



West End
presbyterian church

The First Sunday after Pentecost: Ordinary Time

We are now in the season after Pentecost, known as "Ordinary Time." Having celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost, Ordinary Time signals the interim of the Church until Christ comes again in glory. Jesus is faithfully advancing His Kingdom in the power of His Spirit in this season. We anticipate the consummation of all things when Christ comes in His glory as King of all.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

NEW BIRTH

"We can no more assist the Holy Spirit in the quickening of our souls to spiritual life than Lazarus could help Jesus raise him from the dead."

--R.C. Sproul

"The new birth is not a metaphor for turning over a new leaf; it is the beginning of a new life from above."

--D.A. Carson

"This is the gospel of our transformation,
Water to wine and grain to living bread,
Blindness to sight and sorrow to elation,
And Lazarus himself back from the dead!
This is the gospel of all inner meaning,
The heart of heaven opened to the earth,
A gentle friend on Jesus' bosom leaning,
And Nicodemus offered a new birth.
No need to search the heavens high above,
Come close with John, and feel the pulse of Love."
--Malcom Guite, from "John"

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 27

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.

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the Stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek,
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

My heart says of You, "Seek His face!"

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

BETTER IS ONE DAY

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.

"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere."
Psalm 84:10

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VERSE

1. How love-ly is Your dwell-ing place, O Lord al-migh - ty. For
2. One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beau - ty, to



my soul longs and e - ven faints for You. For here my heart is
find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells. One thing I ask and



sat - is - fied with-in Your pres - ence I sing be - neath the
I would seek: to see Your beau - ty, to find You in the



CHORUS

sha - dow of Your wings... Bet-ter is one day in Your courts, bet-ter is
place Your glo - ry dwells..._



one day in Your house, be-ter is one day in Your courts thanthous - ands



else-where... Bet-ter is one day in Your courts, bet-ter is one day in Your house, bet-ter is



one day in Your courts thanthous - ands else - where,___ thanthous-ands else-where...



BRIDGE

My heart and flesh cry out for You the liv-ing God.. Your Spi-rit's wa-ter to my



soul. I've tas-ted and I've seen. Come once a-gain to me.. I will draw near to You,



TO CHORUS

I will draw near to You._____

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.

Led by AC Tetterton

TRACK CAMP COMMISSIONING (10:30am)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 36:25-28

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the words of Christ, our Sa - vior: "Come to me." "Come to me."_

All you wear - y and hea - vy la - den: "I will give you rest." God so loved the

world He gave His on - ly be - go - tten Son. That who - ev - er be - lieves in Him shall

have e - ver - las - ting life... Hear the words of Christ, our Sa - vior: "Come to me."

"Come to me."_ All you wear - y and hea - vy lad - en: "I will give you rest."

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Hear the words of Christ, our Sa - vior: 'Come to me.' 'Come to me.'_ All you wear - y and hea - vy la - den: 'I will give you rest.' God so loved the world He gave His on - ly be - go - tten Son. That who - ev - er be - lieves in Him shall have e - ver - las - ting life... Hear the words of Christ, our Sa - vior: 'Come to me.'" "Come to me."_ All you wear - y and hea - vy lad - en: 'I will give you rest.'"

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." I Timothy 1:15

During our current sermon series from John 3, we will sing "The Comfortable Words" to open the Ministry of Prayer each Sunday. The Comfortable Words are drawn from the Book of Common Prayer to remind us of Jesus' encouragement in Matthew 11:28 and John 3:16. He provides rest for the weary, and in Him we have eternal life.

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MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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.



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

COME THOU FOUNT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?"

John 3:1-10

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

Lutheran Prayer (1536)

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.

I am a poor sinner, I confess before You, my God and Creator, that I have grievously sinned against You in many ways, not only by gross outward sins, but much more through inward natural blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, secret envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections which You see in me, my Lord and God, and which, alas, I cannot always see in myself. I repent of these, and cry to You for Your mercy, through Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved... For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:9; 13

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

HELP MY UNBELIEF

"Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'"
Mark 9:24

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VERSE

1. I know the Lord is nigh, and would but can-not pray, for
2. I wouldbut can-not love, though wooed by love div-ine; no

Sa - tan meets me when I try, and frights my soul a-way. And
arg - u-ments have pow'r to move a soul as base as mine. A

frights my soul a - way. |
soul so base as mine. |

would but can't re - pent, though I en-dea-vor oft; this
would but can - not rest, in God's most ho - ly will; I

ston - y heart can ne'er re - lent till Je - sus makes it soft. Till Je -
know what He ap-oints is best, and mur - mur at it still. I mur -

REFRAIN

- sus makes it soft. Help my un - be - lief. Help my un - be -
- mur at it still.

lief. Help my un - be - lief. My help must come from Thee.

