



West end
presbyterian church

**The Fifth 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 SEES TO NEEDS

"It is that there is more grace than you can manage, more grace than you can exhaust, more grace in Christ – an extravagance of grace in Him – for you. There is super-abounding provision for you in the God of mercy and grace in Jesus Christ...There is more grace in Him than need in you, and you will never exhaust the provision of God."

--David Strain

"Little by little, God gets through. Naomi hears his voice, feels his touch, and is revived by his love – not in some supernatural ecstatic epiphany but through the voices, hands, and *hesed* of his image bearers...Somewhere in the vicinity of Bethlehem, a single grave contains the bones of two women – Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth. Even in death, Ruth is still doing *hesed*. Naomi is not alone. This is the Gospel of Ruth.

--Carolyn Custis James

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-6. Of David.

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.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits,**

Who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

**Who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN



1.Praise my soul the King of hea - ven, to His
2.Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor to our
3.Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us; well our
4.Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flou - rish, blows the
5.An - gels help us to a - dore Him; You be -



feet your tri - bute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
fa - thers in dis - tress; praise Him, still the same for -
fee - ble frame He knows; in His hands He gent - ly
wind and it is gone; but while mor - tals rise and
hold Him face to face; sun and moon, bow down be -



gi - ven, Who, like me, His praise should sing? Praise Him,
e - ver, slow to chide and swift to bless; Praise Him,
bears us, res - cues us from all our foes; Praise Him,
per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on. Praise Him,
fore Him, dwel - lers all in time and space, Praise Him,



praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the e - ver - las - ting King!
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness!
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, wide - ly as His mer - cy goes.
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the High E - ter - nal One!
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise with us the God of grace.

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.

"Praise the LORD, all His works everywhere in His dominion, Praise the LORD, O my soul."
Psalm 103:22

Henry Lyte (1834), based on Psalm 103; Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss (1869). Public domain.

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 56 (1563)*

What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

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 Changjwok Deng either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

new Testament Reading

And Mary said,

Luke 1:46-55

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

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 Mark Crutcher

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

- **Evangelism:** *"I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." Romans 1:16*
- **Mercy:** *For WEPC's Simple English Bible Study & Running Club.*
- **Church Planting:** *For the Bowling Green Core Group (Bowling Green, VA). For future target areas including: New Kent, Varina, Chesterfield. reachmetrorichmond.com*
- **World Mission:** *For the country of South Sudan, and for Bismark Avokaya & Rina Benjamin who serve there with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; for countries represented by the members and friends of WEPC who are new to life in the United States. That the Gospel would go forth in those countries. For the missionaries Jesus has sent to the United States. 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, 23229).



O TASTE AND SEE

"Oh, taste and
see that the
Lord is good."

Psalm 34:8

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1.O taste and see____ that the Lord is good, O taste and
2.The night is dark____ but the Lord is good, the night is
3.And all the time____ the Lord is good, and all the
4.O taste and see____ that the Lord is good, O taste and

see____ that the Lord is good, O taste and see____ that the Lord is
dark____ but the Lord is good, the night is dark____ but the Lord is
time____ the Lord is good, and all the time____ the Lord is
see____ that the Lord is good, O taste and see____ that the Lord is

good! The Lord is____ good, the Lord. is good.
good! The Lord is____ good, the Lord. is good.
good! The Lord is____ good, the Lord. is good.
good! The Lord is____ good, the Lord. is good.

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

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.

Ruth 2:1-3; 15-23

¹⁵When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. ¹⁶And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her." ¹⁷So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. ¹⁸And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. ¹⁹And her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz." ²⁰And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!" Naomi also said to her, "The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers." ²¹And Ruth the Moabite said, "Besides, he said to me, 'You shall keep close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.'" ²²And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, lest in another field you be assaulted." ²³So she kept close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

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 Matthew 26:17-29

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus. They did as He had directed them, and prepared the Passover.

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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.

Good and gracious Father, we lay our sins before You, confessing that we have not lived in light of Your commandments and promises. You purchased us to be a people who are open-hearted, God-trusting, neighbor-loving, risk-taking, life-giving. Forgive us for our sins against You and our neighbor. We have been tight-fisted, God-doubting, neighbor-scoring, risk-avoiding, life-taking. Because God incarnate humbled Himself, was born, lived, died, rose again, ascended and will come again, we confess our sins with the great confidence that You forgive, redeem, and renew us in the power of Your Holy Spirit. 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

BOUNTIFULLY WITH ME

1. I will sing my praise to the Lord, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.

2. I will trust God's love ne- ver fails, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.

3. I will fix my hope on the cross, for the where the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.

4. I will sing my praise with joy, give thanks, and rejoice. I will trust God's love re-mains on the Son, through sun His scars, and rain. I will fix my hope with me.

4. I can't He's dealt bountifully with me.

5. He's dealt bountifully with me.

6. He's dealt bountifully with me.

7. wait for the day He re- turns, when the Lord will deal bountifully with me.

8. What a day when the faith will be sight, ev-ry wrong be made right.

9. He's dealt bountifully with me.

10. He's dealt bountifully with me.

"I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me"
Psalm 13:6

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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 laughter;
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!

