



West End

presbyterian church

The Nineteenth 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 BELIEVE?

"Through the Cross the faithful receive strength from weakness, glory from dishonor, life from death.

The power of His death once confronted our death.

In the words of Hosea the prophet:

'Death, I shall be your death; grave, I shall swallow you up.'

By dying He submitted to the laws of the underworld;

by rising again, He destroyed them.

He did away with the everlasting character of death so as to make death a thing of time, not of eternity."

--*Leo the Great, 5th Century*

"Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life,' not 'I bring resurrection and life.' He is both. Wherever Jesus is, life is. He is not merely a giver of life — He is life."

--*Charles Spurgeon*

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

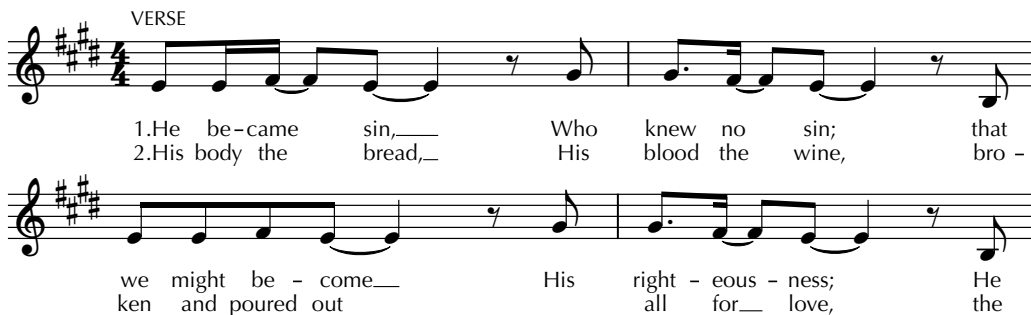
Asking God to be with us.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

JESUS MESSIAH

VERSE



1. He be-came sin, Who knew no sin; that
2. His body the bread, His blood the wine, bro -

we might be - come His right - eous - ness; He
ken and poured out all for love, the

REFRAIN



hum-bled Him - self, and car-ried the cross. Love so a-ma -
whole earth trem - bled and the veil was torn.



- zing, love so a - ma - zing, Je-sus, Mes-si - ah,



Name a-bove all names, Bles-sed Re-dee - mer, Em-man-u-el.

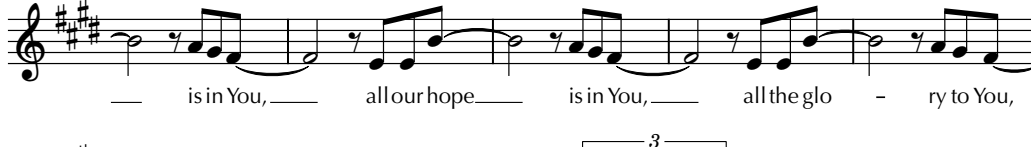


The Res-cue for sin - ners, the Ran-som from hea - ven,

BRIDGE



Je-sus, Mes-si - ah, Lord of all. All our hope



is in You, all our hope is in You, all the glo - ry to You,



God, the Light of the world.

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.

"Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" Matthew 16:16

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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 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.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Brice Leale (9 AM)

Abraham Bouknight (10:30 AM)

William Zhang & Tiger May Wang (10:30 AM)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Psalms 16.
A Mitkam of David.*

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips. The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

OFFERING

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).

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).



BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE



Be-fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong, a per - fect
When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with-
Be-hold Him there the ris - en Lamb, my per-fect, spot - less Right-eous-



plea, a great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up-ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
ness, the great un change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of



me. My name is gra - ven on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be-cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin-ful soul is count- ed
grace! One with Him - self I can-not die, my soul is pur-chased by His



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can
free; for God, the Just, is sat - is - fied, to look on
blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part. No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me. To look on Him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God. With Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

*"These are they
which follow
the Lamb... they
are without fault
before the throne."
Revelation 14:4-5*

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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

John 11:26

²⁶"And everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

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

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

1 Timothy 3:9; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8, 10:16-17, 15:3-4; from the Book of Common Prayer

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your steadfast love and atoning sacrifice, You took our place and proved Yourself to be the Friend of sinners. You were punished that we might be pardoned, and broken that we would be made whole. In Your resurrection You demonstrated Your power over death, and secured our future-- triumphant, redeemed, and blessed eternally. While we await Your return, we confess that we have been faithless and anxious in heart. In our restlessness we have sought peace for our souls in a salvation of our own making. Apart from You, we find ourselves dangerously proud, alone and worn. Forgive us, Savior! Renew our faith and restore to us the true rest You alone offer us. 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 2:9-10, 13

In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. When you were dead in your sins...God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

First Communion

Abraham Bouknight (10:30 AM)

Abraham recently met with the Elders, who heard their testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Bouknight family to receive communion first.

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

JUST AS I AM



1. Just as I am with - out one plea but that Thy blood
 2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul
 3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with ma - ny con -
 4. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, wel - come, par -
 5. Just as I am, Thy love un - known has bro - ken ev -



— was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
 — of one dark blot, to Thee, Whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 - flicts, ma - ny doubts; fight - ings, fears with - in, with - out,
 - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause Thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 - ery bar - rier down; now, to be Thine and Thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God I come, I come, O Lamb of God



I come, I come.

