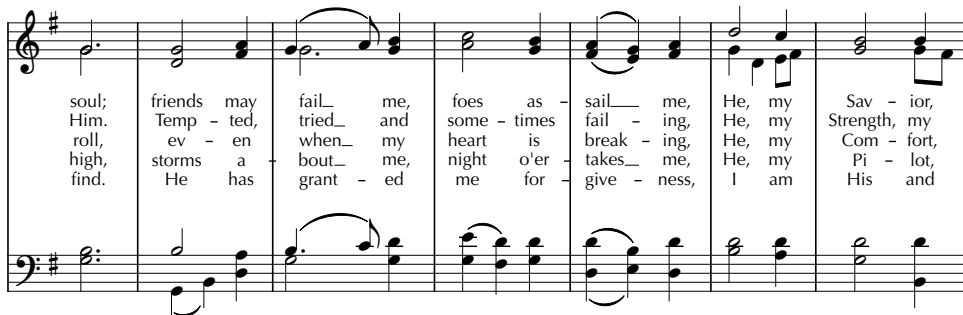
"A friend of tax collectors and sinners." Luke 7:34

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

VERSE

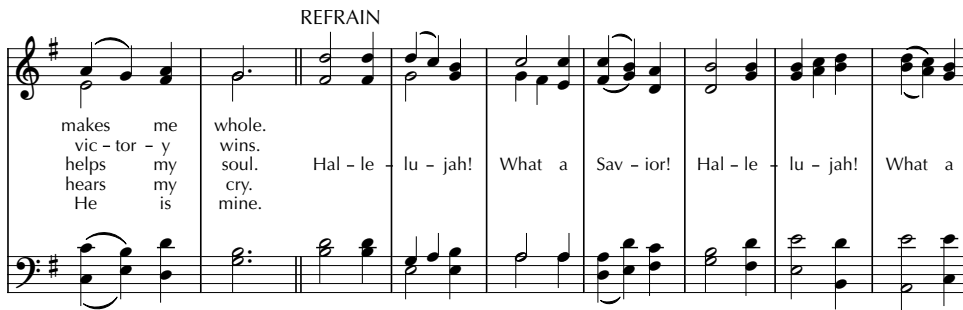


1. Je - sus! What a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus, Lo - ver of my
2. Je - sus! What a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide self in
3. Je - sus! What a Help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o - ver me
4. Je - sus! What a Guide and Kee - per! While the tem - pest still is
5. Je - sus! L do now re - 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. vic - tor - y wins. soul. Hal - le lu - jah! What a Sav - ior! Hal - le lu - jah! What a
helps my cry. mine.
hears my is



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

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 7:1-4

A good name is better than precious ointment,
and the day of death than the day of birth.
It is better to go to the house of mourning
than to go to the house of feasting,
for this is the end of all mankind,
and the living will lay it to heart.
Sorrow is better than laughter,
for by sadness of face the heart is made glad.
The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,
but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

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).



TEACH US YOUR WAYS



1. Teach us Your ways, teach us Your ways. As we
2. Teach us to give, teach us to give, give our -
3. Teach us to weep, teach us to weep. Let us
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - lah! Let us



learn from one a-no-ther, learn to love each oth-er, teach us Your ways.
selves for one a-no-ther, learn to help each oth-er, teach us to give.
weep with one a-no-ther, learn to love each oth-er, teach us to weep.
learn from one a-no-ther, learn to love each oth-er, teach us Your ways.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." John 13:34

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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 14:1-11

¹It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people." ³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." ¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

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

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Merciful God,
we confess we have sinned against You
in our thoughts, words, and actions.
Our minds are full of judgment;
Our hearts are given to indignation;
Our words have troubled the weak,
Our deeds reveal our disregard for others and self-worship.
Forgive us, Heavenly Father.
Free us from this bondage to sin
and hold forth to our souls the sacrifice and beauty
of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Give us grace to love and worship Him,
who lives and reigns together with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever, 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

