



West End
presbyterian church

Easter Sunday

We are now in the season of Easter—a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death.

Followers of Christ are called to a life of dying to sin, rising to the life of the Spirit, and participating in His reign as the Sovereign Lord.

The Church now lives as those who are "risen with Christ," living under His rule.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

HE WHO RAISED CHRIST JESUS FROM THE DEAD WILL ALSO GIVE LIFE

"We are dead and our lives are hid with Christ in God. Dead. Out of the causal nexus for good. Dead. Not on trial. Dead. Out of the judicial process altogether. Not indicted, not prosecuted, not bound over, not found guilty. Just dead. And the lovely thing of it is that we were dead even before they came to get us. We have beaten the system. In Christ, we have cheated the cosmos and slipped the bonds of every necessity the Old Party will ever wave in front of us. There is therefore now no condemnation... Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; and Jesus now is all your life. You are, therefore, free. If we are now in Christ, we are now in that new creation. For if we are now dead with him, we are also now risen with him; and if we are now judged by him, we are also reconciled in him...We are as good as home now."

—Robert Farrar Capon

"Paul declares that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in the believer, meaning that the power of the resurrection is already at work in those who belong to Christ."

—Fleming Rutledge

CALL TO WORSHIP

from I Corinthians 15:51-57

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.

Listen, I tell you a mystery:

We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—
in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound,
the dead will be raised imperishable,
and we will be changed.

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

'Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed.

Alleluia!

INVOCATION

Invocation
Asking God to
be with us.

SONG OF ADORATION

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES



I_ know that my Re - deem - er lives, What
He_ lives, he lives who once was dead, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He_
He_ lives to bless me_ with His love, He_
He_ lives all glo - ry_ to His name, He_



com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives, Shout
lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!
lives to plead for_ me a - bove,
lives, my Jes - sus, still the same,



on pray on we're gain - ing ground, Glo - ry hal - le - lul - jah! The



dead's a - live and the lost is found, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!

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 know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth." Job 19:25

Samuel Medley (1775); Tune: ANTIOCH, Sacred Harp; 19th century American folk hymn. Public Domain

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

Job 14:1-5,12-14

Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He springs up like a flower and withers away; like a fleeting shadow, he does not endure. Do you fix your eye on such a one? Will you bring him before you for judgment? Who can bring what is pure from the impure? No one! Man's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed... But man dies and is laid low; he breathes his last and is no more. As water disappears from the sea or a riverbed becomes parched and dry, so man lies down and does not rise; till the heavens are no more, men will not awake or be roused from their sleep. If only you would hide me in the grave and conceal me till your anger has passed! If only you would set me a time and then remember me! If a man dies, will he live again? All the days of my hard service I will wait for my renewal to come.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*Lutheran Easter Liturgy,
based on Revelation 5:12-13*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength and honor, and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

OFFERING



You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. Please visit www.wepc.org/giving, scan the QR code for online giving options, or mail your offering to the church office. All checks will be converted to electronic deposit.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN AND VOICES RAISE

"In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." I Corinthians 15:20

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to Heav'n and voi - ces raise:
2. Now the ir - on bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - e - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

Christopher Wordsworth (1872); Trinity Hymnal #283; Tune: ODE TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven (1824). Public domain.

Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on this ho - ly Eas - ter morn.
Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior, who has gained the vic - to - ry;

He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by His migh - ty en - ter - prise:
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
We with Him to life e - ter - nal by His res - ur - rec - tion rise.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty!

"The God of peace
will soon crush
Satan under your
feet. The grace
of our Lord Jesus
Christ be
with you."
Romans 16:20

VICTORY IS MINE



1. Vic-to-ry is mine, vic-to-ry is mine,
2. Joy_____ is mine, joy_____ is mine,
3. Life_____ is mine, life_____ is mine,



vic-to-ry to - day is mine! I told Sa - tan
joy_____ to - day is mine! I told Sa - tan
life_____ to - day is mine! I told Sa - tan



get thee be-hind._____ Vic-to-ry to - day is mine!
get thee be-hind._____ Joy_____ to - day is mine!
get thee be-hind._____ Life_____ to - day is mine!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30am)

Children, ages 4 through 2nd grade, are invited to the front of the Sanctuary prior to the sermon for a Bible lesson. Since there is no Children's Worship on the 1st Sunday of the month, children will join their parents back at their seats in the Sanctuary after the Bible lesson.

SCRIPTURE READING

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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:9-11

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

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*1 Timothy 3:9; 1
Corinthians 5:7-8,
10:16-17, 15:3-4;
from the Book of
Common Prayer*

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.

Father in heaven, we confess that in our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have sinned and grieved Your Holy Spirit, who dwells within us. Rather than be led by You, we have followed the spirit of our age into self-reliance and self-worship. You created us for fellowship with Yourself and one another; but we rebelled, and made enemies of our Maker and each other. We have acted as if the Cross of Christ had no power to reconcile us to God. We have lived as if there was no Spirit of God convicting, sanctifying, encouraging, and helping us. Forgive us, good Lord. And give us grace that we might eagerly forsake our self-directed paths and keep in step with Your Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Colossians 2:9-10, 13

In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. When you were dead in your sins...God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins.

