



West End
presbyterian church

The Twenty-first 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

WHY ARE YOU WEeping?

"Mary's grief blinds her to the reality of the resurrection. When Jesus calls her by name, the sound of His voice breaks through her sorrow, enabling recognition. This encounter moves from despair to joy, and from confusion to commissioning. The risen Christ entrusts Mary with the message to the disciples, making her the first evangelist of the resurrection."

--Leon Morris

"This calling reveals that Jesus's resurrection is not just a historical fact but a personal and intimate reality. It is by this personal call that faith is awakened."

--John Calvin

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

--John 10:27-28

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 27

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.

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the Stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek,
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

My heart says of You, "Seek His face!"

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Invocation
Asking God to
be with us.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

O COME TO THE ALTAR

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.

"I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow."
Jeremiah 31:13

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Mack Brock,
Steven Furtick,
Wade Joye.
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VERSE

1. Are you hur - ting and bro - ken with-in? _____ Ov - ver - whelmed _____
2. Leave be - hind your re - grets and mis - takes. _____ Come to - day,



_____ by the weight of your sin? _____ Je - sus is call - ing.
there's no rea - son to wait. _____ Je - sus is call - ing.



Have you come to the end of your - self? _____ Do you thirst _____
Bring your sor - rows and trade them for joy, _____ from the ash -



_____ for a drink from the well? _____ Je - sus is calling. O come to the al - tar,
- es a new life is born. _____ Je - sus is calling.

CHORUS



the Fa - ther's arms are o - pen wide. For - give - ness was bought with



the pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ. O what a Sa - vior, isn't He

BRIDGE



won - der - ful, sing al - le - lu - lia! Christ is ri - sen! _____ Bow down be -



fore Him, for He is Lord of all, sing a He - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! _____

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 Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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 Quioccas Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).



PSALM 126

*"He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bring his sheaves with him."
Psalm 126:6*

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VERSE

1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laugh - ter;
2. The na - tions will say, "He has done great things!"

our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy.
The na - tions will sing songs of joy.

REFRAIN

Re - store us, O Lord! Re - store us, O Lord! Al -

though we were weep - ing, Lord, help us keep sow - ing the

seeds of Your king - dom for the day You will reap them!

Your sheaves we will car - ry; Lord, please do not tar - ry!

All those who sow weep - ing will go out with songs of joy!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30am)

Children, ages 4 through 2nd grade, are invited to the front of the Sanctuary prior to the sermon for a Bible lesson. Since there is no Children's Worship on the 1st Sunday of the month, children will join their parents back at their seats in the Sanctuary after the Bible lesson.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-3; 11-18

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

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

Our Father, enlarge our hearts, warm our affections, open our lips to proclaim the glory of the Cross of Jesus Christ. There grace removes our burdens and heaps them on Your Son, made a transgressor, a curse, and sin for us; there the sword of Your justice struck the God-man; there Your infinite attributes were magnified, and infinite atonement was made; there infinite punishment was due, and infinite punishment was endured.

Christ was all anguish that we might be all joy, cast off that we might be brought in, trodden down as an enemy that we might be welcomed as a friend, surrendered to hell's worst that we might attain heaven's best, stripped that we might be clothed, wounded that we might be healed, thirsty that we might drink, tormented that we might be comforted, made a shame that we might inherit glory.

Our Savior wept that all tears might be wiped from our eyes, groaned that that we might have endless song, endured all pain that we might have unfading health, bore thorns that we might have a crown of glory. Bowed His head that we might uplift ours, experienced reproach that we might receive welcome, closed His eyes in death that we might gaze on unclouded brightness, expired that we might forever live.

O Father, You did not spare Your only Son that You might spare us. Go forth, O conquering God, and show us the Cross, mighty to subdue, comfort, and save.

Silent Confession of Sin

Adapted from "The Valley of Vision"

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

*I Peter 1:3 &
II Corinthians 5:17*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come!

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

WOOD AND NAILS

*"Your dead shall
live; their bodies
shall rise. You
who dwell in
the dust, awake
and sing for joy!"
Isaiah 26:19a*

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VERSE

1.O hum-ble car - pen-ter, down on Your hands_ and_ knees,
2.O lo-ving la - bor-er with the sweat u - pon Your face,



look on Your han - di-work and build a house so You may dwell in
O build a ta - ble that I too may join You in the Fa - ther's



REFRAIN

me, so You may dwell in me. The work was done
place, Oh, in_ the Fa - ther's place! The king-dom's come
The dead will rise
The curse is done,



with no-thing but_ wood and nails_ in Your scar - borne hands_
and built u - pon_ wood and nails_ gripped with joy - ful - ness_
and give You praise;_ wood and nails_ will not hold them down!_
the bat - tle won,_ swords bent down_ in - to plow - shares_