Romans 5:8

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

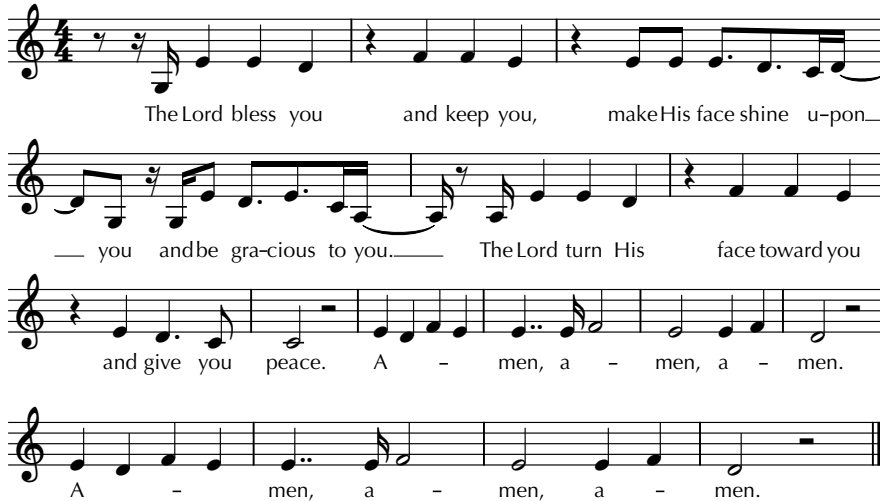
West End Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and heart-idols, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel, to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. The Elders 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

THE BLESSING



The Lord bless you and keep you, make His face shine u-pon_

_ you and be gra-cious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you

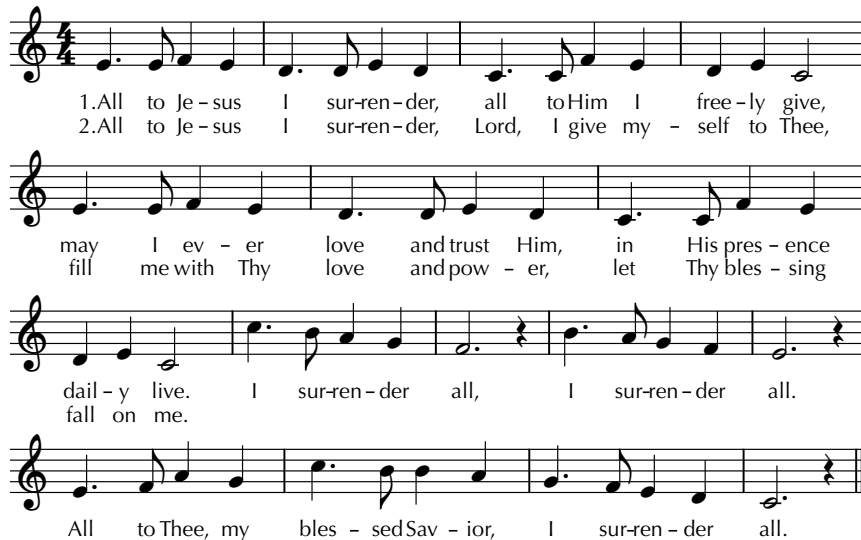
and give you peace. A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

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ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER



1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, all to Him I free - ly give,
2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee,

may I ev - er love and trust Him, in His pres - ence
fill me with Thy love and pow - er, let Thy bles - sing

dail - y live. I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all.
fall on me.

All to Thee, my bles - sed Sav - ior, I sur-ren - der all.

"See, we have left everything and followed you." Mark 10:28

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*"But God shows his
love for us in that
while we were still
sinners, Christ died for
us." Romans 5:8*

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN



1. My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to
2. He came from His blest throne, sal - va - tion to be -
3. They rise and needs will have, my dear Lord made a -
4. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -



me, love to the love - less shown, that
stow, but men made strange, and none, the
way. A mur - de - rer they saved, the
vine; ne - ver was love, dear King! Ne -



they might love - ly be. O who am I? That
longed - for Christ would know. O my Friend! My
Prince of life they slay. Yet stead - fast He to
ver was grief like Thine. This is my Friend, in



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
Friend in - deed, who at my need His life did spend.
suf - fering goes, that He His foes from thence might free.
Whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

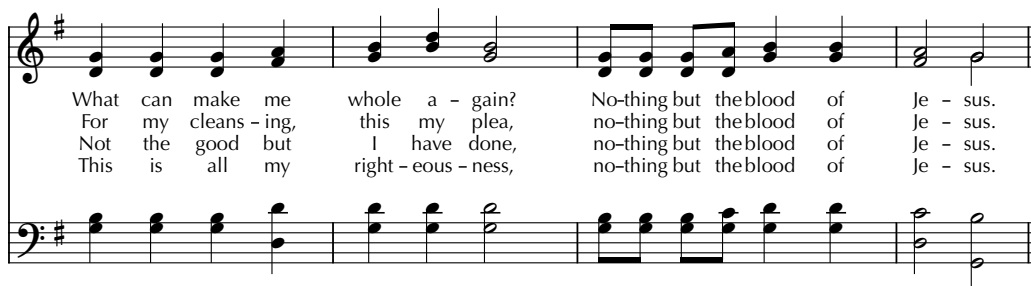
NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

