



West End
presbyterian church

**The Twenty-second 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

WAS IT NOT NECESSARY?

"This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men."

--Acts 2:23

"Without the lens of Scripture to correct and enlarge our vision, we see the world with self-referential bias. We can't help it... we perceive, understand, and judge the world from our own point of view. We are therefore tempted to think of ourselves as centers. Moreover, we study and live in a culture that often encourages us to think in this way and, worse, to think of ourselves as our own creators and providers."

--Cornelius Plantinga

"The revelation of the risen Christ comes not by sight, but by the word of Scripture interpreted by Him, and by the breaking of bread, which recalls His death."

--F.F. Bruce

CALL TO WORSHIP

from 1 Peter 1:3,5, 10-12

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.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

By God's power, we are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Concerning this salvation, the Spirit of Christ through the prophets predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.

These things have now been announced through those who preached the Good News by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Invocation
Asking God to
be with us.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
2. Be - hold the Man u - pon a cross, my
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing; no

vast be-yond all mea - sure that He should give His on - ly Son to
sin up - on His shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His

make a wretch His trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held Him there un -
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from His re - ward? I

Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
til it was ac - com - plished; His
can - not give an an - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath that brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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.

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God." 1 John 3:1

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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 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

Psalm 119:129-135

Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The unfolding of Your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.
I open my mouth and pant,
because I long for Your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is Your way with those who love Your name.
Keep steady my steps according to Your promise,
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.
Redeem me from man's oppression,
that I may keep Your precepts.
Make Your face shine upon Your servant,
and teach me Your statutes.

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).



ALL OF YOUR WAYS ARE PEACE

1. All _____ of Your ways are peace, _____ all _____ of Your ways are
 2. All _____ of Your words are true, _____ all _____ of Your words are
 3. All _____ of Your ways are just, _____ all _____ of Your ways are

peace. Though we are pressed on ev - ery side, we
 true. Though we have heard so ma - ny lies, we
 just. Though we may say it through our tears, we

trust that You are peace. All _____ of Your ways are peace, _____
 trust Your words are true.
 trust that You are just.

all _____ of Your ways are peace, all _____ of Your ways are

peace, _____ all _____ of Your ways are peace.

*"He is the
 Rock...and
 all His ways
 are just."
 Deuteronomy
 32:4*

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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

Luke 24:13-32

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

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

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you... And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

Luke 22:7-8, 14, 19-20, 29-30

CONFESSION OF SIN

Risen Lord, You walked the road with those who had abandoned hope. Their hearts were heavy, their steps were faltering, and their faith was dim. Like them, grief clouds our vision. We hold disappointment like a shield. We rehearse our pain instead of Your promises. We live by what our eyes can see, rather than what Your Word declares to be True. You accomplished our necessary redemption, but we despair as if the story has ended. You promised to be with us, but we suspect You are far away. You open the Scriptures, but we are slow of heart. And so, we have sinned against You; Forgive us, Lord Jesus. As You walk with Your people: open our eyes, strengthen our faith, and restore to us to the joy of Your abiding presence.

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

Isaiah 53:5-6

He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

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

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE



1. I am weak but Thou art strong;
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,
Refrain: Just a clo - ser walk with Thee,



Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
 if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?_ Who with me my bur - den
 time for me will be no more;_ guide me gent - ly, safe - ly
 grant it, Je - sus, this my plea,_ dai - ly wal - king close to



long_ as I walk,_ let me walk close to Thee.
 shares?_ None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
 o'er_ to Thy King - dom shore, to Thy shore.
 Thee,_ let it be,_ dear Lord, let it be.

"While we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight"
II Corinthians 5:6-7

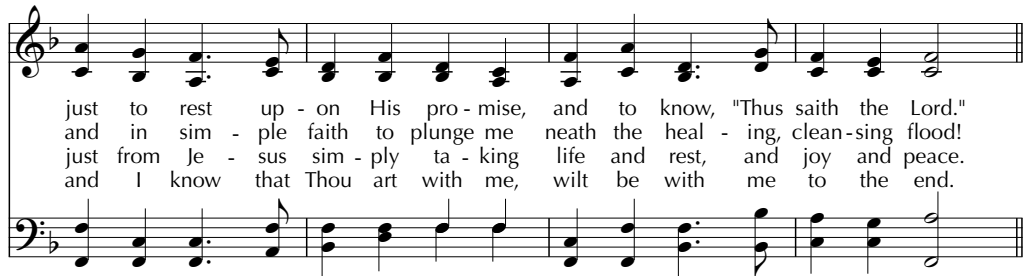
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*"The life I live in the
body, I live by faith
in the Son of God,
who loved me and
gave Himself for me."
Galatians 2:20*

TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, and to take Him at His word;
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust His clean-sing blood;
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, pre - cious Je - sus, Sa - vior, friend;



just to rest up - on His pro - mise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
and in sim - ple faith to plunge me neath the heal - ing, clean-sing flood!
just from Je - sus sim - ply ta - king life and rest, and joy and peace.
and I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

"And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."
Philippians 1:6

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What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
With ev - ery breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, He will stay. I lab - or on in weak - ness and re -
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that He will bring me home. And day by day I know He will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
joi - cing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I
par - don, and He was raised to ov - er - throw the grave. To this I
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me. Through the deep - est val - ley He will
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall ov - er - come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
Him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.

*"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 heav - 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 Changiwok Deng** preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. **Pastor Kevin Greene** led worship. **Elder Chris Newlin, Erin Bouknight, Andi Alberts, Buddy Miner, Doug Cherrington, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Pastor Kevin Greene** led this morning's congregational singing. **Jay Smith** and **Scott Hoyer** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Cody Hahn** 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 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 Bouknigh.

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

November 20 / 7-8 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 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

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9 AM
- **Youth Group:** November 12
Middle School: 6-7:30 PM
High School: 7:30-9 PM
- **Friendsgiving:** November 22

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Egypt Mission Team Update

November 30 / 9 AM / Fellowship Hall

Join us to hear from the Egypt Mission team about how Jesus was at work during their mission trip with WEPC mission partner Mafdi and the local church in Sohag, Egypt.

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).

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus TONIGHT! / 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

Sean Winterhalter, Rick McMahon, Chris May, & Davison Long

Congregational Meeting

TODAY! / 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.

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)

Wreath Making Workshop

December 5 & 6 (4 sessions / 10 spots each)
307 Santa Clara Drive, 23229

Join us for a Wreath Making Workshop to make your own Christmas wreath! No prior experience is needed. You can bring your own greens (\$25) or have them provided for you (\$50). This event is held outdoors, rain or shine. Pre-registration is required and spots are limited. We hope you can join us for this festive and fun event! RSVP & SIGN UP [HERE](#) Contact: Brice (brice@wepc.org)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS at WEPC

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)

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.

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.
- **Scripture Readers Needed:** If you are interested in reading Scripture at the 4 PM or 7 PM Christmas Eve services, please contact Becca Wethered (becca@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.

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.