

GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

The Eighteenth 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

DO YOU WANT TO BE HEALED?

"Each of us has a 'Hollow Core' in our personality, a central part that is empty but yearns to be filled... It is either the place where God's Spirit fills us with a vital, rich life, or it becomes a monstrous power that relentlessly controls the core direction of our lives."

--Larry Crabb

"'Would you like me to make [the Lizard of lust on your shoulder tormenting you] quiet?' said the flaming Spirit—an angel, as I now understood. 'Of course I would,' said the Ghost. Then I will kill him,' said the Angel, taking a step forward. 'Oh—ah—look out! You're burning me. Keep away,' said the Ghost, retreating. 'Don't you want him killed?' 'You didn't say anything about killing him at first. I hardly meant to bother you with anything so drastic as that.' 'It's the only way,' said the Angel, whose burning hands were now very close to the Lizard. 'Shall I kill it?' 'Well, that's a further question. I'm quite open to consider it, but it's a new point, isn't it? I mean, for the moment I was only thinking about silencing it because up here—well, it's so damned embarrassing.' 'May I kill it?' 'Well, there's time to discuss that later.' 'There is no time. May I kill it?' 'Please, I never meant to be such a nuisance. Please—really—don't bother. Look! It's gone to sleep of its own accord. I'm sure it'll be all right now. Thanks ever so much.'"

--C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5, 22. Of David.

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.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Invocation

Song of Adoration

LORD I NEED YOU



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.

"Hear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy." Psalm 86:1

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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 <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.

EGYPT Team Commissioning (10:30am)

Led by Rob Musser

Egypt Team: October 18-29

Lori Bowman
A.B.
Kevin Greene
Lucas Henderson
Christine Morobe
Catherine & Ryan Shallow
Becca Wethered

This team will join WEPC supported mission partner Mafdi in central Egypt to partner with local congregations to host health clinics to provide vision care, discipleship training, and evangelistic outreach meetings. These churches have a desire to serve the poor in their community, and find creative ways to reach out to Muslim neighbors with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Throughout this sermon series on *Questions Jesus Asked*, brothers and sisters from our church will share the ways Jesus is faithfully at work in His church through many ministries at WEPC. These testimonies will be included in each week's <u>worship study guide</u>.

Stories from the Church: Jesus is at work in his church

Heather Oberle

OLD Testament Reading

Read by WEPC Mission Partner A.M. who serves in the U.K

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side. Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?" Then he led me back to the bank of the river. As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes....

And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

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).



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).

"And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

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HE IS AMONG US



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

GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

Scripture Reading

¹After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. 5 One man was there who had been an invalid for thirtyeight years. 6When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" ⁷The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." ⁹And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." 11But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" ¹²They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" ¹³Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. ¹⁴Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." 15The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

John 5:1-15

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

from Matthew 26:17-29

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus. They did as He had directed them, and prepared the Passover. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse us from our sin. We have been slow of heart, restless, and there is no health in us. Your death saves us. Your life makes us well. Your Holy Spirit lives in us. Set us free to forsake our sin, to rise and follow You, and to stand before You by Your grace alone. We praise You for Your grace and mercy. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of encouragement

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-6

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.

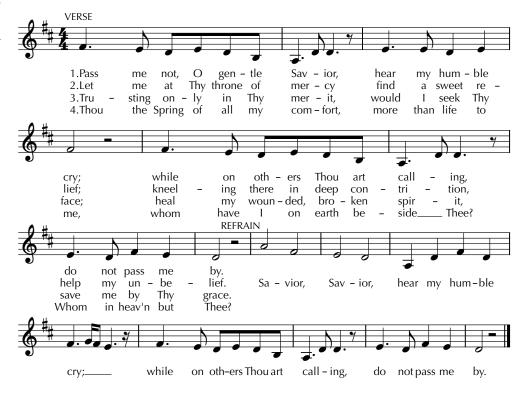
If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please contact the WEPC office.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

"They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' And he cried out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Luke 18:37-38

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PASS ME NOT, O GENTLE SAVIOR



I WILL RISE



"The Lord...
redeems...crowns...
satisfies you with
good so that your
youth is renewed like
the eagle's."
Psalm 103:2-6

Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves | Louie Giglio Matt Maher ©2008 sixsteps Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow..." Philippians 2:10

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YOUR GREAT NAME



Doxology



"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-inone) nature.

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 Chris Newlin, Erin Bouknight, Doug Cherringon, Buddy Miner, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Riley Molique, and Pastor Kevin Greene led this morning's congregational singing. Tim Drummond and Deacon Sean Winterhalter managed today's audio and video live stream. Cody Hahn managed the in-house video system.

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.

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. Led by Ruling Elders Mark Crutcher and Changjwok Deng. Contact: Chang (changjwok@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

October 23 / 6:30-8 PM / Rm 810

Meets every other Thursday
Young Adults at WEPC is a space to grow in your faith and connect with others, Join us for a meal

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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)

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

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)

Men's Ministry - Second Monday

www.wepc.org/grow/men

October 13 / 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)

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-2ndt 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 / 6-7:30 PM

Volunteers Needed:

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. Contact Audrey: (audrey@wepc.org)

Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Sunday School:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- Youth Group: Wednesdays MS: 6-7:30 PM / HS: 7:30-9 PM

Missions

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Missions Lunch

TODAY! / 12 PM / Room 810 Come hear from WEPC missions partner A.M. about his ministry and how God is working in London.

CrossOver Saturday Mission Clinic

October 18 / 8 AM'- 12 PM

Calling all doctors, nurses, or Spanish language interpreters who are willing to serve our neighbors at Crossover's Quioccasin Road Clinic. Contact: Amanda Stark (amandablairstark@gmail.com)

YoungLives Metro Richmond Bingo Night
Oct 23 / 6:30 - 8:30 PM / Fellowship Hall
Join WEPC Missions Partner YoungLives Metro
Richmond and hear how the ministry is impacting
Richmond teen parents and discover ways
to partner with us. Enjoy dessert, fellowship,
and FUN! RSVP to Joyce Lawrence (jcl7577@
comcast.net).

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 TODAY!

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: 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. To volunteer, contact Talya (talya@wepc.org).

Wraparound Ministry

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

Father to the Fatherless Lunch

TODAY! / 12 PM / Fellowship Hall The McMahon family will share their adoption journey. We'll also spend time praying, followed by a Q&A session.

Diaper Drive

During October, Wrap Around will be collecting diapers for Little Hands Virginia, a local nonprofit dedicated to providing essentials to young children in need. Donations can be left in the bin in the church office area now through **Oct 26th.**

General information

Deacons of the Week

Mike Glasgow, Cory Payne, Chris May, & Luke Shrader

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. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information. Contact: Karen Howe (<u>karen@wepc.org</u>)

Barnabas Basic Training

November 8 / 9 AM - 4 PM / Veritas School Join us for an introduction to the foundational principles of The Barnabas Model. Cost is \$110. Register now. Contact: Kim (kjohnson@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. More info HERE.

New Gideons International Cards

New greeting cards from WEPC Missions Partner The Gideons International are available in the WEPC gallery to send loved ones encouragement with God's Word

Follow Us on Social Media!

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!



Date:			
Name:			
Children's Names:			
Address:			
City:			
Phone:			
Email:			
Who invited you to WEPC	? How did you	first hear abo	ut us?

♦ Check if this is <u>NEW</u> contact information for you.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- ♦ Visitor <u>Age:</u>
- ♦ Male
 ♦ 20 or younger
- ♦ Female
 ♦ Single
 ♦ Student (Grade ____)
 ♦ 35-49
- ♦ Student (College)♦ 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.