



West End
presbyterian church

**The Tenth 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

DELIVER ME, O LORD

"Faith...is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods...Now that I am a Christian I do have moods in which the whole thing looks very improbable: but when I was an atheist I had moods in which Christianity looked terribly probable. This rebellion of your moods against your real self is going to come anyway. That is why Faith is such a necessary virtue: unless you teach your moods 'where they get off', you can never be either a sound Christian or even a sound atheist...Consequently one must train the habit of Faith...if you have once accepted Christianity, then some of its main doctrines shall be deliberately held before your mind for some time every day."

--C.S. Lewis

"Christians live by faith in Jesus Christ, and when their faith leans forward toward the coming of the Kingdom, they call it hope."

--Cornelius Plantinga

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. Take heart; I have overcome the world."

--John 16:33

CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 15:3-4; 1:5-7

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.

Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the ages.
Who will not fear You, O Lord, and bring glory to Your name?

**For You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before You,
for Your righteous acts have been revealed.**

To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood
and made us a kingdom of priests to His God and Father,

To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him.

Invocation

SONG OF ADORATION

JESUS SHALL REIGN

Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

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.

Based on Psalm 72

Isaac Watts (1719);
Tune: DUKE
STREET, John
Hatton (b.1710).
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1. Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun
2. Ble - ssings a - bound where - e'er He reigns,
3. To Him shall end - less prayer be made,
4. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue



does His suc - ces - sive jour - ney's run;
the pris' - ner leaps to lose his chains;
and end - less prai - ses crown His head;
dwell on His love with swee - test song,



His King - dom spread from sho - re to shore,
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest
His name like sweet per - fume shall rise
and in - fant voi - ces shall pro - claim



till moons shall wax and wane no more.
and all the sons of want are blest.
with ev - ery mor - ning sac - ri - fice.
their ear - ly ble - ssings of His name.

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.

GOSPEL READING

John 15:18-27

If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: "They hated me without a cause." But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism
Q&A 1 (1563)

What is your only comfort
in life and in death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong -- body and soul,
in life and in death –
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins
with His precious blood,
and has set me free
from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together
for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to Him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.**

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.



"From everlasting to
everlasting you are
God." Psalm 90:2b

FROM EVERLASTING (PSALM 90)

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VERSE



1.O God, be - fore the moun - tains were brought forth or
2.We dwell be - neath the stars in an - cient skies. A
3.O God, when joy and trag - e - dy col - lide and

days of spring and sum - mer filled. the earth. From ev - er - last - ing,
thou - sand years are no - thing in Your sight. From ev - er - last - ing,
loss re - minds us life is but a sigh, from ev - er - last - ing,

REFRAIN



You are God. And all our days are held with-in Your hands. Your
You are God.
You are God.

per - fect love and fa - vor have no end. We rest with-in the wis - dom of Your

plan, ev - er - last - ing God. 4.O God of light, our ways are known. to

You, but by Your grace You're ma - king all things new. So

sat - is - fy us in our num - bered days, es - tab - lis - ev - ery ef - fort while we

wait. From ev - er - last - ing You are God.

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. Children's Worship is on break for the summer and will resume with the beginning of fall Sunday School classes on August 23.

GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE Reading

¹In my distress I called to the Lord,
and he answered me.

²Deliver me, O Lord,
from lying lips,
from a deceitful tongue.

³What shall be given to you,
and what more shall be done to you,
you deceitful tongue?

⁴A warrior's sharp arrows,
with glowing coals of the broom tree!

⁵Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech,
that I dwell among the tents of Kedar!

⁶Too long have I had my dwelling
among those who hate peace.

⁷I am for peace,
but when I speak, they are for war!

*Psalms 120.
A Song of Ascents.*

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

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.

Heavenly Father, You have prepared Your salvation in the presence of all peoples. Your Son reconciled us to God through the Cross. Now give us to die to our sin in repentance, so we may live as one with You and with one another. We have not trusted Your Good News to be good; we have not availed ourselves of Your nearness; we have refused the peace of Christ; we have hoped for little from You; we have nursed our hostilities; and the very thoughts of our hearts are revealed in the light of the glory of Your great mercy toward us. Forgive our unbelief, and renew us by Your Holy Spirit that we might eagerly worship You, that we may once more find the Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to be our greatest joy. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, He has turned away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

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.

