



West End
presbyterian church

The Second 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

THE SON OF MAN MUST BE LIFTED UP

"The serpent's bite was deadly, the Lord's death is life-giving. A serpent is gazed on that the serpent may have no power. A death is gazed on, that death may have no power. But whose death? The death of Life."

--*Augustine of Hippo*

"Learn much of the Lord Jesus. For every look at yourself, take ten looks at Christ."

--*Robert Murray M'Cheyne*

"Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

--*Philippians 2:9-11*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 47:1-8. To the choirmaster.
A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.*

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.

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

Invocation
Asking God to be with us.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

BEHOLD OUR GOD

VERSE



Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered
Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the Lord? Who can que - s - tion
Who has felt the nails u - pon His hands, bear - ing all the

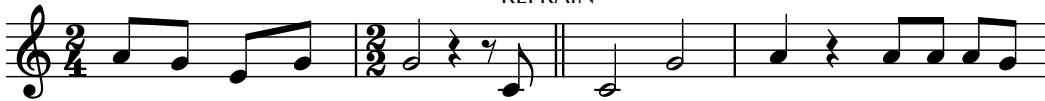


ev - ery grain of sand? Kings and na - tions
an - y of His words? Who can teach the
guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal,



trem - ble at His voice. All cre - a - tion
One who knows all things? Who can fath - om
hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior,

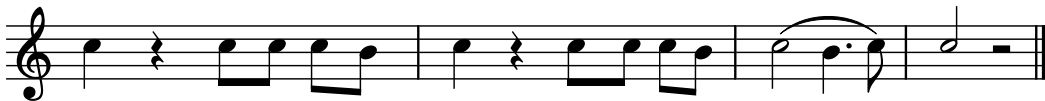
REFRAIN



ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His
all His won - drous deeds?
ri - sen now to reign!



throne. Come, let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our



King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him!

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.

"Behold your God!"
Isaiah 40:9

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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

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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 on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a simple melody 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.



"God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name."
Philippians 2:9

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

Edward Perronet
 (1779),
 alt. John Rippon (1787;
 Tune: CORONATION,
 Oliver Holden (1792).
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1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let
 2. O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, now
 3. Let ev - ery tongue and ev - ery tribe re -
 4. O that with all the sa - cred thron'g we

an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al
 ran - somed from the fall, hail Him who saves you
 spon - sive to His call to Him all ma - jes -
 at His feet may fall; we'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of ___ all! Bring
 by ___ His ___ grace, and crown Him Lord of ___ all! Hail
 ty ___ a - scribe, and crown Him Lord of ___ all! To
 las - ting ___ song, and crown Him Lord of ___ all! We'll

forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord ___ of all!
 Him who saves you by ___ His ___ grace, and crown Him Lord ___ of all!
 Him all ma - jes - ty ___ a - scribe, and crown Him Lord ___ of all!
 join the e - ver - las - ting ___ song, and crown Him Lord ___ of all!

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.

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? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:1-15

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

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

*adapted from The Valley of
Vision, "The Grace of the
Cross"*

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.

Our Savior,

**We thank You for Your wondrous grace and love
in bearing our sin in Your own body on the Cross.**

May thy Cross be to us

**as the bronze serpent that calls forth
the look of faith.**

By Your Cross crucify our every sin;

Make it the ground of all our comfort,

the liveliness of all our duties,

the sum of all Your Gospel promises,

the comfort of all our afflictions,

the vigor of our love, thankfulness, graces,

the very essence of our religion;

And by it grant us the rest of ceaseless praise.

Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him,
and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace through His blood, shed on the Cross.

