



West End
presbyterian church

The Fifth 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

FAITH

"The only faith that saves is that which casts itself on God for life or death."
—Charles Spurgeon

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."
—Hebrews 12:1-2

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD."
—Jeremiah 17:7

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 28:6-9

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.

Blessed be the LORD!
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

GIVE ME JESUS

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.

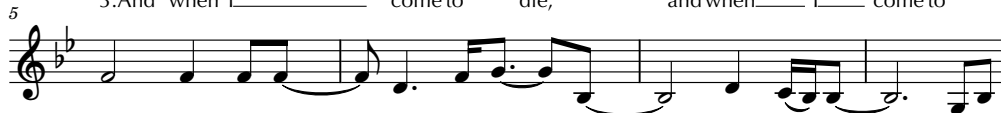
*"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words."
Psalm 17:6*

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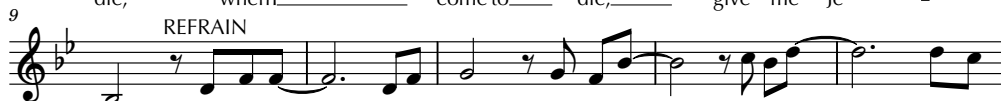
VERSE



1. In the morn - ing when I _____ rise, _____ in the morn - ing when I _____
2. And when _____ am a - lone, _____ and when _____ I _____ am a -
3. And when _____ come to die, _____ and when _____ I _____ come to



rise, in the morn - ing when I _____ rise _____ give me Je -
lone, when I _____ am a - lone, _____ give me Je -
die, when I _____ come to die, _____ give me Je -



REFRAIN

sus.
sus. Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus. _____ You can
sus.



have all this world, but give me Je - sus. _____

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 Kevin Greene either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

OFFICER INSTALLATION & ORDINATION

*Led by Pastor Kevin Greene at
the 10:30 AM Service*

Elder Re-Election: Paul Howe

Deacon Re-Election: Rob Musser

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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." 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.



"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
 Matthew 11:28

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COME ALL WHO ARE WEARY

1. Come, all who are wear - y: I will give you
 2. Come, all who are wound - ed, cry - ing out, "How
 3. Come, all who are weep - ing, all whose hope is

rest. long?"
 Come, all who are wait - ing for the break of
 gone. Come, all who are si - lent, all who've lost their

breast, dawn. song. Your for my yoke is eas - y and my
 Dark - ness will not hide you for - ev - er
 ev - ery tear is num - bered, your ev - ery

bur - den light. O come, all who are wear - y, come.
 from my sight. O come, all who are wound - ed, come.
 sor - row known. O come, all who are weep - ing, come.

O come, all who are wear - y, wounded and

weep - ing, all of God's child - ren, come.

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

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.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

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 are full of grace and truth, but our faith is weak and we have not understood Your sovereign rule in our lives. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns instead of submitting to Your Word. We have sought our own glory instead of obeying Your Law. We have not waited to find Your will for us. We have been given to the fear of man, and rocked by uncertainty. We have not noticed the needs of others around us. We have not trusted Your favor. Father, forgive us for our sins against You. Lord Jesus, lead us to follow you as Lord. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that Your good hand might be upon us. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Ephesians 2:8-10

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. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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. I
 soul so base as mine. I



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 - points 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... there is salvation in no one else."
Acts 4:11-12*

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IN CHRIST ALONE

1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found, He is my light my strength_ my song. This Cor - ner
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - nes of God in help - less Babe. This gift of
3. There in the ground, His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain. Then, burs - ting
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ, _ in me. From life's first

stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
love, and right - eous ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that
forth, in glor - ious day, up from the grave He rose_ a - gain. And as He
cry, to fin - al breath, Je - sus com mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri - vings cease; my Com - fort
cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev' - ry
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost, its grip on me. For I am
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; 'til He re -

er my All in All, here in the love of Christ_ I stand.
sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood_ of Christ.
turns, or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ_ I'll stand.

PROMISES

"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant..." Deuteronomy 7:9

Aaron Moses
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VERSE

1. God of Ab-ra - ham, You're the God of cov - e - nant, of faith-ful prom-i - ses.
2. God, from age to age, though the earth may pass a - way, Your word re-mains the same.

Time and time a - gain You have pro - ven You'll do just what You
And his - tor - y can prove there's no - thing You can't do, You're faith - ful and

PRE-CHORUS

said. Though the storms may come, and the winds may blow, You'll re - main stead - true.

CHORUS

fast. And let my heart learn when You speak a word, it will come to pass. Great is Your

faith - ful - ness to me. Great is Your faith - ful - ness to me. From the

ri - sing sun to the set - ting same, I will praise Your name. Great is Your faith - ful -

BRIDGE

ness to me. I put my faith in Je - sus, my an - chor to the ground. My

TO CHORUS

hope and firm foun - da - tion, He'll ne - ver let me down. He'll ne - ver let me down.

"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 Kevin Greene preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. Elder B-J Huff led worship. Sarah Jurewicz, Chris Alberts, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Mollie Bowman, Jude Moliq, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Deacon Luke Shrader, Caleb Han, and Rob MacBride managed today's audio and video live stream. Ethan Moliq 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 / Room 810
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 / TODAY!, July 12, 26, Aug 2
12-2 PM / Baish's home (visit [1823 GroupMe](#) for address)

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
- **Girls Outdoor Movie:** TONIGHT! / 5:30-8:30 PM
- **Game Night:** June 29 / 6:30-8 PM / Gym & Lounge
- **Boys Hiking Day:** July 2 / 10 AM -1 PM
- **Summer Youth Group:** July 1 / 6:30-8 PM

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/children

Sundays:

- **9 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old)
- **10:30 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old) & Children's Message or Worship (4 years-2nd grade)
- **Nursing Mom's Room** (service audio available during both services)

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

TODAY! / 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: Jon Greenhill & Sean Winterhalter

Deacons in Training: Rob Musser & Kurt Zebley

WEPC Office Closed on Friday, July 3

The office will reopen on Monday, July 6 at 9 AM.

WEPC Employment Opportunity:

ESL Assistant Director

WEPC is currently seeking those who desire to build relationships with our neighbors and love to work on a team that supports church ministry. This position is part of the Neighborhood Outreach Ministry and is essential to the administration and function of the ESL Ministry - read the job description [HERE](#). Contact: Heather Glissman (heatheresl@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."

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.

****Thank you VBS Lightspeed Galaxy Mission for donating over 200 cans to the Food Pantry!***

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.