



West End
presbyterian church

The Sixth 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

WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST?

"With God for us, it makes not the slightest difference who is against us. The Christian's confidence is in God, not in anything he himself does, and for all eternity he can rely on God's gift."

--Leon Morris

"Through the work of the Spirit, the heavenly Father gives you to Jesus and gives Jesus to you. You have Him."

--Sinclair Ferguson

"The love of Christ, being the love of God, is effectual and fruitful in producing all the good things which He wills unto His beloved. He loves life, grace, and holiness into us; He loves us also into covenant, loves us into heaven."

--John Owen

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 36:5-10. To the
choirmaster. Of David, the
servant of the Lord.*

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.

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
Your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast You save, O Lord.**

How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of Your house,
and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

For with You is the fountain of life;
in Your light do we see light.

**Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You,
and Your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
 2 When I was sin - king down, sin - king down, sin - king down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 I was sin - king down, sin - king down; when I was sin - king
 God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord_ of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 down that be - neath God's right eous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my
 Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, while mil lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Adoration

The God who meets with us in worship is good and powerful. We recognize His greatness and remember His amazing works together in song.

"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died."
11 Corinthians 5:14

American Folk Hymn; Tune: WONDROUS LOVE, Walker's Southern Harmony (1835). 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

Exodus 34:4-8

So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

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.



THE STEADFAST LOVE



The stead-fast love of the LORD ne-ver cea - ses, His mer-cies



ne-ver. come to an end! They are new ev-ery mor-ning, new ev-ery



mor-ning. Great is Your faith-ful - ness, O LORD! — Great is Your



faith - ful - ness, O LORD! — Great is Your faith - ful - ness!

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

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"To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ." Jude 1:1

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BELOVED

1. The mor - ning comes and I can see the light of dawn, the signs.
 2. An in this age of deep distress. I need Your peace here
 of spring, a quiet voice speaks to my heart and tells
 con - fess. The Spi - rit You so free - ly give, oh, let
 me of the love of God. How sweet the days when I
 Your love be where I live. And find me in the waves.
 3. To Je - sus I will e'er
 am sure that good will conquer, hope endure, and when
 of doubt, come take my hand and pull me out, drown all
 be - long, my life the sea You walk upon, Your Word,
 my faith seems far too small still I am Yours and I
 my an - xious thoughts and fears till all my trem - bling heart
 a stea - dy place to stand, where I re - mem - ber who
 am called: Be-lo - ved, be-lo - ved, You call me be-lo - ved. Be-lo -
 can hear is: Be-lo - ved, be-lo - ved, You call us be-lo - ved. Be-lo -
 I am: Be-lo - ved, be-lo - ved, we call You be-lo - ved. Be-lo -
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

Children, age 4 through 1st 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

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

Romans 8:31-39

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus. They did as He had directed them, and prepared the Passover. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

from Matthew 26:17-29

CONFESSION OF SIN

based on Romans 8:32-39

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.

Heavenly Father, You did not spare Your own Son,
but You gave Him up for us all.
How will You not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

**Heavenly Father, have mercy on us.
What could move hearts like ours which have your Son,
but still lack confidence?
Would still another sacrifice convince the guilty of Your grace?
Would health convince the ailing of Your care?
Would more money convince the struggling of Your kindness?
Would a miracle convince the doubter that You hear prayers?
Would a spouse convince the lonely of Your fellowship?
Would beauty convince the insecure of Your love?
Would success convince the worker of Your blessing?**

**Our sin is before You.
You gave us Your own Son and yet we struggle to trust You.
He is our Consolation, but trouble makes us doubt Your care.
He is our Shield, but persecution makes us slow to speak Your name.
He is our Provision, but hunger makes us neglect Your Kingdom.
He is our Atonement, but shame makes us fear Your judgment.**

**What more could be given to Your people?
What more could be said to Your people?
What more could be done for Your people?**

Forgive us our sin and give us sole confidence in the gift of Your Son.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?
It is God who justifies.

*based on Romans
8:32-39*

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

**For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers,
neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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

*"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy."
Jude 24*

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

VERSE



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



when the temp - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
 pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 jus - tice has been sa - tis - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could ne - ver keep my hold through life's fear - ful
 He'll not let my soul be lost, His prom - is - es shall
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me



path; for my love is of - ten cold, He must hold me
 last; bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me
 fast till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at

REFRAIN



fast.
 fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast,
 last.



for my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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NOTHING TO FEAR

"Fear not, for I am with you."
Isaiah 41:10

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VERSE



1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you,
2. In the depths of your sor - row, I wept be - side you.



and the depths of the ri - vers shall not ov - er - whelm.
When you walked through the shad - ow, I drew you near.



When you walk through the fi - re, you will not be
Yest - er - day, to - day, to - mor - row, al - ways the

REFRAIN



burned: I am the Lord, I am the Lord. And there is noth - ing to fear,
same, I am the Lord. I am the Lord. And there is



noth - ing to fear, there is noth - ing to fear, noth - ing to fear, for I am

BRIDGE



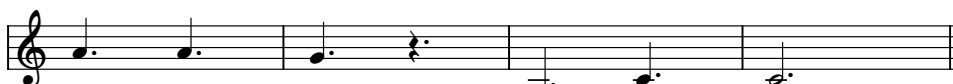
with you al - ways. What can sep - a - rate you from My per - fect



love? What can sep - a - rate you from My per - fect love?