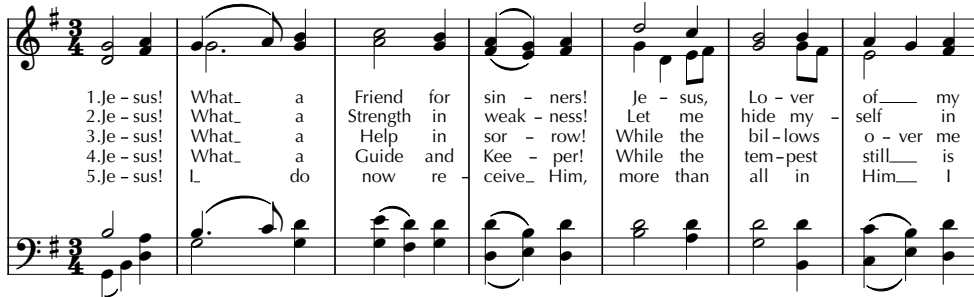
Songs of Response to God's Grace

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

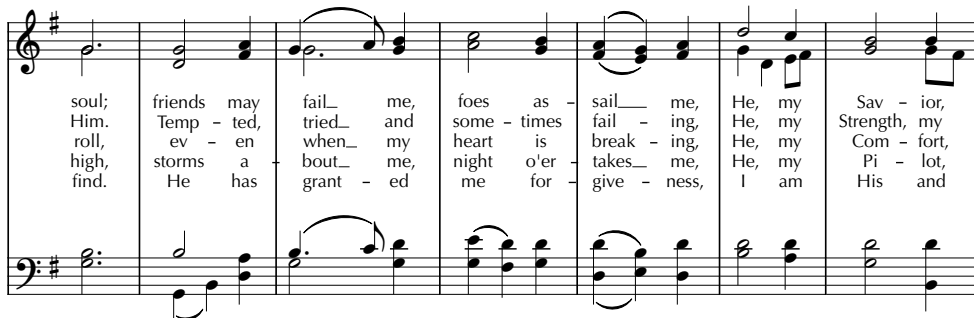
"A friend of tax collectors and sinners." Luke 7:34

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



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

*"Because of the
Lord's great love we
are not consumed"
Lamentations 3:22*

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WE ARE NOT OVERCOME (LAMENTATIONS 3)



Flesh will fail_____ and bones will break; thieves will steal,_____ the earth will
Put no trust_____ in the earth, in the sod_____ you stand up-
Have no fear_____ for your life, turn your cheek,_____ turn your



shake. Night will fall,_____ the light will fade;_____ The Lord will give_____ and take a-
on. Flow-ers fade_____ in - to dust;_____ The Lord will make_____ a place for
cheek. Bear the yoke_____ of love and death;_____ The Lord will give_____ all life and

Chorus



way: Be-cause of His great Love, we are not o-ver-come!
us:
breath.



— Be-cause of His great Love, we are not o-ver-come!

LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

"Look, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him." Revelation 1:7



1.Lo! He comes with clouds de - scen-ding, once for
2.Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold Him robed in
3.Ev - ery i - land, sea, and moun-tain, heav'n and
4.Now Re - demp-tion, long ex - pec - ted see in



fav - ored sin - ners slain, once for fav - ored sin - ners slain; thous - and,
dread - ful ma - je - sty, robed in dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who
earth shall flee a - way, heav'n and earth shall flee a - way; all who
sol - emn pomp a - ppear! See in sol - emn pomp a - ppear! All His



thou - sand saints at - ten - ding swell the
set _____ at naught and sold Him, pierced and
hate _____ Him must, con - foun - ded, hear the
saints, _____ by man re - jec - ted, now shall



tri - umph of His train, swell the tri - umph of His train. Hal - le -
nailed Him to the Tree, pierced and nailed Him to the Tree, deep - ly -
trump pro - claim the Day, hear the trump pro - claim the Day; come to
meet Him in the air, now shall meet Him in the air, Hal - le -



lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God a - ppears on earth to reign.
wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
judg - ment! Come to judg - ment! Come, Lord, Je - sus, come!
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! See the Day of God a - ppear!

St. 1-2 Charles Wesley (1758); St. 3-4 John Cennick (1752); alt. Martin Madan (1760); Music Adapted from Zac Hicks, ©2009 Unbudding Fig Music (ASCAP). Used by permission.

*"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 bles - 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 Steve Shelby 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. Jay Smith and Deacon Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. AJ Anonick managed the in-house video system. Children's Ministry Director Audrey Snyder gave the Children's Message at the 10:30AM service.

