



West end
presbyterian church

**The Second Sunday
after Epiphany**

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is a time that helps us to remember Jesus as the long-awaited Hebrew Messiah and His mission to the nations. Epiphany has a particular focus on Jesus as the Light of the World and "God with us," and the Church's role in proclaiming that Jesus is Lord.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & COMMUNION

LOVE THAT STICKS

"Self-love so blinds us that we make the smallest faults in the world to be akin to heinous and unpardonable sins. We have this evil so deeply rooted in our hearts that if we are told of our duty, it only half moves us.... What, then, can break down all hardness in us, what can mortify all our excessive passions, what can correct all our cruelty, bring low all our pride and loftiness and sweeten all our bitterness? What God has done towards us. He has so loved the world that He has given up His only Son to death for us."

—John Calvin

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good."

—Romans 12:9

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leviticus 26:12-13

The First Word

We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His Word: His invitation to us to gather in His name.

I will walk among you
and be your God,
and you will be My people.
I am the Lord your God.

INVOCATION

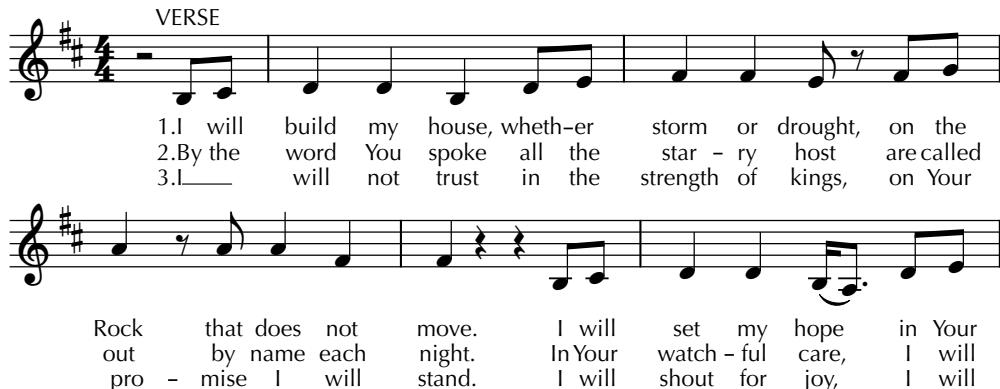
Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

SONG OF ADORATION

STEADFAST

VERSE



Rock that does not move. I will set my hope in Your out by name each night. In Your watch - ful care, I will pro - mise I will stand. I will shout for joy, I will

REFRAIN



love, O Lord, and Your faith - ful - ness will prove: You are rest se - cure as You lead us with Your light. raise my voice, "Hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb!"

stead - fast,____ steady - fast.____ You are steady - fast,____

stead - fast.____

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.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever"
Psalm 136:1

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DECLARATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed
(2nd century)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

REFLECTING ON THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Heidelberg Catechism,
Q&A 37 (1563)*

What do you understand by the word “suffered”?

That during His whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. This He did in order that, by His suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, He might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

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 Pastor Steve Shelby either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

Presentation of New Members

Owen Fogarty (9 AM)

Elbin Cenisev, Alyssa Glauser, Evan Logan, Lamont and Terrill Wade (10:30 AM)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:30am)

Alyssa Glauser

new Testament Reading

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Hebrews 13:5-6

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Epiphany is a season that helps us to pray for Christ's mission to the nations and the Church's role in proclaiming that Jesus is Lord.

Led by WEPC Elder B-J Huff

This week, pray for West End Presbyterian Church as we endeavor to reach out with the Good News of Jesus Christ:

- **Evangelism:** *"And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."* *1 Corinthians 2:1-2*
- **Mercy:** *For WEPC's In Jesus Name Food Pantry, and the households we serve. wepc.org/outreach/mercy-ministry-food-pantry*
For families facing unplanned pregnancies, for preborn children, and for the dignity of every human life. www.friendsofprcrichmond.org
- **Church Planting:** *For New Creation Presbyterian Church, Pastor Joel Passmore (Chester, VA). newcreationpres.org*
- **World Mission:** *For North Africa and the Middle East, and for WEPC Mission Partner Mafdi and his wife as they serve with SeeJesus and ministers in that region of the world. wepc.org/outreach/missions*

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, 23234).



"Because of
the Lord's
great love
we are not
consumed"
Lamentations
3:22

WE ARE NOT OVERCOME

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Flesh will fail and bones will break; thieves will steal, the earth will
Put no trust in the earth, in the sod you stand up-
Have no fear for your life, turn your cheek, turn your

shake. Night will fall, the light will fade; The Lord will give and take a-
on. Flow-ers fade in - to dust; The Lord will make a place for
cheek. Bear the yoke of love and death; The Lord will give all life and

Chorus

way: Be -cause of His great Love, we are not o - ver- come!
us:
breath.