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

HE IS RISEN

"He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 Peter 1:3

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VERSE

1. He is ri - sen, He is ri - sen, and the stone is rolled a -
2. Death is bea - ten, sin is van - quished God's just wrath is sat - is -
3. Je - sus ri - sen is re - turn - ing, we are long - ing for the



way. He is ri - sen, He is ri - sen, pro - ven
fied. Christ is ris - en, Christ ex - al - ted, sea - ted
day when the King will bring the king - dom, for this



by the emp - ty grave. Touch His wounds, His hands, His
at the Fa - ther's side. His bo - dy torn, our liv - ing
bles - sed hope we wait. The trum - pet sounds and we are
The trum - pet sounds and we are



REFRAIN

sides and leave all your doubts be - hind. He is
Way. Our liv - ing Hope, His bo - dy raised. He is
changed and we will see Him face to face. Je - sus
changed and death it - self will pass a - way. We are
We are



ri - sen, He is ri - sen, He is ri - sen and a - live.
ri - sen, He is ri - sen, He is ri - sen from the grave.
ri - sen, Je - sus ri - sen, Je - sus ri - sen from the grave. He is
ri - sen, ful - ly ri - sen, we are ri - sen from the grave.
ri - sen, with Him ri - sen, we are ri - sen from the grave.



ri - sen, He is ri - sen, this is all my hope and stay. He is ri - sen, He is



ri - sen, He is ris - en from the grave.

"And God raised the Lord
and will also raise us up by
His power"
1 Corinthians 6:14

BY THE SAVIOR'S POWER

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1. Oh, the grave that I was in, oh, the crush - ing weight of
2. With my last and fin - al breath, pass - ing through this world of
3. Oh the migh - ty Great I Am rules with vic - try in His



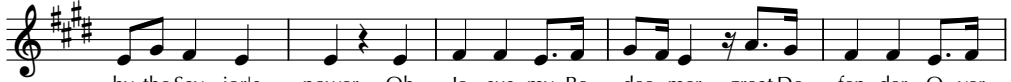
sin bear be - neath the crash - ing waves, sink - ing ne'er to rise a -
death, I will pray, just like Your Son, "Not my will but Yours be
hands. He will crush the gates of hell and bring us with Him to__



gain. Je - sus pulled me to the shore, grace a - boun - ded all the
done." As I sail through heav - en's shores, I will trust You all the
dwell. And with all who've come be - fore, we will praise You all the



more. And I was changed that ve - ry hour, res - cued
more and leave this life, this flee - ting flow'r, rest - ing
more, for death is swal - lowed up for - ev - er, conq' - uered



by the Sav - ior's power. Oh, Je - sus, my Re - dee - mer, great De - fen - der, O - ver -
in the Sav - ior's power.
by the Sav - ior's power.



com - er, Christ the Vi - ctor, there's no oth - er, praise His name for - ev - er - more. A -



men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

*"Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."
1 Corinthians 15:20*

Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, —
Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Love's re - deem - ing work is done, —
Soar we now where Christ has led, —

Charles Wesley
(1749); Tune:
EASTER HYMN,
Lyra Davidica
(1708).
Public Domain

Sons of men and an - gels say: —
Where, O death, is now thy sting? —
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head, —

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Dy - ing once He all doth save,
Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise,

Sing, ye heav'n's and earth re - ply: —
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, —
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, —

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

DOXOLOGY

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.

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.

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. Pastor Kevin Greene, Sonya & Donald Smith, Erin Bouknight, Deacon Rick McMahon, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and David Jackson led this morning's congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader and Deacon Chris Scoggins managed today's audio and video live stream. Deacon Brian Zolinhoffer managed the in-house video system.

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Easter—a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. The arrangements at the front of the WEPC sanctuary use spring greenery and hydrangea blooms to remind us that Jesus lives and has conquered sin and death. His resurrection has given His Church a future and we now live as those who are alive forevermore in Christ. The tapestry at the front of the sanctuary is the traditional liturgical color of white for this 50-day season of Easter. The tapestry will return to its many colors during the season of Pentecost. The piece is entitled "Psalm 148," and was created by a team of WEPC artists.

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.

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**

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 4/8**
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

TODAY! / 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.

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

STEP Richmond Summer Enrichment - Volunteers Needed

June 29-July 30 / 1-5 PM

New Life Baptist Church

Do you have a free afternoon this summer? Join STEP at Summer Enrichment to mentor children from Gilpin Court! Volunteers are needed to teach or help with skill-building activities and to chaperone field trips. Sign up to volunteer at steprichmond.org/summer.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

David Creasy, Mike Glasgow, Davison Long, & Cory Payne

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).

WEPC Easter 2026 Playlist

Check out our Easter 2026 Spotify Playlist as we celebrate Christ's victory over death. You can find it by searching "WEPC Easter 2026" or "West End Presbyterian RVA + playlists."

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](#).

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.