What can sep - a - rate you from My per - fect love? Do not fear.



Do not fear. Do not fear.

"Because of
the Lord's great
love we are
not consumed"
Lamentations
3:22

WE ARE NOT OVERCOME (LAMENTATIONS 3)



Flesh will fail_____ and bones will break; thieves will steal,___ the earth will
Put no trust_____ in the earth, in the sod___ you stand up-
Have no fear_____ for your life, turn your cheek,___ turn your



shake. Night will fall,___ the light will fade;___ The Lord will give___ and take a-
on. Flow-ers fade_____ in - to dust;___ The Lord will make___ a place for
cheek. Bear the yoke___ of love and death;___ The Lord will give___ all life and

Chorus



way: Be-cause of His great Love, we are not o - ver - come!
us:
breath.



— Be-cause of His great Love, we are not o - ver - come!

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 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.

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, Barry Hunte, Doug Cherrington, Jamison Taggart, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Tim Drummond, Caleb Han, and Scott Hoyer managed today's audio and video live stream. Micah Andrews managed the in-house video system.

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.

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.

Men's Ministry - Second Monday

www.wepc.org/grow/men

May 11 / 6:30 PM / FH

Join us for our last 2nd Monday of the semester! We are having breakfast for dinner followed by a time of worship and teaching. Contact: [Mike Glasgow](mailto:Mike.Glasgow) (atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com)

The Table Fellowship & Prayer

Fridays / 12-1 PM / Room 810

Our last Table of the semester is Friday! We are doing something special for our last time. Contact Matt Bouknight (matt@wepc.org) or Joy Andrews (joy@wepc.org) for those details.

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)

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- ***No Youth Group 5/13 or 5/20**
- **High School Movie Night:** May 23 / 6:30 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)

Vacation Bible School: Save the Date!

June 22-25 / 5:30-8 PM

Join us for a fun-filled week of Bible teaching, games, crafts, and fellowship! REGISTER your child [here](#) by June 1 to guarantee your child a t-shirt. Many VOLUNTEERS are needed - sign up to volunteer [here!](#)

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Simple English Bible Study: The Parables of Jesus

TONIGHT! / 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 - 12th grade students. Come have fun with relays, sprints, baton hand-offs, birthday push-ups, and more! This camp is FREE! Sign up to register [here](#) or to volunteer [here](#). Contact: Talya (talya@wepc.org)

2026 West End Community Cup: Volunteers Needed

Join us as the WEPC Neighborhood Outreach plans to host four family-oriented FIFA World Cup watch parties this summer. This is an opportunity to share the gospel, fellowship, and strengthen our relationships with our ESL students and their families. We are looking for volunteers to help welcome our neighborhood families. There will be fun games, activities for kids, food, and prizes at half time. For more information, please stop by the table in the gallery. Contact: Ligdabeth (7dbethz@gmail.com).

WRAPAROUND MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry/

WrapAround Luncheon

May 17 / Following the 2nd service / FH

Join us as we hear from guest speaker, Rebekah Brown, from Fostering Acadia who will share about opportunities to serve youth ages 17-21 navigating life after foster care. RSVP by May 13th to Ali Fogarty (alifogarty@gmail.com)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Rick McMahon, Bryan Meeks, Cory Payne, & 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."

Congregational Meeting: Election of Officers

May 17 / Following the 10:30 AM service
Please join us for a congregational meeting as we elect and re-elect church officers.
Everyone is welcome, members will vote.

Deacon Re-election: Rob Musser

Deacon Election: Peter Goodrich, Ryan Shallow, Brock Snyder, Kurt Zebley

Elder Re-election: Paul Howe

WEPC Testimony Workshop

May 24 / 12:15-2 PM / Room 810

"In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." 1 Peter 3:15

Knowing the story of how Jesus has given you hope and new life is a powerful way to tell others the Gospel. This testimony workshop will help you reflect on God's faithfulness and be prepared to share that Good News. RSVP: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

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 COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

www.wepc.org/preschool

Opportunities to Support Outreach & Scholarship Fund!

Many of our preschool students from the neighborhood are able to attend preschool through scholarships generously supported by our church family and community. To learn more about new opportunities happening this month to support this scholarship fund, visit the [WEPC Community Preschool website](#) or contact: Casey Zollinhofer (casey@wepc.org)

Changjwok Deng's Sabbatical

Pastor Changjwok Deng will be taking a Sabbatical Leave this summer and will be away from the church from June 1-August 31. The general goals of a Sabbatical Leave are to enhance the personal ministry of our pastors and to further the long-term ministry objectives of the church. Sabbatical time could include, but are not limited to: spiritual renewal, physical rest and restoration, and professional growth.

Other staff members will be covering Chang's routine responsibilities during this time. We look forward to what God is going to do in and through his time away this summer. Please pray for Chang and his family in the coming months!

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.

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.

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.