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

VERSE

1.Je - sus! What a Friend for sin - ners!
 2.Je - sus! What a Strength in weak - ness!
 3.Je - sus! What a Help in sor - row!
 4.Je - sus! What a Guide and Kee - per!
 5.Je - sus! What a do now re ceive_ Him,

Je - sus, Let me While the While the more than
 Lo - ver hide my bil - lows tem - pest all in
 of my self in o - ver me still is Him I

"A friend of tax collectors and sinners"
 Luke 7:34

John Wilbur Chapman (1910); Tune: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1830). Public domain

soul; friends may fail me, foes sail me, He, my Sav - ior,
 Him. Temp - ted, tried and some times as fail - ing, my Strength, my
 roll, ev - en when heart is break - ing, my Com - fort,
 high, find. storms a bout grant me, o'er takes me, my Pi - lot,
 He has a grant - ed night for give - ness, my I am His and

REFRAIN

makes me whole. Hal - le lu - jah! What a Sav - ior! Hal - le lu - jah! What a
 vic - tor - y wins. soul. cry. mine. He

Friend! Sa - ving, hel - ping, keep - ing, lo - ving, He is with me to the end.

"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.

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 Changjwok Deng preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. Elder Mark Crutcher led worship. Pastor Kevin Greene, Sonya & Donald Smith, Kim Forquer, Suzie Bird, Deacon Rick McMahon, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and David Jackson led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Deacon Chris Scoggins managed today's audio and video live stream. Deacon Brian Zollinhofer 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

• Why I Am a Presbyterian / Feb 8 & 15

Join us for two weeks as Pastor Steve Shelby shares with us a few reflections on what it means to be a Presbyterian.

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

Through 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. Register [HERE](#). Contact: Gordon Collier (gcollier.pss@gmail.com)

Men's Retreat -- RESCHEDULED!

Feb 20-22, 2026 / Crossroads Camp, Lowesville
The Men's Retreat has been rescheduled and registration is back open for new attendees! If you were signed up previously, please check your email for an RSVP option. To register or RSVP, visit <https://wepc.org/grow/men/>.

2026 March Madness Marriage Retreat

March 7 / 4-8 PM / Fellowship Hall

Come for an evening of fellowship, encouragement, and food. Join couples of all stages of marriage, as we are encouraged by our own Kevin and Kim Greene as they share how the Gospel affects our relationships. Childcare will be provided for children ages infant - 5th grade. Cost: \$50 (couple) / \$25 (individual) Register [HERE](#). Contact Joy (joy@wepc.org)

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

• Sunday School: 9 AM / Youth Lounge

• Youth Group: February 11

Middle School: 6-7:30 PM

High School: 7:30-9 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)

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 / 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)

Furniture Needs

One of our neighbors is looking for **one desk for a 5th grader and two twin beds**. Do you have any of these items (new or used) that you would be willing to donate to one of our ESL Families? Contact: Talya (talya@wepc.org)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

David Creasy, Mike Glasgow, Chris May, & Davison Long

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. You can find it by searching "WEPC Ruth Sermon Series" or "West End Presbyterian RVA + playlists."

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 sent out the week of January 19. If you have questions about your giving statement, or did not receive one, please contact AmyCaroline Wilks (finance@wepc.org).

**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 COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

[www.wepc.org/preschool](#)

Enrollment Now Open!

If you're considering preschool for the upcoming school year, we'd love your little ones to join us at WEPC. Classes available for 1-5 year olds, with options for 1-5 days! For more information, visit [wepc.org/preschool](#) or contact Casey Zollinhofer (casey@wepc.org). Enrollment packets available online and in the WEPC office.

Lent & Easter 2026

[www.wepc.org/lent-and-easter](#)

"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength." Isaiah 30:15

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and ends on the Saturday before Easter, April 4. Lent, a tradition from the early centuries of church history, is a season of preparation preceding the celebration of Easter, focused on repentance. Speaking biblically, to repent means to make a change in our attitudes, words, and lifestyle. Those who follow Jesus must learn that we must die before we rise. Beginning when we first trust Christ, and continuing throughout our lives, we turn more and more away from sin and self-centeredness and instead turn more and more to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Worship & Prayer Services

Ash Wednesday

February 18 / 6:30 PM / Sanctuary

This communion service will be an opportunity to worship God in light of the grace He gives His people to repent and trust Christ alone for hope and salvation. An offering will be taken for the WEPC Deacon's Fund.

Lamentations Prayer Service

March 1 / 7 PM / Chapel

Personal Retreat

March 21 / 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Roslyn Retreat Center

Join us for a time alone in prayer, reflection, Scripture readings, and communion. Register [HERE](#). Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

Holy Week Services

- Maundy Thursday / April 2 / 6 PM
- Good Friday / April 3 / 7 PM
- Easter Sunday / April 5 / 9 & 10:30 AM

WEPC Lent 2026 Playlist

Available February 18.

WEPC CHRISTIAN SEASONS CALENDAR & DEVOTIONS

Join us as we reflect on the story of Jesus and His Church through a calendar with Scripture, liturgical themes, and artwork from WEPC artists. Each WEPC household is gifted a calendar. For additional calendars, click [HERE](#) to purchase. To access the free devotional visit [wepccchristianseasons.com](#).

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.