— Be -cause of His great Love, we are not o - ver- come!

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

¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" ²⁰She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the Lord has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?" ²²So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth 1:14-22

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 Mark 14:16-25

The disciples prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And they were reclining at the table and as they were eating, He took bread. And after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

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.

Almighty God, to know You is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires. To live in the light of Your salvation is our highest call and purpose. Yet foolishly we have sought our life and pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols above seeking You, and they have left us empty and ashamed. Bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander and malice have gripped us. We have failed to love You with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have forsaken Your Kingdom for our own. Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that we might serve You in newness of life. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

John 7:37-38

Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

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

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you, make His face shine upon—
— you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. A - men, a - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."
Numbers 6:24-26

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ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER

1. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, all to Him I free-ly give,
2. All to Je-sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee,
may fill I ev - er love and trust Him, in His pres - ence
me with Thy love and pow - er, let Thy bles - sing
dail - y live. I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all.
All to Thee, my bles - sed Sav - ior, I sur-ren-der all.

"See, we have left everything and followed you."
Mark 10:28

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*"Know therefore
that the Lord your
God is God, the
faithful God who
keeps covenant."
Deuteronomy 7:9*

PROMISES

VERSE



1.God of Ab-ra - ham, You're the God of cov - e - nant, of faith-ful prom - i - ses.
2.God, from age to age, though the earth may pass a - way, Your word re-mains the same.



Time and time a - gain You have pro - ven You'll do just what You
And his - tor - y can prove there's no - thing You can't do, You're faith - ful and

PRE-CHORUS



said. Though the storms may come, and the winds may blow, You'll re - main stead - true.

CHORUS



fast. And let my heart learn when You speak a word, it will come to pass. Great is Your

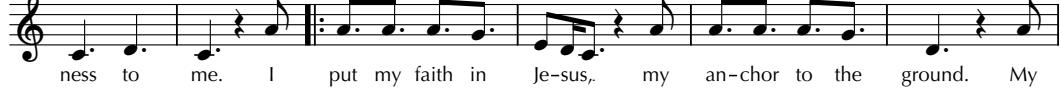


faith - ful - ness to me. Great is Your faith - ful - ness to me. From the



ri - sing sun to the set - ting same, I will praise Your name. Great is Your faith - ful -

BRIDGE



ness to me. I put my faith in Je-sus, my an-chor to the ground. My

TO CHORUS



hope and firm foun - da-tion, He'll ne-ver let me down. He'll ne-ver let me down.

ALL MUST BE WELL



1. Through the love of God our Sav- ior, All will be well;
2. Though we pass through trib - u - la - tion, All will be well;
3. We ex - pect a bright to - mor row, All will be well;



Free and change-less is His fav - or, All is well;
Ours is such a full sal - va - tion, All is well;
Faith can sing through days of sor - row, All is well;



Pre-cious is the blood that healed us, Per-fect is the grace that
Hap - py still in God con - fid - ing, Fruit-ful if in Christ a -
On our Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing, Je - sus ev - 'ry need sup -



sealed us, Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be well.
bid ing, Stead-fast through the Spir - it's guid - ing, All must be well.
ply- ing, Yes, in liv - ing and in dy - ing, All must be well.

"We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose"
Romans 8:28

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"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.

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, Lauren Newlin, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Doug Cherrington, Buddy Miner, Donald Smith, and Jamison Taggart** led this morning's congregational singing. **Greg Stiles and Luke Andrews** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Cody Hahn** managed the in-house video system.

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Sermon Notes

Announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Sunday Morning Discipleship: 9AM / Room 810

Prophet, Priest, and King: through Jan 25

Who do you say that He is? This four-week standalone class focuses on exploring the doctrinal truths of Jesus Christ's identity as revealed through scripture. The class is designed to provide a theological foundation before transitioning to a study of the Gospel of Mark in February. Taught by Elder Matt Bouknight. Contact: Matt (matt@wepc.org)

Wednesday Night Fellowship

The Book of Jeremiah: Gladness from Sorrow

www.wepc.org/WNF

January 14 - March 25 / 6-7:30 PM / Chapel
The prophet Jeremiah's life was marked by grief and suffering, yet he knew the presence and perseverance of God. Join us as we grow in the wisdom, faithfulness, and compassion of Jesus Christ. Led by Kevin Greene, Matt Wilks, and Becca Wethered. Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies

Wellspring: Tues AM / Restore: Wed PM
All women are welcome to join us for our study "SHE IS..." [Register HERE](#) Contact: Brice Bowman (brice@wepc.org)

