

GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

The Seventeenth 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

WERE NOT TEN CLEANSED?

"Biblical thanksgiving goes beyond gratitude because it goes beyond the gift. It leads us to surrender ourselves to the Giver." --lared Larson

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

--Colossians 2:6-7

"I noticed how the humblest and at the same time most balanced minds praised most: while the cranks, misfits, and malcontents praised least. Praise almost seems to be inner health made audible." -- C.S. Lewis

Call to Worship

Psalm 30:1-4, 11-12

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 extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

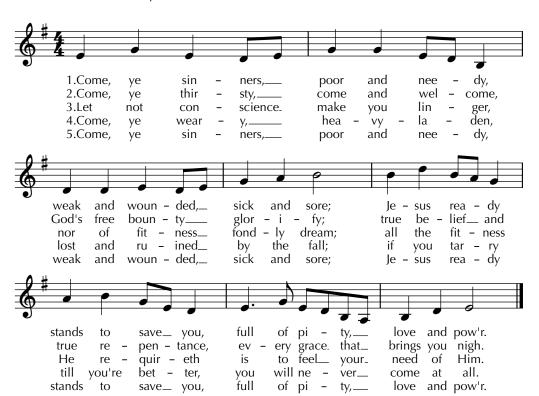
You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Invocation

Song of Adoration

COME YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY



InvocationAsking God to be with us.

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.

"Come and take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17

Joseph Hart (1759); Traditional American melody, 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 <u>Keep in Touch form</u> 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

2 Kings 5:9-17

Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.

Ministry of Prayer

The offering isn't just about money. Our response to the Gospel goes much OFFERING You can place you pass, Please visit w

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).



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).

APPROACH MY SOUL THE MERCY SEAT



CHILDRen's Message (10:30am)

"Since we have a great high priest... let us approach the throne of grace with confidence." Hebrews 4:14, 16

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Scripture Reading

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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

Father in Heaven, forgive us for attempting to avoid You. We have fixed our eyes and our hope on ourselves instead of worshiping You. We indulge in our striving instead of trusting You. We indulge in our shame instead of resting in You. We indulge in grumbling and complaining instead of crying out to You. We have been given over to anxious isolation instead of following Jesus in His mission. Yet Your compassions yearn over us, You hasten to our rescue. In the Cross of Christ, we see that Your Love endured our curse, Your mercy bore our justice. Forgive us all of our sin and renew our hearts. Turn us back to You. 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

Philippians 4:4, Ephesians 1:7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice... In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on 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

O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED



"But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities." Isaiah 53:5

Bernard of Clairvaux (11th century); Tune: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler (1601); adapted J.S. Bach (1729). Public domain. "I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me." Psalm 13:6

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BOUNTIFULLY WITH ME



HIS MERCY IS MORE



"You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." Micah 7:19

Music and words by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa. ©2016 Messenger Hymns (admin. by Music Services, Inc.) and Love Your Enemies Publishing. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6

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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-inone) nature.

Doxology



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.

Benediction

A team is available for prayer at the front of the Sanctuary following the 9 AM & 10:30 AM services.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. Elder B-J Huff led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Sarah Jurewicz, Sonya & Donald Smith, Deacon Rick McMahon, James Long, and David Jackson led this morning's congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader and Deacon Chris Scoggins managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick managed the in-house video system. Children's Director Audrey Snyder gave the Children's Message at the 10:30 AM service.

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
 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. Contact: Matt (matt@wepc.org)
- A Wise Parent Oct 19 - Nov 23 / Room 810

Parenting is a profound privilege, yet looking beyond the demands of today can often feel overwhelming. In this class, you'll find space to reflect on Scripture, discovering guidance for how to love, nurture, and shape the children God has entrusted to your care. Led by Elders Richard Campbell and Matt Bouknight.

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. Contact: Kevin (kevin@wepc.org)

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)

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)

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: Núrsery (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
 NAM Nursen (needed even) 9 weeks
- 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, specifically 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

- First Sunday Breakfast: October 5 / 9 AM
- Youth Group: October 8 Middle School: 6-7:30 PM Hight School: 7:30-9 PM
- MŠ Movie Night: October 10

Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus 2nd & 4th Sundays / 5-6:30 PM / Room 810 Starts October 12

Join us in the study of the parables of Jesus. Parables are short stories used by Jesus to teach spiritual truths and lessons about the Kingdom of God, God's nature, and how we should live. Contact: Changiwok Deng (changiwok@wepc.

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)

October Language of the Month: Spanish Visit the "Life in the Neighborhood" bulletin station to grab your learning resources.

Fruitful Fridays

Oct 17, Nov 14, & Dec 12 / 4-6 PM Join us as we offer a monthly Afterschool Enrichment Program for our K-5 neighbors which introduces 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 <u>RSVP</u> to Ali Fogarty (<u>wraparound@wepc.org</u>)

Illissions

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

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

Missions Lunch

Oct 12 / 12 PM / Room 810

Join us as we hear from WEPC missions partner A.M. about his ministry and to hear how God is working in London. RSVP for the lunch HERE.

General information

Deacons of the Week

Sean Winterhalter, Taylor Miller, Jon Greenhill, & Chris Hennesey

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!

Inquirer's Weekend

November 7-9

For those interested in learning more about our church and the possibility of membership in the future. Inquirer's Weekend is a wonderful time to meet our pastors in a group setting and learn some foundations of Christianity, foundations for our church's worship, and opportunities for connection and service with others. Click HERE for more information and time details. Contact: Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org)

Barnabas Basic Training

November 8 / 9 AM - 4 PM / Veritas School loin 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 (kjöhnson@ barnabasrva.org)

DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays November 18 / 7-9 PM / Room 810

Join WEPC's DivorceCare group to find support and consider how to faithfully navigate the holidays after a marriage breakup. Questions? More info at West End Presbyterian Church Surviving the <u>Holidays - DivorceCare</u>.

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Find us on Facebook and Instagram @wepcrva.

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.

Keep in Touch

Especially if this is your first Sunday with us —welcome!



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- ♦ Female
 ♦ 21-26

 ♦ Single
 ♦ 27-34

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- \Diamond Neighborhood Outreach
- ♦ Becoming a member of WEPC
- ♦ Other:_____
- ♦ Please include me on the WEPC email list.
- \Diamond 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.