JESUS I COME

*"Come to me,
all you who
are weary and
burdened, and
I will give you
rest."*

Matthew 11:28

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Sleeper. Music:
Greg Thompson.

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1.Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night, Je - sus I come,
2.Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus I come,
3.Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus I come,
4.Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus I come,



Je - sus I come. In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light Je - sus I
Je - sus I come. In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross, Je - sus I
Je - sus I come. In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus I
Je - sus I come. In - to the joy and light of Thy home, Je - sus I



come to Thee, Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health,
come to Thee. Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm,
come to Thee. Out of my - self to dwell in Thy love,
come to Thee. Out of the depths of ru - in un - told,



out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth, out of my
out of life's storms and in - to Thy calm, out of dis -
out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove, up - ward for -
in - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold, ev - er Thy



sin and in - to Thy - self, Je - sus I come to Thee.
stress in - to jub - i - lant psalm, Je - sus I come to Thee.
ev - er on wings like a dove, Je - sus I come to Thee.
glor - i - ous face to be - hold, Je - sus I come to Thee.

"They were longing
for a better country
-- a heavenly one"
Hebrews 11:16

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

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VERSE



1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand, and
2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, shines
3. No chill - ing winds nor pois - o - nous breath, can
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, and



cast a wish - ful eye to Can - aan's fair_ and
one e - tern - al day, there God the Son_ for -
reach that health - ful shore, sick - ness, sor - row,
be for - e - ver blessed, when shall I see my

REFRAIN



hap - py land, where my pos - sess - ions_ lie. I am
ev - er reigns, and scat - ters nigh a - way.
pain and death, are felt and feared no_ more.
Fa - ther's face, and in His bos - om_ rest.



bound (I am bound) I am bound_ (I am bound) I am



bound for the prom - ised land! I am bound (I am bound) I am



bound (I am bound) I am bound for the prom - ised_ land!

DOXOLOGY

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

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

What does "doxology" mean?

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

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. Elder B-J Huff led worship. Trey Wickham, Sarah Shrader, Sonya Smith, Mollie Bowman, James Long, Pat Reynolds, and Gordon Collier led this morning's congregational singing. Jay Smith, Ligdabeth Shea and Aaron Suttan managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick managed the in-house video system.

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.

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)

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

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](#)!

1823 COLLEGE-AGED MINISTRY

Sundays / June 7, 28, July 12, 26, August 2
12-2 PM / WEPC Library

**on June 7, we will meet AFTER the congregational meeting*

ALL younger adults (post high school, approx. ages 18-23, in college, working, taking a gap year) are invited to join us for some summer gatherings! Our time together will include fellowship, a devotional time, and prayer. Bring your own lunch. Contact: Kristin Tetterton (kristin@wepc.org or 804-350-6153).

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- **Helping with Track Camp:** June 3 / 6 PM
- **6th & 7th Grader Games:** June 5 / 3-5:15 PM
- **High School Family Feud:** June 6 / 6-7:30 PM

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

2026 WEPC Track Camp

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 three family-oriented FIFA World Cup watch parties this summer on **June 11, 13, & July 19**. 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 or if you are interested volunteering for any of these dates, please stop by the table in the gallery. Contact: Ligdabeth (wepccommunitycup@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.

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

Taylor Miller, Matt Mailloux, & Chris Hennesey

Summer Women's Book Study:

Even Better Than Eden

July 1-August 19 / 6:30 PM / Library

All women are invited to a book study this summer! Join us as we consider how each of our stories is shaped by the gospel story. To learn more, come to our **interest meeting on June 10th at 6:30pm** in the library, or jump in as we study together on Wednesdays beginning July 1st. Contact: Sarah Shrader (library@wepc.org)

John 3 Sermon Series Playlist

Check out our [John 3 Spotify Playlist](#) as we give thanks for God's love for us in sending His Son that we might live. You can find it by searching "WEPC John 3" or "West End Presbyterian RVA + playlists."

Welcome to our Neighborhood Outreach Summer Interns!

Join us in welcoming and praying for our Neighborhood Outreach summer interns **Peter Perzanowski & Valeria Lopez**. They will be helping with Neighborhood Outreach events such as Track Camp, World Cup parties, and tutoring throughout this summer.

Thank You, Lori!

Lori Bowman has been serving on the church staff as the Assistant Director of ESL for the past eight years. Recently, she has decided to step down from this position as of May 28. She will continue worshipping as a member of WEPC, so you will still see her around! Please pray for Lori as she makes this transition. We are so grateful for the ways she has loved families in the neighborhood in the ESL program. Her faith in the Lord has been a testimony to so many.

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](#).

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.

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.