The Table Fellowship & Prayer

Fridays / 12-1 PM / Room 810

The Table is an informal gathering to pray and fellowship as a church, open to anyone. We'll have a short devotional, pray for the needs of the church and each other, and eat a packed lunch together. Contact: Matt (matt@wepc.org)

DivorceCare Spring 2026

February 3-May 5 / 6:30-8:30 PM / Room 810
DivorceCare is a 13-week Christ-centered program addressing the complexity of life when facing marital separation or divorce. The program includes video teaching from over 50 leading Christian counselors, teachers, and pastors, group discussion, and personal Bible study. Register [HERE](#). Contact: Gordon Collier (gcollier.pss@gmail.com)

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Sunday School:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge

- **Youth Group:** January 21

- Middle School: 6-7:30 PM

- High School: 7:30-9 PM

- **Summer Service Trips Info Meeting:**

- January 21 / 7:30-8 PM

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)

- **Nursing Mom's Room** (service audio available during both services)

Wednesdays: Club 4/5 (6-7:30 PM)

Father Daughter Dance

February 7 / 6-8 PM / Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of dancing, fellowship, and food! ALL AGES WELCOME! Register [HERE](#). We are also in need of volunteers. Volunteer [HERE](#). Contact: Audrey (audrey@wepc.org)

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus

January 25 / 5-6:30 PM / Room 810

*meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

Join us in the study of the parables of Jesus. Contact: Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org)

10K Training Team

Training: Saturdays, beginning February 7 / 8-9:30 AM

Race Day: April 18

Join the Good News Can't Lose Team if you are interested in running, jogging, or walking the Monument Avenue 10k. A parent must accompany participants that are in elementary school or younger. Register [HERE](#) for the training team. Contact: Changjwok Deng (changjwok@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.

CHURCH PLANTING

James River Presbytery Church Planting Summit

January 24 / 9 AM-12:30 PM / Stony Point Church

Speaker: Dr. Robert Kim

Join a collaboration of pastors and church members who are partnering together for church planting. Registration is free [HERE](#). Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

La Gran Comisión Conference

March 10-11, 2026 / Stony Point Church
Our Presbytery is actively developing new Hispanic leaders and planting new churches that are reaching Richmond's Hispanic population! Join us for this bilingual (Spanish/English) Mission to North America gathering focusing on encouragement, relationships, practical tools, and teaching. Spanish/English packets are available in the Life at WEPC display in the WEPC Gallery. Register [HERE](#). Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Cory Payne, Bryan Meeks, Jon Greenhill, & Sean Winterhalter

Ruth Sermon Series Spotify Playlist

Check out our [Ruth Sermon Series Playlist](#) to sing along to hymns and songs that remember God's faithfulness and love to His people, in both joy and sorrow. You can find it by searching "WEPC Ruth Sermon Series" or "West End Presbyterian RVA + playlists."

Night to Shine 2026--Volunteers Needed

February 6 / 6-9 PM / WEPC

Join us as WEPC hosts Night to Shine, a prom-night experience centered on God's love for people with disabilities. We need many volunteers to help, including buddies, dining room servers, welcome team, and more! Register at www.nighttoshinerva.com to volunteer. Contact Heather Jarvis (heather.p.jarvis@gmail.com) or Mollie Greenhill (nighttoshine@wepc.org).

Inclement Weather Reminder

For updates on closings and delays, visit [wepc.org](#) or call the office at (804) 741-6562. You may also visit [nbc12.com](#). In case of inclement weather on a Sunday morning, WEPC will meet for the 10:30 AM service.

WEPC CHRISTIAN SEASONS CALENDAR & DEVOTIONS

Join us as we reflect on the story of Jesus and His Church through a Christian Seasons Calendar & Weekly Devotional during 2025-2026. This unique calendar unfolds the Christian story through Scripture, liturgical themes, and artwork from WEPC artists. Each WEPC household is gifted a calendar. If you would like additional calendars, please [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase them for \$20 each.

To access the free Weekly Scripture Readings, Reflection, & Song that accompany the calendar, visit [wepcchristianseasons.com](#).

WEPC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Ministry is Hiring Summer Interns

We invite Young Adults, who are at least one year out of high school, to apply for the Summer Internship (May 21-August 2, 2026). Click [HERE](#) for the job description and the WEPC Employment Application. Applications due February 1, 2026. Contact: Isaiah Thomas (isaiah@wepc.org)

Hiring for ESL Nursery Coordinator

The Neighborhood Outreach Team is looking for an ESL Nursery Coordinator to manage the ESL Nursery and care for little ones. It is a paid position for 10-12 hours a week, mostly Tuesdays/Thursdays. For more info, click [HERE](#) or contact Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org).

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	

Prayer Requests:

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 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.