



West End
presbyterian church

The Second Sunday of Easter

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

SANCTIFICATION

"It is not possible to say, 'Read so many of the chapters of the Bible every day, and you will have this much sanctification.' It is not possible to say, 'Pray so long every day, and you will have a certain amount of sanctification'...The Christian life, true spirituality, can never have a mechanical solution. The real solution is being cast up into the moment-by-moment communion, personal communion with God Himself, and letting Christ's truth flow through me through the agency of the Holy Spirit."

--Francis Schaeffer

"Make thee pure, O heart of mine,
I will bury Jesus in my very self.
For He shall henceforth evermore
Sweetly take His rest in me."

--from J.S. Bach, *Saint Matthew Passion*

"Mortification from a self-strength, carried on by ways of self-invention, unto the end of a self-righteousness, is the soul and substance of all false religion in the world."

--John Owen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ezekiel 36:25-28

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.

Thus says the Lord God: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.

I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

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.

Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

2 April 12, 2026

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

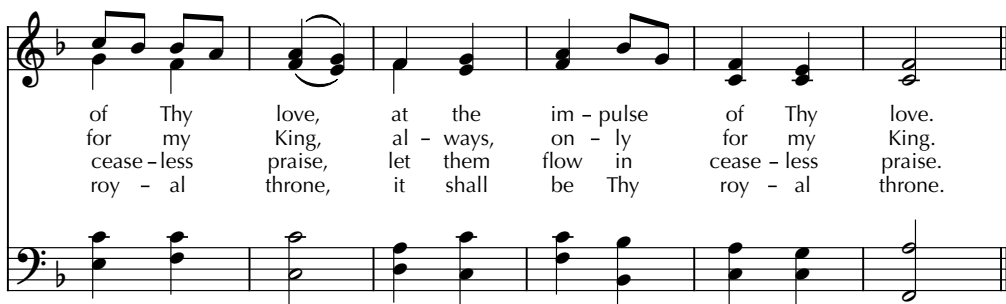
TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE



1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to
2. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for
3. Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with -
4. Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no lon - ger



Thee. Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse
Thee. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly
hold. Take my mom - ents and my days, let them flow in
mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy



of Thy love, at the im - pulse of Thy love.
for my King, al - ways, on - ly for my King.
cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
roy - al throne, it shall be Thy roy - al throne.

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.

*"These are they which follow the Lamb... they are without fault before the throne."
Revelation 14:4-5*

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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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

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.



TEACH US YOUR WAYS



1. Teach us Your ways, teach us Your ways. As we
 2. Teach us to give, teach us to give, give our -
 3. Teach us to weep, teach us to weep. Let us
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - ljah! Let us



learn from one a-no-ther, — learn to love each oth-er, — teach us Your ways.
 selves for one a-no-ther, — learn to help each oth-er, — teach us to give.
 weep with one a-no-ther, — learn to love each oth-er, — teach us to weep.
 learn from one a-no-ther, — learn to love each oth-er, — teach us Your ways.

*“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.”
 John 13:34*

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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

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:9-13

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. ¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

CONFESSION OF SIN

**My soul longs for communion with You,
for mortification of indwelling corruption,
especially spiritual pride.
Lord, give me more of Your likeness;
Enlarge my soul to contain fullness of holiness;
Engage me to live more for You.
Blessed Lord, let me climb up near to You,
and love, and long, and plead, and wrestle with You,
and pant for deliverance from the body of sin,
for my heart is wandering and lifeless,
and my soul mourns to think it should ever lose sight of its Beloved.
Wrap my life in divine Love,
and keep me ever desiring You,
always humble and resigned to Your will,
more fixed on Yourself,
that I may be more fitted for doing and suffering.**

Silent Confession of Sin

*adapted from The Valley of
Vision, "Longings After God"*

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.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Remember these things, O Jacob,
and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you; you are my servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Isaiah 44:21-22

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

THE GARDEN

"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world."
John 17:24

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1.Though I have borne the fruit of sin, though I have
2.With tears of blood, in long-est night, He took the
3.The Lamb of God will lead us home, where pain is



felt the ser-pent's sting, though I de - serve. the en - mi -
cup, ought to be mine. Though in the dark - ness I fell a -
past and tears are gone. E - den re - stored, as it should



ty, there in the gar - den, what do I see? Christ stands for
sleep, there in the gar - den, I wake to see: Christ prays for
be, there in the gar - den, oh, let me see: Christ waits for



me, Christ stands for me! There in the gar - den, He stands for
me, Christ prays for me! There in the gar - den, He prays for
me, Christ waits for me! There in the gar - den, He waits for



me. Where I have fal - len, He in - ter - cedes, hal - le -
me. Up on the hill - side, Geth - se - ma - ne. Ha - He -
me. On gol - den shores of e - ter - ni - ty. Ha - He -



lu - jah, He stands for me!
lu - jah, He prays for me!
lu - jah, He waits for me!

