



West End
presbyterian church

The Sixth 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*

John 12:12-16

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

THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLS IN YOU

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all."

--*John 6:63*

"The Son of God came to dwell in human flesh for us in order that He might come to dwell in us by His Spirit."

--*Sinclair Ferguson*

"This is the will of God for you: your freedom. Uncompromising, unrelenting, indomitable freedom. For this Christ died. For this He rose. For this He sent His Spirit. There is nothing He wills with more intensity under the glory of His own name than this: your freedom."

--*John Piper*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out,

"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

PSALM 121 (I LIFT MY EYES UP)

VERSE



I lift my eyes up to the moun-tains, where does my help come from? My help comes from You, Ma-ker of hea-ven, Cre-a-tor of the

REFRAIN

earth. O, how I need You, Lord! You are my on - ly Hope, You are my on - ly prayer!_ So I will wait for You to come and res - cue me, come and give me life!

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.

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."
Psalm 121:1-2

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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

Zechariah 9:9-10,16-17

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
On that day the Lord their God will save them,
as the flock of his people;
for like the jewels of a crown
they shall shine on his land.
For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!
Grain shall make the young men flourish,
and new wine the young women.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Psalm 118:19-26, 29

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

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).



LET US BE KNOWN BY OUR LOVE



1. Let us be known by our love. Let ev-ery word and ev-ery
 2. Que la ale-gría sea nue-stro mo-tor en ca-da lu-gar y cor-a-
 3. Let us be known by our peace in ev-ery town, in ev-ery



deed hon-or the Son. Let our light shine, in ev-ery
 zón can-tal Se-ñor. Que de nues-tras vidas a-bun-dar en esper-
 tribe Je-sus is King. Let us go forth, heal and re-



— eye, let us be known by our love. For the glo-ry
 - anza, que la ale-gría sea nue-stro Se-ñor. Por la glo-ria
 - store, let us be known by our peace. For the glo-ry



of the Fa-ther, for the glo-ry of the Son, for the
 del Pa-dre, por la glo-ria de Je-sus, por la
 of the Fa-ther, for the glo-ry of the Son, for the



glo-ry of the Spi-rit. Let us be known by our love.
 glo-ria del Es-pí-ri-tu que la ale-gría sea nue-stro Se-ñor.
 glo-ry of the Spi-rit. Let us be known by our peace.

*“Dear friends,
 let us love one
 another, for love
 comes from
 God. Everyone
 who loves has
 been born of
 God and knows
 God.” I John 4:7*

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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 8:5-9

⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

Sermon

A Worship Guide with sermon questions is posted each Sunday at <https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media>. You can also find the sermon audio on [Apple Podcasts](#) and [Spotify](#) under "West End Presbyterian Church RVA."

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

from Mark 14:16-25

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, have mercy on me. When You first hovered over chaos, order came to birth, beauty robed the world, and fruitfulness sprang forth. I pray that You move upon my disordered heart; take away the sickness of ungodly desires and hateful lusts; lift the mist and darkness of unbelief; brighten my soul with the pure light of truth; make it fragrant as the garden of paradise, rich with every goodly fruit, beautiful with heavenly grace. Show the blessings of Christ to my soul; through You may I daily learn more of His love, grace, compassion, faithfulness and beauty. Lead me to the Cross and show me His wounds. Help me to find in His death the reality and immensity of His love. Increase my faith in the clear knowledge of atonement achieved, expiation completed, satisfaction made, guilt done away with, my debt paid, my sins forgiven, my person redeemed, my soul saved, hell vanquished, heaven opened, and eternity made mine.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

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

Silent Confession of Sin

from The Valley of Vision, "The Spirit's Work"

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.

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

Titus 3:4-6

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spi - rit of the Li - ving God, fall a-fresh on me; Spi - rit of the

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a treble and bass clef staff. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Spi - rit of the Li - ving God, fall a-fresh on me; Spi - rit of the".

"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit" Titus 3:5

Daniel Iverson (1926). Tune: IVERSON. Public Domain

Li - ving God, fall a-fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Li - ving God, fall a-fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,".

use me. Spi - rit of the Li - ving God, fall a-fresh on me.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "use me. Spi - rit of the Li - ving God, fall a-fresh on me.".

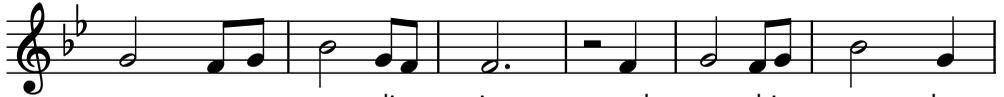
"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with all boldness." Acts 4:31

COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME

Benjamin
Beddome (1800); Tune:
ABBEVILLE, E.J. King
(1844). Public Domain



1. Come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, — come. With
2. Melt, — melt this — fro - zen — heart; this
3. Mine — will the pro - fit — be, but



e - ner - gy di - vine, and on this. poor, be -
stu - born will sub - due; each e - vil — pa - ssion
Thine shall be the praise; and un - to — Thee will



nigh - ted — soul with beams of — mer - cy — shine.
o - ver - come, and — form me — all a - new.
I de - vote the — rem - nant. of my — days.

MY HOPE IS BUILT (THE SOLID ROCK)

"No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 3:11

Edward Mote (1834). Tune: SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury (1863), Public domain



1. My hope is built on no-thing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face I rest on His un-
 3. His oath, His cov-e-nant, His blood sup-port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O, may I then in



right-eous-ness, I dare not trust the sweet-est frame but
 chang-ing grace. In ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood. When all a-round my soul gives way He
 Him be found. Dressed in His right-eous-ness a-lone, fault-



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name!
 an-chor holds with - in the veil! On Christ the so-lid Rock I stand! All
 then is all my Hope and Stay!
 less to stand be-fore the throne!



o-ther ground is sink-ing sand, all o-ther ground is sink-ing sand!

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

ALL MUST BE WELL



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



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



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



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

Mary Bowley-
Peters (1847), alt.
Matthew Smith (2007);
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DOXOLOGY

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

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.

Text: Thomas Ken (1709) Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH (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.

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. Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Robin Huff, Chris Alberts, Mya Wilcox, Mollie Bowman, Ross Bruning, and Jamison Taggart led this morning's congregational singing. Greg Stiles and Aaron Suttan managed today's audio and video live stream. Ethan Molique managed the in-house video system.

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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.

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.

Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

- **Stitch & Chat**
April 9 / 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**
***Not Meeting 3/31 & 4/1**
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)

Young Adult Fellowship

Young Adults at WEPC is a place to grow in your faith and connect with others. We have small groups that meet weekly and gather for events throughout the year. Contact: Matt Bouknight (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:** ***Not Meeting 4/1 & 4/8**
Middle School: 6-7:30 PM
High School: 7:30-9 PM
- **High School Modgnik:** April 10-12

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

April 5 / 1 PM / The Greene Home

**will also meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of April*

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

Stan Cover, Rick McMahon, David Creasy, & Matt Mailloux

WEPC Office Closed on Easter Monday

WEPC Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 6 and will reopen on Tuesday, April 7 at 9 AM.

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

TODAY! / 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:

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| ◇ 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.