



West End
presbyterian church

**The Third 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 GETS BLISTERS

"Providence is like a curious piece of tapestry made of a thousand shreds, which, single, appear useless, but put together, they represent a beautiful history to the eye."

—*John Flavel*

"The truth is, there are no insignificant actions, no throwaway moments. And that is the great adventure of the Christian life."

—*David Strain*

"One of the most important features of faith in God's providence is that it teaches us that even our accidents are within His care."

—*David Atkinson*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalms 126:1-3, 6.
A Song of Ascents.*

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.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad.**

He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy.

Invocation

Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

SONG OF ADORATION

HOLY FOREVER

1.A thou - sand gen - er - a - tions
2.You who've been for - gi - ven, and

fall - ing down to wor - ship to sing the song of a - ges to the Lamb, -
you who've been re - deemed, sing the song for - ev - er to the Lamb, -

— and all who've gone be - fore us and all who will be - lieve will
you who walk in free - dom, and you who bear His name,

sing the song of a - ges to the Lamb, — Your name is the high - est, Your
sing the song for - e - ver to the Lamb, —

name is the grea - test, Your name stands a - bove them all. All

thrones and do - min - ions, all pow - ers and po - si - tions, Your name stands a - bove them

all. And the an - gels cry, — "Ho - ly." All cre - a - tion cries, — "Ho -

ly." You are lift - ed high, — Ho - ly, Ho - ly for - e - ver.

Hear Your peo - ple sing, — "Ho - ly," to the King of Kings, — "Ho -

ly." You will al - ways be — ho - ly, ho - ly for - e - ver. You will al - ways be —

— ho - ly, ho - ly for - e - ver.

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.

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"
Revelation 4:8

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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 45 (1563)*

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.
Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.
Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.**

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.

Deacon Assistant Commissioning (10:30am)

Grace Cover
Barry Hunte
Kelly Irwin
Jack Plaugher
Misti Prociuous

*Led by Deacons Tim Andrews
& Chris Perry*

New Testament Reading

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

James 1:22-27

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

Led by WEPC Elder Glenn Smith

- **Evangelism:** *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:37-38*
- **Mercy:** *For WEPC Tutoring & Fruitful Fridays. wepc.org/outreach/neighborhood-outreach/tutoring*
- **Church Planting:** *For Iglesia Hispana Presbiteriana, Pastor Arnold Levaire (sites in Midlothian, Centralia, and Hopewell) iglesiahispanapres.com. And, for James River Presbytery's Hispanic Leadership Development, led by Pastor Frank Matthews, seeking to raise up Hispanic leaders for new churches.*
- **World Mission:** *For the country and churches of Peru. For WEPC Mission Partners Moises Buendia & Santos Buendia and the congregations they serve. 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, 232.



*"Your life is
hidden with
Christ in God."
Colossians 3:3*

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

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1. Mine are days that God has num - bered; I was made to walk with
2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row, dark-ness not yet un - der -
3. Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil - grim on a nar - row

Him. Yet, I look to world - ly treas - ure and for -
stood. Through the val - ley I must trav - el where I
way. One with Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and

sake the King of kings. But mine is hope in my Re -
see no earth - ly good. But mine is peace that flows from
ha - tred for His name. But mine is ar - mour for this

deem - er; though I fall, His love is sure. For Christ has
heav - en, and the strength in times of need. I know my
bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war. And He has

paid for ev - ry fail - ing; I am His fo - ev - er - more.
pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com - pletes His work in me.
said He will de - liv - er safe - ly to the gol - den shore. And mine are

keys to Zi-on's ci - ty where be - side the King I walk, for there my

heart has foun - d'n its treas - ure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

Children, age 4 through 2nd grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from Room 121. www.wepc.org/grow/children

GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE Reading

¹Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. ²And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." ³So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. ⁴And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" And they answered, "The Lord bless you." ⁵Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" ⁶And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. ⁷She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."

Ruth 2:1-7

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

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

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.

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.

O Lord, we desperately need You and the forgiveness You offer. You have called us to be Your people and to live for Your glory. But we have sinned against You. We have not believed we are Your holy people. We have not trusted You as beloved children, marked by Your glory and purposes. We have lived impatiently as if only we mattered, and all of our passions are out of order. Mercifully forgive us all our sins for Jesus' sake and renew us in Your redeeming love. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Romans 5:6,8

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly... God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME

*"For the sake of
Your name, lead
me and guide me."
Psalm 31:3*

Fanny Crosby
(1875); Tune: Arr.
Chris Tomlin, Matt
Redman (2008),
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VERSE



1. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; Who have I to ask be -
2. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; O, the full - ness of His



- side?
love! How could I doubt His ten - der mer - cy,
O, the sure - ness of His prom - ise



Who through life has been my Guide? All the way my Sav - ior
in the tri - umph of His blood. When my spir - it clothed im -



leads me, and cheers each wind - ing path I tread,
mor - tal, wings its flight to realms of day,



gives me grace for ev - ery tri - al, feeds me with the liv - ing
this my song through end - less a - ges: "Je - sus led me all the

REFRAIN



Bread. You ____ lead me, and
way. Je - sus led me all the way!"



keep me from fall - ing. You ____ car - ry me close to Your heart, and -



____ sure - ly Your good - ness and mer - cy will foll - ow me. ____



All the way my Sav-ior leads me. All the way my Sav-ior leads me.



All the way my Sav - ior leads me.

CORNERSTONE

*"Behold, I am the
one who has laid
as a foundation in
Zion, a stone, a tested
stone, a precious
cornerstone, of a sure
foundation."
Isaiah 28:16*

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VERSE



1. My hope is built on no - thing less,
2. When dark - ness seems to hide His face,
3. When He shall come with trump - et sound,



than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness.
I rest on His un - chang - ing grace,
oh may I then in Him be found.



I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,
In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale,
Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone.



but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' name.
my an - chor holds with - in the veil. My an - chor holds with - in the
Fault - less stand be - fore the throne.

REFRAIN



veil. Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made



strong in the Sav - ior's love. Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

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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Michael Farren
Rich Thompson
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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*

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 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 Changjwok Deng** led worship. **Elder Mark Crutcher, Rebecca Crutcher, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Gordon Collier, and Jamison Taggart** led this morning's congregational singing. **Ross Bruning and Aaron Suttan** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Michael Whitman** managed the in-house video system.

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Epiphany. 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. The lighted orbs will remain at the front of the WEPC sanctuary for this season to celebrate and remember this Good News!

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

Through 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 28
Middle School: 6-7:30 PM
High School: 7:30-9 PM
- **High School Bowling:** January 25 / 12:30 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

TONIGHT! / 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Stan Cover, Stephen Hunn, Chris Hennesey, & Mike Glasgow

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.nighttoshine.rva.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. In case of inclement weather on a Sunday morning, WEPC will meet for the 10:30 AM service.

WEPC 2025 Giving Statements

2025 Giving Statements were emailed to households on January 19 if WEPC had an updated email address for you. If not, the statements were mailed via USPS on January 20. If you have questions about your giving statement, or did not receive one, please contact AmyCaroline Wilks (finance@wepc.org) in the church office. **Please note that any giving towards the WEPC Community Preschool will NOT appear on WEPC's giving statement. The Preschool will send a separate giving statement for any applicable donations.*

CHURCH PLANTING

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)

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 | |

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.