Colossians 1:19-20

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

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."
1 Peter 5:7

LOOK TO JESUS (COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED)

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Add'l. Words and
Music: Kevin Twit
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1. Come ye souls by sin a - flic - ted, bowed with
2. Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; love will
3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, blessed the
4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, light to



fruit - less, sorr - ow down; by the
make your o - be - dience sweet, Christ will
ears that hear His voice; bless - ed
new - ly o - pened eyes, like full



bro - ken law con - vic - ted, through the
give you strength to bear it, while His
are the souls that trust Him, and in
springs in, des - erts drea - ry, is the



cross, be - hold the crown; look to Je - sus, look to
grace shall guide your feet. Safe to glo - ry, safe to
Him a - lone re - joice; His com - mand - ments, His com -
rest the cross supp - lies; all who taste it, all who



Je - sus, look to Je - sus; mer - cy flows through
glo - ry, safe to glo - ry, where His ran - somed
mand - ments, His com - mand - ments then be - come their
taste it, all who taste it shall to rest imm -




Him a - lone. _____
cap - tives meet. _____
ha - ppy choice. _____
or - tal rise. _____

I STAND AMAZED (HOW MARVELOUS)


"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Charles H. Gabriel (1905). Tune: MY SAVIOR'S LOVE. Public domain

VERSE



1. I stand a-mazed in the pres - ence of
2. He took my sins and my sor - rows, He
3. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry, His



Je - sus, the Naz - a - rene, and won - der how He could
made them His ver - y own, He bore the bur - den to
face I at last shall see. twill be my joy through the



love me, a sin - ner con-demned, un - clean.
Cal - var - y, and suf - fered and died a - lone.
ag - es, to sing of His love for me.

REFRAIN



How mar-ve-lous! How won-der-ful! And my song shall ev-er be:



how mar-ve-lous! How won-der-ful! Is my Sav-ior's love for me.

DOXOLOGY

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

Text: Thomas Ken (1709) Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (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. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Elder Mark & Rebecca Crutcher, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Donald Smith, and Jamison Taggart led this morning's congregational singing. Tim Drummond, Nissie Mukora and Deacon Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. Michael Whitman managed the in-house video system. Children's Ministry Director Audrey Snyder gave the Children's Message at the 10:30 AM service.

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.

Wednesday Night Summer Fellowship: LOVE

www.wepc.org/WNF

July 1-August 26 / 6:30-8 PM / WEPC Chapel
Join us this summer for a look at the theme of LOVE in the Bible. What does God say about love and being loved? Let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Outspoken skeptics, new Christians and long-time believers are encouraged to attend. Feel free to bring others, and drop in whenever you are in town! Led by Kevin & Kim Greene and Becca Wethered. Contact: Kevin (kevin@wepc.org)

Summer Women's Book Study:

Even Better Than Eden

Interest Meeting: June 10 / 6:30 PM / Library
Study: 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. Contact: Sarah Shrader (library@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)

1823 COLLEGE-AGED MINISTRY

Sundays / June 7, 28, July 12, 26, Aug 2

12-2 PM / WEPC Library

Lunch provided on June 7!

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.

Contact: Kristin Tetterton (kristin@wepc.org or 804-350-6153).

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **First Sunday Breakfast:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- **Game Night:** June 8 / 6:30-8 PM
- ***No Youth Group on June 10**

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](#). Many volunteers are needed - sign up to VOLUNTEER [here](#). To specifically help with DECORATIONS, please sign up [here](#).

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

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. Contact: Ligdabeth (wepccommunitycup@wepc.org)

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

WEPC Short Term Mission Team Interest

Meeting: TURKEY

SUN June 28 / 12 PM / Room 160

Join us for an interest meeting to hear about serving in partnership with WEPC Supported Mission Partner, Ozgur, and local churches and believers in Turkey. We are especially seeking team members with experience in videography, photography, studio recording, and construction. Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week

Matt Mailloux, Davison Long, Ed Bowman, & Luke Shrader

Congregational Meeting on June 14

June 14 / 12 PM / WEPC Sanctuary

Please join us after the the 2nd service on June 14 for a congregational meeting to present the FY27 budget and vote on the Pastors' Terms of Call. Everyone is welcome; members will vote.

VBS Supplies Needed

If anyone has the following items, please contact Audrey Snyder to coordinate drop off at the church:

- appliance-sized cardboard boxes
- Little Tikes Cozy Coupe that can be spray painted

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."

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 has officially started his Sabbatical Leave for the summer and will be away from the church until 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.