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

Wednesdays through August 26 / 6:30-8 PM
WEPC Chapel

Join us for a look what God says about love and being loved. 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**

Wednesdays through August 19 / 6:30 PM
Room 810

All women are invited! 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)

Adult 80's Trivia Night

August 14 / 7-8:30 PM / Fellowship Hall
Join us for an adults-only 80's Trivia Night! Bring your best guesses, enjoy relaxed conversation, and munch on some snacks while we laugh our way through the evening. RSVP [here](#). Contact: Matt (matt@wepc.org) or Joy (joy@wepc.org).
Childcare will not be available.

1823 COLLEGE-AGED MINISTRY

Last summer meeting: TODAY! / 12:30-2PM / FH
ALL younger adults (post high school, approx. ages 18-23, in college, working, taking a gap year) are invited to join us for our final summer gathering! Contact: Kristin Tetterton (kristin@wepc.org or 804-350-6153).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/children

Sundays:

- **9 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old)
- **10:30 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old)
- **Nursing Mom's Room** (service audio available during both services)

Volunteers Needed!!

Children's Ministry is still seeking a number of Volunteers for the year. Training provided.

- **7 Sunday School Teachers (PreK-5th)**
(Rotating every other week)
- **4-5 Sunday School Assistants (PreK-5th)**
(Rotating every other week)
- **1 Nursery Coordinator**

We also have volunteer needs for Wednesday Night Programming. Reach out to Audrey (audrey@wepc.org) with questions or if you'd like to join in on the joy of supporting parents in the discipleship of their children.

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

Lectio Visio: The Life of Christ

Sundays through August 16 / 12-1:45 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. We'll eat together at 12 PM (bring your own lunch) and begin our time of reflection at 12:30 PM. Contact: Becca Wethered (becca@wepc.org)

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

Neighborhood Outreach Interest Luncheon

TODAY! / 12-1:30 PM / Library
Join us for fellowship, good food, an opportunity to hear about N.O. ministries through the testimonies of volunteers and Q&A time. If you have been interested or volunteered years ago and want more information about how N.O. ministries reach our community, we would love for you to join! Contact: Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org)

MISSIONS

STEP Richmond Ministry School Supply Drive

Help us collect school supplies for children in Gilpin Court. A collection bin can be found just outside the WEPC church office through **August 5**. Visit steprichmond.org/back2school for a list of needed supplies.

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- **Last Summer Youth Group:** August 5

GENERAL INFORMATION

Deacons of the Week: David Creasy, Luke Shrader, Rick McMahon, & Mike Glasgow

Service Sampler: A taste of how we serve and belong together

August 9 / Following both services / Gallery
Interested in serving at WEPC, but not sure what ministries are available? Come explore the service opportunities available, learn what each ministry needs, and find the place where your gifts can make a difference. We'd love to help you connect, serve, and belong!

Psalms for Pilgrims Sermon Series Playlist

Check out our [Psalms for Pilgrims 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 Psalms for Pilgrims" or "West End Presbyterian RVA + playlists."

WEPC Employment Opportunity:

Neighborhood Outreach 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. Read the job description [HERE](#). Contact: Heather Glissman (heatheresl@wepc.org)

ESL Nursery Workers Needed During ESL

Tuesday Evening Classes: Paid Position

If you love working with children and want to support our community, we would love to hear from you! Contact Ligdabeth Shea (eslnursery@wepc.org) with interest or questions, and visit our website to apply [here](#).

Save the Date: WEPC Camping Trip

September 18-20, 2026

Join us for a weekend of faith, fun, and adventure as we camp in the great outdoors and fellowship together at Sherando Lake! Contact Andi Alberts (alberts.andrea@gmail.com) for more details.

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](#).

Inquirers' Weekend: FRI, Sept 18-SUN Sept 20

The pastors of WEPC extend a warm invitation to those interested in our church and the possibility of membership in the future (*membership does give an individual a vote in all congregational meetings*). Inquirers' Weekend is a wonderful time to meet our pastors in a group setting and learn some foundations of Christianity, foundations for our church's worship, and opportunities for connection and service with others. (Please note that the Friday and Saturday sessions serve as the first step towards membership.)

Friday: 6:30–9 PM (dinner included)

Saturday: 9 AM–12 PM (breakfast included)

No childcare provided for Friday & Saturday.

Sunday: 7 PM: Dessert at the Shelys' home.
Children welcome.

RSVP by MON, September 14 to Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org) or mark your tear-off.

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!

WEPC COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

www.wepc.org/preschool

WEPC Community Preschool is hiring!

We have an assistant position open for the 2026-2027 school year. Are you, or someone you know, interested in working at the WEPC Community Preschool? If so, please visit our website at wepc.org/preschool/about/employment or reach out to the preschool director, Casey Zollinhofer (casey@wepc.org), for more information.

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.