



West End
presbyterian church

The Fifth 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*

Hebrews 2:14-15, 17-18

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

FREE IN CHRIST JESUS

“Only the death of sin leads to a life of freedom.”

–*Sinclair Ferguson*

“Holiness is not freedom from struggle; it is freedom in the struggle.”

–*Jackie Hill Perry*

“Christ took our burden of sin that it might be destroyed, and so that by overcoming and abolishing it in His own person, sin may no longer hold us under its power. So He condemned it as a thing that had failed, and thus, freed from its dominion, we walk no longer in bondage to it... He took what belonged to us, and by giving us His righteousness freely bestows upon us His own blessing.”

–*John Calvin*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things,

That through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

And deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

He had to be made like His brothers in every respect,

So that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!

Ear - ly in the mor - ning our song shall rise to Thee.
 cas - ting down their gol - den crowns a - round the glas - sy sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!
 che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fal - ling down be - fore Thee,
 on - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!

God in three Per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!
 Who wert and art, and e - ver - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!

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.

“And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”
 Revelation 4:8

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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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 36:22-28

Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*Psalm 103:1-4, 8-14.
Of David.*

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.**

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.**

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).



ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME

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? How could I doubt His ten - der mer - cy,
love! 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.

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

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Chris Tomlin, Matt
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

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

GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-4

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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

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

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you..."

"And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and merciful Father, You created us for communion with Yourself and one another; but, we rebelled, and made enemies of our Maker and each other. We have despised Your providence, doubted Your love, and become a law unto ourselves. We believed that human wrath would work the righteousness of God, and so have taken matters into our own hands. Still, You remembered us, our God, for good. In Your tender mercy You gave Your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; He made there a full atonement for our sin, offering once for all the sacrifice of Himself. We thank You that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all of our sins. Grant us repentance and faith in Jesus Christ that we may desire what is good and gladly live in union with Him. Amen.

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

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Silent Confession of Sin

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".

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

John 1:29 Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!

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

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

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

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



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



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



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



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

COME THOU FOUNT

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up...He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far has the LORD helped us.'" I Samuel 7:12

Robert Robinson (1758); Tune: NETTLETON, Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music (1843). Public domain

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - ez - er hith - er by Thy help I've
 3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
 come; and I hope, by Thy good plea - sure, safe - ly
 be! Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my

songs of lou - dest praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
 to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 wan - dering heart to Thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the
 strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my

mount— I'm fixed up - on it mount of God's re - deem - ing love.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

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

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

DOXOLOGY

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 Changjwok Deng led worship. Trey Wickham, Sarah Shrader, Win Benko, Doug Cherrington, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Ross Bruning, and Pat Reynolds led this morning's congregational singing. Jay Smith and Luke Andrews managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick 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**

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

- **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 25
Middle School: 6-7:30 PM
High School: 7:30-9 PM
- **High School Modgnik:** April 10-11

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. Register [HERE](#) for the training team. Contact: Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org)

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 wepcchristianseasons.com.

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

Stephen Hunn, Chris Hennesey, Chris May, & Davison Long

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>.

Volunteer Sound Tech Information Session

April 11 / 11 AM / WEPC Sanctuary

Join us for an information session with one of our sound techs to answer questions about the sound system and basic mixing, and hear more about volunteering with this ministry. RSVP: Becca Wethered (becca@wepc.org).

Inquirers' Weekend: FRI, May 1-SUN May 3

The pastors of WEPC extend a warm invitation to those interested in our church and the possibility of membership in the future (*membership does give an individual a vote in all congregational meetings*). Inquirers' Weekend is a wonderful time to meet our pastors in a group setting and learn some foundations of Christianity, foundations for our church's worship, and opportunities for connection and service with others. (Please note that the Friday and Saturday sessions serve as the first step towards membership.)

Friday: 6:30–9 PM (dinner included)

Saturday: 9 AM–12 PM (breakfast included)

No childcare provided for Friday & Saturday.

Sunday: 7 PM: Dessert at the Shelbys' home. *Children welcome.*

RSVP by MON, April 27 to Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org) or mark your tear-off.

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).

WEPC Assessment and Care Team

As part of the work to find a new senior pastor, please see the weekly email on Wednesdays for updates from the WEPC Assessment and Care team. If you are not already receiving the Wednesday emails, please sign up [HERE](#).

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.

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. Sign up [HERE](#) to help with a portion of the service, such as setup, bringing food, and cleanup. Contact: Kristin Tetterton (kristin@wepc.org)

•Good Friday / April 3 / 7 PM

This service of corporate prayer, Scripture reading, confession, and celebration of our Lord's death helps us consider and respond to the crucifixion and atonement of Jesus Christ for us. An offering will be taken up for the Deacon's fund for those interested in giving.

•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.