"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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"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18

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THE POWER OF THE CROSS

VERSE



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day.
2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
4. Oh to see my name wri - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - ery bit - ter thought,
quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
for through Your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



REFRAIN

torn and beat - en then nailed to a cross of wood. This the
ev - ery e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
life is mine to live won through Your self - less love!



pow'r of the cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame, bore the



wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

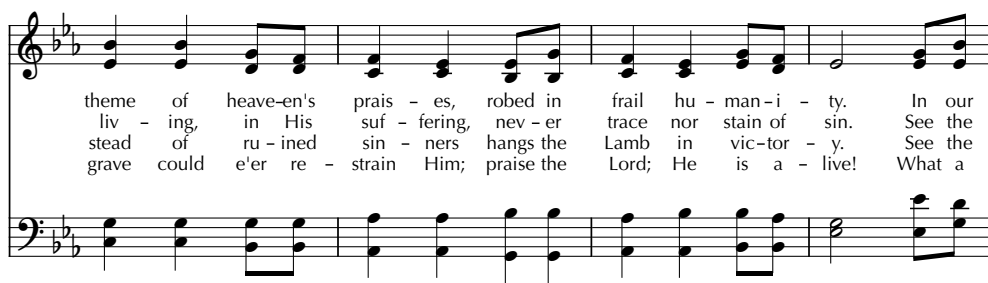
COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY



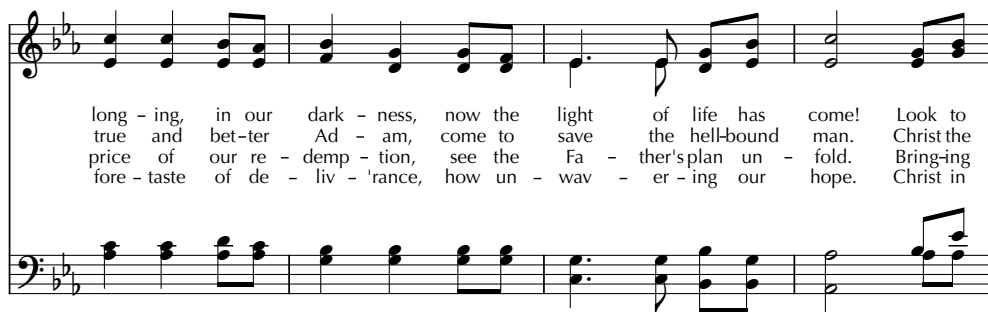
1. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - tery, in the dawn-ing of the King. He, the
 2. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - tery, He the per - fect Son of Man. In His
 3. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - tery, Christ the Lord up - on the tree. In the
 4. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - tery, slain by death the God of life. But no

*"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."
 2 Corinthians 3:18*

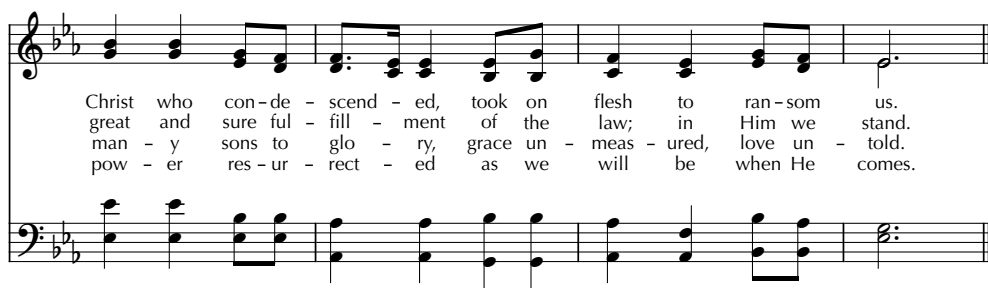
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theme of heave-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man-i - ty. In our
 liv - ing, in His suf - fering, nev - er trace nor stain of sin. See the
 stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic-tor - y. See the
 grave could e'er re - strain Him; praise the Lord; He is a - live! What a



long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come! Look to
 true and bet-ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man. Christ the
 price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring-ing
 fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope. Christ in



Christ who con-de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
 great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.
 man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.
 pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as we will be when He comes.

*"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-in-
one) nature.

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.

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. **Elder Mark Crutcher, Rebecca Crutcher, Jamison
Taggart, and Gordon Collier** led this morning's congregational singing. **Tim
Drummond and Rob MacBride** 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

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)

- **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 / Rm 810
Next Meeting: October 23

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)

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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)

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-2nd 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

- **Youth Sunday School:** October 19 / 9 AM
- **NO Youth Group:** October 22

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

YoungLives Metro Richmond Bingo Night

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

Seeking Young Life Leaders at Godwin High School

WEPC Missions Partner YoungLife is seeking volunteers to introduce adolescents to Jesus and help them grow in their faith. This relational ministry needs at least one male and female adult leader to restart this great work at Godwin High School. To learn more, contact Young Life West End Director Tracy Payne (traypay@gmail.com).

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus

2nd & 4th Sundays / 5-6:30 PM / Room 810

Next Meeting: October 26

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

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/

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

Tim Andrews, Stan Cover, Rick McMahon, & Matt Mailloux

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)

Annual WEPC Tailgate!

TODAY! / 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.

Neighborhood Outreach Team Member Needed: ESL Nursery Coordinator for Tues/Thurs ESL

The Neighborhood Outreach Team is looking for an ESL Nursery Coordinator to manage ESL Nursery and love little ones to support mothers while they learn English. It is a paid position for 10-12 hours a week. For a position description, visit our website and for more info contact Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org)

Barnabas Basic Training

November 8 / 9 AM - 4 PM / 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)

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.

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 Holidays - DivorceCare](#).

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: _____ 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.