"The blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7

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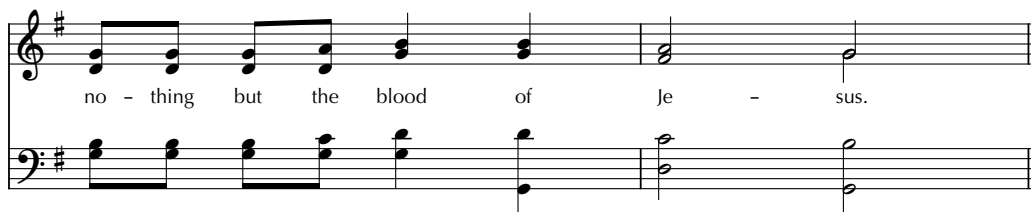
1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 2. For my par - don this I see, no - thing but the blood of Je - sus.
 3. No - thing can for sin a - tone, no - thing but the blood of Je - sus.
 4. This is all my hope and peace, no - thing but the blood of Je - sus.



What can make me whole a - gain? No - thing but the blood of Je - sus.
 For my cleans - ing, this my plea, no - thing but the blood of Je - sus.
 Not the good but I have done, no - thing but the blood of Je - sus.
 This is all my right - eous - ness, no - thing but the blood of Je - sus.



Oh! Pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow. No oth - er fount I know,



no - thing but the blood of Je - sus.

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

Text: Thomas Ken
(1709) Tune: OLD
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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. **Pastor Kevin Greene** led worship. **Chris Alberts, Mya Wilcox, Robin Huff, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Pastor Kevin Greene, and Mollie Bowman** led this morning's congregational singing. **Ross Bruning and Deacon Chris May** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Ethan Molique** 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

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 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
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)

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.

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Young Adult Fellowship Meal

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

Next Meeting: October 9

Young Adults at WEPC is a space to grow in your faith and connect with others. Join us 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: 6-7:30 PM

- **Club 4/5:** 4th & 5th graders will gather for a special time of fellowship, games, and diving deep into the Word together.

Volunteers Needed:

9AM Sunday School (needed every other week)

- 1 Kindergarten Teacher, 1 Kindergarten Helper

9AM Nursery (needed every 8 weeks)

- 5 Adult Nursery Volunteers

Sensory Room Volunteers Needed

We are looking to train a small team of people who have a heart to work with friends with special needs. We currently need a rotation of volunteers to spend time with one of our covenant children in the sensory room during the 1st service. Older teens are welcome. Please contact Audrey (audrey@wepc.org) with interest or questions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** September 28 / 9 AM
- **Youth Group:** October 1
Middle School: 6-7:30 PM
High School: 7:30-9 PM
- **HS Overnight:** October 3-4
- **MS Movie Night:** October 10

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: Arabic

Language of the Month is a fun churchwide exercise to learn new words in another language. Visit the "Life in the Neighborhood" bulletin station 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 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)

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Missions Lunch & Host Needed

October 12 / 12 PM / Room 810

We will host WEPC missions partner A.M. from London during the week October 7-12. He will need a place to stay during his visit. Would your family enjoy having him in your home? Please reach out to AmyCaroline Wilks (acwilks@wepc.org) in the church office if you are interested in hosting him OR if you would like to have lunch or dinner with him before October 12. There will be a church-wide lunch event for him on October 12. RSVP for the lunch [HERE](#).

CrossOver Saturday Mission Clinic

October 18 / 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)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

David Creasy, EJ Fogarty, Rick McMahon, & Davison Long

Annual WEPC Tailgate!

October 19 / 12 PM / Side Parking Lot

Join us as we celebrate WEPC's 32nd Anniversary, share a BBQ lunch, and enjoy fellowship and games. Hosted by the WEPC Youth Ministry. RSVP [HERE](#)! Sign up for sides, desserts, & drinks [HERE](#)!

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 Presbytery. 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.

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@barnabasva.org)

Finance Report:

FY 25 General Offering: 99.3%

FY 25 Expenses: 98.7%

FY 26 General Offering Q1 (as of 9/21/25): 98.3%

FY 26 Expenses Q1 (as of 9/21/25): 95%

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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
- ◇ 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.