



West End
presbyterian church

The Third Sunday in Lent

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to ask God to help us confront our own mortality and sinfulness, to ask Him to show us our need for grace, to grow in repentance, and to reflect on the amazing truth of the Church's participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The season of Lent—the period between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday before Easter—lasts 40 days (not including Sundays), reminiscent of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness.

Each Sunday this Lent, we will sing "*Lord, Have Mercy*," read Psalms that lead us to cry out to the Lord, and ask God for grace to turn from sin and self to trust Jesus Christ. "*In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength.*" *Isaiah 30:15*

Isaiah 62:5,12, 2:5

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.

Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

LOVE WINS

"Seek thy Lord, for He is near;
Embrace Him, for He is thy Brother.
Hold Him fast, for He is thine Husband;
and press Him to thine heart, for He is of thine own flesh."

—*Charles Spurgeon*

"My God, You were still my friend
even when I could not fathom
the course You would take to restore me.
I misprized the jewel of hope
but You crowned me with kindness and honor.

And I praise You
for not giving up on me
when I gave up on You."

—*Thomas John Carlisle*

CALL TO WORSHIP

As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

**And they shall be called
The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord.**

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

GOD WHO SAVES

VERSE



1. There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain,
2. There is truth in His bo - dy raised that third day,
3. There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain,



there is pow'r, there is pow'r in His name. There is
there is joy in a stone rolled a - way. There is
there is pow'r, there is pow'r in His name. There is



love pour - ing out of the wounds that were made, pour - ing
hope pour - ing out of the tomb where He lay, pour - ing
hope pour - ing out of the wounds that were made, pour - ing

REFRAIN



out, pour - ing o - ver our shame. So praise the
out, pour - ing o - ver the grave.
out, pour - ing o - ver our shame.



God who saves! Praise the God who bled!



Praise the God who was nailed to a tree and wore our



sins u - pon - His head.

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.

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
2 Corinthians 5:21

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 15:12-13

Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even He who arises to rule the Gentiles; in Him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Psalms 89:1-4, 52

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."**

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
'I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"

**Blessed be the Lord forever!
Amen and Amen.**

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).



COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED (LOOK TO JESUS)

*"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."
1 Peter 5:7*

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1. Come ye souls by sin a - flic - ted, bowed with
2. Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; love will
3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, blessed the
4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, light to



fruit - less, sorrow down; by the
make your o - be - dience sweet, Christ will
ears that hear His voice; bless - ed
new - ly o - pened eyes, like full



bro - ken law con - vic - ted, through the
give you strength to bear it, while His
are the souls that trust Him, and in
springs in, des - erts drea - ry, is the



cross, be - hold the crown; look to Je - sus, look to
grace shall guide your feet. Safe to glo - ry, safe to
Him a - lone re - joice; His com - mand - ments, His com -
rest the cross supp - lies; all who taste it, all who



Je - sus, look to Je - sus; mer - cy flows through
glo - ry, safe to glo - ry, where His ran - somed
mand - ments, His com - mand - ments then be - come their
taste it, all who taste it shall to rest imm -



Him a - lone. _____
cap - tives meet. _____
ha - ppy choice. _____
or - tal rise. _____

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

Ruth 4:18-22 ¹⁸Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, ¹⁹Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, ²⁰Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, ²¹Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, ²²Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us.

From the Book of Common Prayer

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Praying to the Lord for mercy is a worship practice with roots in ancient Israel (Psalm 51:1), and heard in the cries of those who came to Jesus in the Gospels (Matthew 15:22, 17:15, 20:30). As a part of confessing our sin in worship this Lent, the followers of Jesus expectantly sing, "Lord, have mercy".

Silent Confession of Sin

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Hebrews 2:14-15

Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

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

CHRIST OUR WISDOM

"And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God."
1 Corinthians 1:30a

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1.Christ, our Wis - dom, we are hum - bled when You hide Your ways from
 2.Christ, our Wis - dom, be our glad - ness when we fail to un - der -
 3.Christ, our Wis - dom, we will fol - low though the way a - head is
 4.Christ, our Wis - dom, we a - dore You for the beau - ty of the



us, You have pur - po - ses un - num - bered, each one
 stand, You or - dain all joy and sad - ness to ful -
 veiled, as we jour - ney through the sha - dows, grant us
 Cross, once in fool - ish - ness we scorned You, but Your



good and glo - ri - ous. Help us trust when we grow
 fill Your per - fect plan. Help us know You rule with
 faith where sight has failed. Help us cling to Your com -
 blood has ran - somed us. Help us sing the end - less



wear - y, free us from our an - xious thoughts. Give us
 pow - er o - ver ev - ery ra - ging flood. In our
 mand - ments, strength - ened by Your faith - ful Word. We will
 mer - cies of Your hum - ble heart to save. Christ, our



grace to see more clear - ly; You are God and we are not.
 most un - cer - tain hour, You are God and we are loved.
 ne - ver be a - ban - doned; You are God and we are Yours.
 Wis - dom, Christ, our Glo - ry, You are God for - e - ver praised.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

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Chris Tomlin | Louie Giglio
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VERSE



