



West End
presbyterian church

The Fourth 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

PERISHING

"Hell...begins with a grumbling mood, and yourself still distinct from it: perhaps even criticizing it...You can repent and come out of it again. But there may come a day when you can do that no longer. Then there will be no you left to criticize the mood or even enjoy it, but just the grumble itself going on forever like a machine."

--C.S. Lewis

"So brief a life, and then an endless Life
Or endless death;
So brief a life, then endless Peace or
strife...

Where Love is, there is bliss

That will not pass;

Where Love is,

Dies away 'Alas'!"

--Christina Rossetti

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 2:7-8, 11-12

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.

I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me,
"You are my Son; today I have begotten You.

**Ask of me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,
and the ends of the earth Your possession."**

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

**Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way,
for His wrath is quickly kindled.**

Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awe-some won-der, con - si - der all the
2. And when I think, that God his Son not spar-ing, sent Him to die, I
3. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me home, what

worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun-der,
scarce can take it in. That on the cross, my bur-den glad - ly bear-ing
joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble a - dor - a - tion,

Thy pow'r through-out the un - i - verse dis played. Then sings my soul, my
He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
and there pro - claim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Sav - ior God to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God to Thee: how great Thou

art, how great Thou art!

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.

*"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise."
Psalm 48:1*

Carl Gustav Boberg (1885), Stuart K. Hine (1949);
Tune: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk melody.
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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 Isaiah Thomas either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

VBS COMMISSIONING (10:30 am)

Led by Matt Bouknight

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:10-11

“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?”

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 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.



"Jesus said to him,
 'I am the way, and
 the truth, and the
 life. No one comes
 to the Father except
 through me.'" *John 14:6*

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YOU ARE THE WAY

VERSE

1. Dead in trans-gres-sions and— sins, with-out God, with-out hope in this world,
 2. You are the source of— new life, the Gi-ver of ev-ery good thing.

then, the glo-ri-ous light of Your gos-pel broke in. The
 With-hold-ing noth-ing, You lav-ish Your kind-ness on me. You

Fa-ther stood up from His throne, o-pened His arms— as He called out my name.
 emp-tied Your-self be-came poor, hum-bled and poured out to death. Now

CHORUS

Grace ir-re-sis-ti-ble drew me, o-pened my eyes to see: You are the Way,—
 high-ly ex-al-ted a-bove all, Your name a-lone can save.

— You are the Truth, You are the life, Je-sus. The on-ly way,— the on-ly Truth,

BRIDGE

You are my life, Je-sus. You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.

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

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

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

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

adapted from The Valley of Vision, "Love Shines at Calvary"

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.

Almighty God, You grace removes my burdens and heaps them on Your Son, made a transgressor, a curse, and sin for me; Christ was all anguish that I might be all joy, cast off that I might be brought in, trodden down as an enemy that I might be welcomed as a friend, surrendered to hell's worst that I might attain heaven's best, stripped that I might be clothed, wounded that I might be healed, thirsty that I might drink, tormented that I might be comforted, made a shame that I might inherit glory, experienced reproach that I might receive welcome, closed His eyes in death that I might forever live. O Father, who did not spare Your only Son that You might spare me, All this Your love designed and accomplished: Help me to adore You with my words and my life, Go forth, O conquering God, and show me the Cross, mighty to subdue, comfort and save. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

John 5:19, 24

Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my Word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

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

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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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.

LIVING HOPE

*"According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."
1 Peter 1:3b*

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VERSE

1. How great the cha - sm that lay be - tween us, how high the
2. Who could im - a - gine so great a mer - cy, what heart could
3. Then came the mor - ning that sealed the prom - ise, Your bur - ied

moun - tain I could not climb. In des - per - a - tion, I turned to
fa - thom such bound - less grace? The God of a - ges stepped down from
bo - dy be - gan to breathe. Out of the si - lence the Roar - ing

heav - en and spoke Your name in - to the night. For through the
glor - y to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has
Li - on de - clared the grave has no claim on me...

dark - ness, Your lov - ing - kind - ness tore through the shad - ows of my
spo - ken, I am for - giv - en, the King of Kings calls me His

soul. The work is fin - ished, the end is writ - ten, Je - sus Christ, my Liv - ing
own. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, I'm Yours for - ev - er, Je - sus Christ, my Liv - ing

REFRAIN

Hope. Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the One who set me free! Hal - le - lu - jah! Death has
Hope.

lost its grip on me! You have bro - ken ev - ery chain, there's sal -

va - tion in Your name. Je - sus Christ, my Li - ving Hope.

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

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VERSE



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2. T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. The Lord has pro - mised good to me, His
4. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the



saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
sun for - bear to shine. But God, who called me

REFRAIN



now I'm found, was blind but now I see. My chains are
grace ap - pear, the hour I first be - lieved.
por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
here be - low, will be for - e - ver mine.



gone I've been set free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed



me. And like a flood His mer - cy rains, un - end - ing



love, a - maz - ing grace.

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

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

What does "doxology" mean?

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

DOXOLOGY

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

The Last Word

God always has the last word in our worship. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing.

BENEDICTION

A team is available for prayer at the front of the Sanctuary following the 9 AM & 10:30 AM services.

Pastor Isaiah Thomas preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Elder Mark Crutcher, Rebecca Crutcher, Jamison Taggart, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Gordon Collier led this morning's congregational singing. Tim Drummond, Abby Till, and Chris Malak managed today's audio and video live stream. Michael Whitman managed the in-house video system.

SERMON NOTES

Announcements

ADULT MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/adults

Sunday Morning Discipleship: 9AM / Room 810 **Mark: Immediately**

The word "immediately" shows up 35x in Mark's 16 chapters. Mark is fast paced, filled with action, and centers on Jesus. This class will help us understand the significance of Jesus' identity as the Son of God AND the Suffering Servant.

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 Youth Group 6/24 (VBS)
- **Middle School Boys Flag Football:** June 23

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](#).

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: Tim Andrews, Rick McMahon, & Davison Long

Deacons in Training: Brock Snyder

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](#).

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.

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 wepccchristianseasons.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.