_ O show me how to work and praise_ trus - ting that_
_ So send me out with - in Your ways_ know - ing that_
_ These wood - en tombs, we'll break them soon_ and fa - shion them_
_ Your scar-borne hands, we'll join with them,_ ser - ving at_



_ I am Your in - stru - ment_
_ the task is fi - nished_
_ in - to flo - wer_ beds_
_ the ta - ble You've pre - pared_

"Jesus... there is salvation in no one else." Acts 4:11-12

IN CHRIST ALONE

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1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found, He is my light my strength_ my song. This Cor - ner
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - nes of God in help - less Babe. This gift of
3. There in the ground, His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain. Then, burst - ing
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ, _ in me. From life's first

stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
love, and right - eous ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that
forth, in glor - ious day, up from the grave He rose _ a - gain. And as He
cry, to fin - al breath, Je - sus com mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri - vings cease; my Com - fort
cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev' - ry
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost, its grip on me. For I am
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; 'til He re -

er my All in All, here in the love of Christ _ I stand.
sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood _ of Christ.
turns, or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ _ I'll stand.

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

*"May I never boast
except in the cross
of our Lord Jesus
Christ..."*
Galatians 6:14

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Isaac Watts (1707);
Tune: HAMBURG,
Lowell Mason
(1824). Public
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Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small. Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them through his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

"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 blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Robin Huff, Mya Wilcox, Chris Alberts, Mollie Bowman, Ross Bruning, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader and Chris Malak managed today's audio and video live stream. Ethan Moliq managed the in-house video system. Children's Ministry 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 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 Through 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. Led by Kevin Greene, Changjwok Deng, and Becca Wethered. Contact: Kevin (kevin@wepc.org)

Young Adult Fellowship Meal

November 6 / 6:30-8 PM / Rm 810

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. 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)

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

- **First Sunday Breakfast:** November 2 / 9 AM
- **Youth Group:** November 5
Middle School: 6-7:30 PM
High School: 7:30-9 PM
- **Middle School Service Day:** November 3
- **High School Movie Day:** November 4

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Seeking Young Life Leaders at Godwin High School

WEPC Missions Parter 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).

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

Simple English Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus

November 9 / 5-6:30 PM / Room 810

*meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

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)

November Language of the Month: Farsi

Visit the "Life in the Neighborhood" bulletin station to grab your learning resources.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Mike Glasgow, EJ Fogarty, Chris Perry, & Taylor Miller

Ordination Service and Reception for Changjwok Deng

TONIGHT! / 6 PM / Sanctuary

Please join us for a special ordination service and dessert reception for Changjwok Deng. Once ordained, Chang will be an Associate Pastor at WEPC. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a dessert to share.

Congregational Meeting

November 9 / 12 PM / Sanctuary

Join us for a congregational meeting to hear a report on the budget and to approve the change in terms of call for Pastors Greene, Thomas, Deng, and Shelby.

Inquirer's Weekend

November 7-9

For those interested in learning more about our church and the possibility of membership in the future. Click [HERE](#) for more information and time details. RSVP to Karen (karen@wepc.org) by November 3.

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](#).

Hiring for ESL Nursery Coordinator

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

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT WEPC

Advent Worship Service: *Every Longing Heart*

November 30 / 7 PM / Chapel

Advent is a season of waiting as we look forward to celebrating Christ's birth. Join us as we gather for a service of remembrance, redemption, and hope. At this service we will lament the losses experienced in this broken world, and look expectantly in hope to Jesus, the Desire of every nation, the Joy of every longing heart.

WEPC Christian Seasons Calendar & Art Gallery

November 20 / 7 PM / Fellowship Hall

Join us as we reflect on the story of Jesus and His Church through a Christian Seasons Calendar & Weekly Devotional during 2025-2026. From His Advent to the ascension of Christ, this unique calendar unfolds the Christian story through Scripture, liturgical themes, and artwork from WEPC artists. Each WEPC household is gifted a calendar, available at an art gallery opening displaying original artwork. Contact: Becca Wethered (becca@wepc.org)

Neighborhood Caroling

Dec 4 / 6 PM / Fellowship Hall

Join us for a night of fellowship and Christmas caroling with your WEPC family! We'll go caroling near the church and then enjoy some dessert together, so bring some cookies to share! Contact: Becca Wethered (becca@wepc.org)

Christmas Eve Services

- **4 PM: Family-friendly Service** celebrating our Savior's Advent through Scripture and song. Children are encouraged to bring an offering of non-perishable food for the WEPC Food Pantry.
- **7 PM: Communion Service of Lessons & Carols** celebrating our Savior's Advent through Scripture and song.

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.