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. The Lord has pro - mised good to me, His
4. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the



saved a wretch like _____ me. I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
sun for - bear to _____ shine. But God, who called me

REFRAIN



now I'm found, was blind but now I _____ see. My chains are
grace ap - pear, the hour I first be - lieved.
por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
here be - low, will be for - e - ver _____ mine.



gone I've been set _____ free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed



_____ me. And like a flood His mer - cy _____ rains, un - end - ing



_____ love, a - maz - ing _____ grace.

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

*"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness."
Jeremiah 31:3*



1.O Love that will not let me go, |
2.O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, |
3.O Joy that seek - est me through pain, |
4.O Cross that lift - est up my head, |

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rest my wear - y soul in Thee, I give Thee back the
yield my flick'ring torch to Thee, my heart re - stores its
can - not close my heart to Thee, I trace the rain - bow
dare not ask to fly from Thee, I lay in dust life's



li - fe I owe, that in Thine o - cean
borr - owed ray, that in Thy sun - shine's
through the rain, and feel the prom - ise
glo - ry dead, and from the ground there



depths its flow. May ri - cher, full - er___ be___
blaze its day. May bright - er,___ fair - er___ be___
is not vain. That morn shall tear - less___ be___
bloss - oms red. Life that shall end - less___ be___

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6

DOXOLOGY

Text: Thomas Ken (1709) Tune: OLD HUNDRETH (Bourgeois, 1551)



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

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.

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 Mark Crutcher, Rebecca Crutcher, Jamison Taggart, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Gordon Collier led this morning's congregational singing. Tim Drummond and Deacon Tim Andrews managed today's audio and video live stream. Michael Whitman 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 Mark: Immediately / Beginning March 8

The word "immediately" shows up 35x in Mark's 16 chapters. Mark is fast paced, filled with action, and centers on Jesus. This class will help us understand the significance of Jesus' identity as the Son of God AND the Suffering Servant.

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

- **Stitch & Chat**
March 12 / 1-3 PM / Room 810
Bring your current needlework project (knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, embroidery, etc) and join other women to stitch and fellowship together! No RSVP needed, Contact: Brice (brice@wepc.org)
- **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)

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- **Youth Group:** March 11
Middle School: 6-7:30 PM
High School: 7:30-9 PM
- **Middle School Overnight:** March 20-21

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)

Birds & Bees - You're Invited!

March 15 / 2-4 PM / Room 810

March 20 / 9:30-11:30 AM / Chapel

Join us for a program geared for parents of children 1-10 years old (parents of older kids are welcome too), that teaches parents how to have clear direction and a plan for teaching their children about sex from a biblical foundation. Choose one of the dates to attend; each session includes viewing the video curriculum and participating in some brief conversation. Please [RSVP HERE](#). Contact: Audrey Snyder (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)

Fruitful Friday

March 13 / 4-6PM

Join us as we race and play Hot Wheels Cars with our K-5 neighbors and teach them about velocity and slope. To volunteer, contact Talya (talya@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. Register [HERE](#) for the training team. Contact: Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

EJ Fogarty, Chris Perry, Jon Greenhill, & Matt Mailloux

Informational Meeting for the Congregation

TODAY! / 12 PM / Sanctuary

Please join us for an informational meeting about Steve's pastoral transition. A time for questions will follow the presentation.

Volunteers Needed For Tax Help Ministry

March 21 / 10 AM - 12 PM

Ever used TurboTax, even a little? A group will meet at WEPC to help our neighbors file taxes (many of whom are not familiar with the filing process). No experience necessary- just a very basic understanding of taxes.

Contact: Nate Carroll (nate.carroll@gmail.com)

Our Lives for Christ: *Calling Us Close to Jesus*

March 27-28

A conference and time of fellowship, worship, and Biblical teaching for Christians experiencing same-sex attraction. For more information or to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc3m3dz5>.

WEPC Men's Softball League

Tuesdays, beginning April 7

For any former athletes interested in playing softball, we still have a couple of roster spots available. Contact: Bryan Meeks (meeks.b@gmail.com) or Ross Bruning (ross6536@gmail.com).

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)

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.

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 began 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.

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)

Lent Prayer Walk

March 29 / 12:15-1:30 PM / Fellowship Hall

Join us for a quick snack and orientation on participating in a prayer walk. We will break into small groups, choose a prepared walking route in a neighborhood around the church, and spend 45 minutes together walking, observing, connecting, and praying. Contact: Lori Bowman (lori@wepc.org)

Holy Week Services

•Maundy Thursday / April 2 / 6 PM

Join us as we gather for a simple, church-wide soup & bread meal and worship service to remember Christ's work on the cross, to celebrate communion, and to respond to Christ's mandate to serve each other. The volunteer signup to help with a portion of the service, such as setup, bringing food, and cleanup will be available next week. Contact: Kristin Tetterton (kristin@wepc.org)

•Good Friday / April 3 / 7 PM

•Easter Sunday / April 5 / 9 & 10:30 AM

WEPC Lent 2026 Playlist

Check out our [Lent 2026 Spotify Playlist](#) to sing along with Lenten songs of repentance and dependence on God. You can find it by searching "WEPC Lent 2026" or "West End Presbyterian RVA + playlists."

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.