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

JESUS, WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

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

1. Je - sus! What a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus, Lo - ver of my
2. Je - sus! What a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my self in
3. Je - sus! What a Help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o - ver me
4. Je - sus! What a Guide and Kee - per! While the tem - pest still is
5. Je - sus! L do now re - ceive Him, more than all in Him I

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

REFRAIN

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

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

BE THOU MY VISION

"Whatever was gain to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ"
Philippians 3:7

Be Thou my Vi - sion Lord of my heart;
 Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word,
 Be Thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
 Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Ancient Irish Hymn
(8th century), trans.
Mary Byrne (1905);
Tune: SLANE,
Traditional Irish
melody.
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naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 be Thou my dig - ni - ty, Thou my de - light;
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my Great Fa - ther I Thy true son;
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, Thou my high tow - er;
 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pre - sence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing and I with Thee one.
 Raise thou me heav - n ward, O pow'r of my pow'r.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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

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

What does "doxology" mean?

It's derived from two Greek words meaning "glory" and "word." A doxology, then, is a spoken word or song that ascribes glory to God. Today's doxology calls all of creation to praise God as the source of all blessing and acknowledges His Trinitarian (three-in-one) nature.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures
here be - low Praise Him a - bove ye heavn - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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. Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Robin Huff, Chris Alberts, and Mollie Bowman led this morning's congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader and Deacon Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. Ethan Molique 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.

Men's Ministry - Second Monday

www.wepc.org/grow/men

April 13 / 6:30 PM / FH

Join us for our monthly gathering of men from WEPC and the community for food, fellowship, and Gospel teaching. Contact: Mike Glasgow (atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com)

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)

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:** April 15
Middle School: 6-7:30 PM
High School: 7:30-9 PM

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/children

Sundays:

- **9 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old)
- **10:30 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old) & Children's Message or Worship (4 years-2nd grade)
- **Nursing Mom's Room** (service audio available during both services)

Wednesdays: Club 4/5 (6-7:30 PM)

Worship Lab

April 12, 19, 26 & May 3, 17 (in-service commissioning) / Chapel / 10:30 AM

Second Graders are invited to join us for a five week program where we will go through the various elements of the worship service, as well as hear from a few of the worship leaders. The purpose of this time is to give the children helpful tools to use as their hearts mature toward worship!

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus

April 26 / 5 PM / Room 810

Join us in the study of the parables of Jesus. Contact: Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org)

2026 WEPC Track Camp: Save the Date!

June 1-5 / 5-8 PM

WEPC Track Camp is a family-friendly ministry for rising 1st through 12th grade students. Come have fun with relays, sprints, baton hand-offs, birthday push-ups, and more! This camp is FREE!

Contact: Talya Tacosa-O'Dea (talya@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.

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

Ed Bowman, Cory Payne, Bryan Meeks, & Jon Greenhill

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 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](#).

WEPC CHRISTIAN SEASONS CALENDAR

2026-2027 Calendar Submissions Now Open!

We are now accepting submissions for our 2nd edition of the WEPC Christian Seasons Calendar, which tells the story of Jesus and His Church through a calendar with Scripture, liturgical themes, and artwork from WEPC artists.

Whether you create through painting, drawing, baking, photography, woodworking, needlework, or more, we invite you to join us and submit your creation as we seek to reflect our Creator and worship Jesus as we remember His birth, death, resurrection, ascension, & His call to follow Him. Please visit our website to see the specific requirements for submissions, and contact Becca Wethered (becca@wepc.org) with questions.

The deadline for submissions is August 30, 2026.

There is no age requirement; we encourage both children & adults to submit their art!

Each WEPC household will be gifted a calendar at the beginning of the Advent season. If you have not yet received your 2025-2026 calendar, or would like to purchase additional calendars, contact Becca (becca@wepc.org). To access the free devotional that accompanies the calendar, visit wepcchristianseasons.com.

Keep in Touch

Especially if this is your first Sunday with us —welcome!



Date: _____

Name: _____

Children's Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Who invited you to WEPC? How did you first hear about us?

◇ Check if this is NEW contact information for you.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| ◇ Visitor | ◇ Age: |
| ◇ Male | ◇ 20 or younger |
| ◇ Female | ◇ 21-26 |
| ◇ Single | ◇ 27-34 |
| ◇ Student (Grade ____) | ◇ 35-49 |
| ◇ Student (College) | ◇ 50-64 |
| ◇ Married | ◇ 65 and older |
| ◇ Parent | |
| ◇ Widowed | |

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.