



West End
presbyterian church

The Third 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

GOD SO LOVED

"Grace is God loving, God stooping, God coming to the rescue, God giving Himself generously in and through Jesus Christ."

--John Stott

"God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

--Romans 5:8

"I experience religious dread whenever I find myself thinking that I know the limits of God's grace, since I am utterly certain it exceeds any imagination a human being might have of it. God does, after all, so love the world."

--Marilynne Robinson

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

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

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.

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

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 helps my soul. Hal - le - lu - jah!
hears my cry. soul. What a Sav - ior!
He is mine. mine. Hal - le - lu - jah! What a

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

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.

ASSESSMENT & CARE TEAM UPDATE

*Update given by
Elder Brian Wilcox.*

Visit the [website](#) for more information about this team and the Pastoral Transition process.

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.

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 melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the words "Come to me" and "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."
1 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.



"Truly God is good
to Israel." Psalm 73:1

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GOD IS GOOD

May your strug - gles keep you near the Cross, may your
trou - bles show that you need God, may your bat - tles end the
way they should. May your bad days prove that
God is good, may your whole life prove that God is good.

"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

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!

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

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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

The disciples prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And they were reclining at the table and as they were eating, He took bread. And after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

From Mark 14:16-25

CONFESSION OF SIN

Based on 1 Corinthians 13

(After each verse is read, silently meditate on the question that follows.)

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.

Love is patient.

(Am I willing to bear with trying people?)

Love is kind.

(Am I thinking or acting uncharitably toward anyone?)

Love is not possessive.

(Am I manipulative? Do I use people?)

Love is not boastful or proud.

(Do I need to be the center of attention?)

Love is courteous.

(Am I considerate, thoughtful, warm?)

Love is not selfish.

(Am I fixed on my needs and rights?)

Love is not irritable or bitter.

(Am I forgiving? Do I keep a record of wrongs?)

Love delights in truth and righteousness.

(Am I eager to trust and follow Jesus?)

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10

(Read by Pastor and people together)

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

"I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me" Psalm 13:6

BOUNTIFULLY WITH ME

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1. I will sing my praise to the Lord, _____ for the
2. I will trust God's love ne-ver fails, _____ for the
3. I will fix my hope on the cross, _____ where the



Lord has dealt boun-ti-fully with me. I will
Lord has dealt boun-ti-fully with me. I will
Lord has dealt boun-ti-fully with me. I will



sing my praise with joy, give thanks, re-joice...
trust God's love re-mains through sun and rain...
fix my hope on the Son, His scars, His love...



— He's dealt boun-ti-fully with me. _____ 4. I can't
— He's dealt boun-ti-fully with me. _____
— He's dealt boun-ti-fully with me. _____



wait for the day He re-turms, _____ when the



Lord will deal boun-ti-fully with me. What a



day when the faith will be sight, ev-ry wrong be made right.



He's dealt boun-ti-fully with me. _____



He's dealt boun-ti-fully with me. _____

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

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



1. My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to
 2. He came from His blest throne, sal - va - tion to be -
 3. They rise and needs will have, my dear Lord made a
 4. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -



me, love to the love - less shown, that
 stow, but men made strange, and none, the
 way. A mur - de - rer they saved, the
 vine; ne - ver was love, dear King! Ne -



they might love - ly be. O who am I? That
 longed - for Christ would know. O my Friend! My
 Prince of life they slay. Yet stead - fast He to
 ver was grief like Thine. This is my Friend, in



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 Friend in - deed, who at my need His life did spend.
 suf - fering goes, that He His foes from thence might free.
 Whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

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*"May I never boast
except in the cross of
our Lord Jesus Christ"*
Galatians 6:14

Isaac Watts (1707);
Tune: HAMBURG,
Lowell Mason (1824).
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WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small. Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them through his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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 Matt Wilks led worship. Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Sarah Jurewicz, Chris Alberts, Mya Wilcox, Kim Forquer, and Doug Cherrington led this morning's congregational singing. Luke Shrader, Michael Chen and Deacon Chris Scoggins managed today's audio and video live stream. Ethan Molique 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.

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

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 28, July 12, 26, Aug 2
12-2 PM / WEPC Library

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

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
*NO Meeting today because of The Landing trip
- **Summer Youth Group:** June 17 / 6:30-8 PM
- **High School Trivia Challenge:** June 20

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](#). To volunteer for DECORATIONS help, please click [here](#).

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

2026 West End Community Cup: Volunteers Needed July 19 / 3 PM / Fellowship Hall

Join us for our final family-oriented FIFA World Cup watch party this summer! This is an opportunity to share the gospel, fellowship, and strengthen our relationships with our ESL students and their families. To volunteer, please [CLICK HERE](#). Also, we invite all families to participate in the [World Cup Trivia Challenge!](#) Contact: Ligdabeth (wepccommunitycup@wepc.org)

MISSIONS

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

WEPC Short Term Mission Team Interest Meeting: TURKEY

June 28 / 12 PM / Room 160

Join us for an interest meeting to hear about serving in partnership with WEPC Supported Mission Partner, O.J., 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)

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

Lectio Visio: The Life of Christ

July 12-August 16 / 12-1:30 PM / Room 810

Join us as we seek to grow in our love for our Savior as we journey through key events in Christ's life by meditating on passages from God's Word and reflecting on selected works of art. From Christ's incarnation and earthly ministry to His death, resurrection, and ascension—participants will have the opportunity to see familiar Gospel accounts from fresh perspectives and behold Christ through His Word. We'll eat together at 12 PM (lunch provided) and begin our time of reflection at 12:30 PM. Interested? Contact: Becca Wethered (becca@wepc.org)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week: Chris Perry & Chris May

Deacons in Training: Peter Goodrich & Ryan Shallow

Congregational Meeting on June 14

TODAY! / 12 PM / WEPC Sanctuary

Please join us after the the 2nd service 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 **appliance-sized cardboard boxes**, please contact Audrey Snyder (audrey@wepc.org) to coordinate drop off at the church.

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](#).

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.