



West End

presbyterian church

The Eleventh 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

MY HELP IS FROM THE LORD

"A wakeful God is the sure guardian of a sleeping people."

--*Charles Spurgeon*

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

--*Corrie ten Boom*

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

--*Romans 8:31b*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 33:2,5-6

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.

O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for You.

Be our Arm every morning, our Salvation in the time of trouble.

The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high.

He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness.

He will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge.

The fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure.

Invocation

Asking God to be
with us.

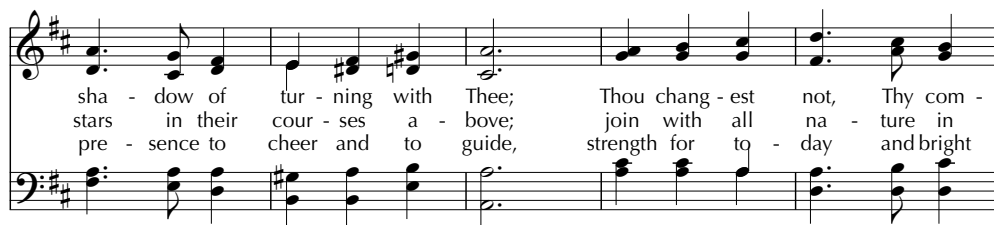
INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

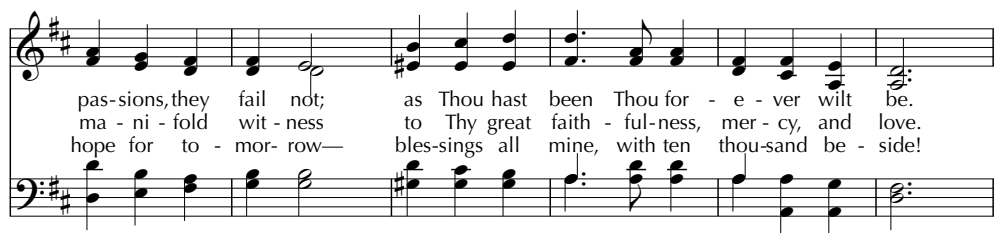
GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS



1 Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and harv - est sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thy own dear



sha - dow of tur - ning with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
stars in their cour - ses a - bove; join with all na - ture in
pre - sence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou for - e - ver wilt be.
ma - ni - fold wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row— bles-sings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Mor - ning by



mor - ning new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed Thy



hand hath pro - vi - ded. Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

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 Your faithfulness"
Lamentations 3:23

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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.

GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-15

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one."

DECLARATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism
Q&A 28 (1563)

How does the knowledge
of God's creation and providence help us?

**We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have
good confidence in our faithful God and Father
that nothing in creation will separate us from his love.
For all creatures are so completely in God's hand
that without his will
they can neither move nor be moved.**

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.*



"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

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PSALM 121 (I LIFT MY EYES UP)

VERSE



I lift my eyes up to the moun-tains, where does my help come from? My help comes from You, Ma-ker of hea-ven, Cre-a-tor of the

REFRAIN



earth. O, how I need You, Lord! You are my on - ly Hope, You are my on - ly prayer!— So I will wait for You to come and res - cue me, come and give me life!

SCRIPTURE Reading

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
²My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
³He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
⁸The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

*Psalm 121
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

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

*Luke 22:7-8, 14, 19-20,
29-30*

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you..."

"And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

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

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! 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, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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

FOR THE TIRED AND ALONE

VERSE



For the tired and a - lone, and the far away from home, — for the



an - gry and for the a - fraid. — For those who can't fall a - sleep the



Shep - herd will keep — you, He loves — you. You're ne - ver a - lone. —

REFRAIN



Peace, peace, God, give us peace, we can - not make peace —



— on our own. Through the day and the night You will al - ways pro - vide. —



— You love us. We're ne - ver a - lone. —

"I will come to you... Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."
John 14:18,27

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*"The LORD bless you
and keep you; the
LORD make his face
to shine upon you and
be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his
countenance upon
you and give you
peace."
Numbers 6:24-26*

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THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you, make His face shine u-pon_

_ you and be gra-cious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you

and give you peace. A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

"Your life is hidden with Christ in God."
Colossians 3:3

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1. Mine are days that God has num - bered; I was made to walk with
2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row, dark-ness not yet un - der -
3. Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil - grim on a nar - row



Him. Yet, I look to world - ly treas - ure and for -
stood. Through the val - ley I must trav - el where I
way. One with Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and



sake the King of kings. But mine is hope in my Re -
see no earth - ly good. But mine is peace that flows from
ha - tred for His name. But mine is ar - mour for this



deem - er; though I fall, His love is sure. For Christ has
heav - en, and the strength in times of need. I know my
bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war. And He has



paid for ev - ry fail - ing; I am His fo - ev - er - more.
pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com - pletes His work in me.
said He will de - liv - er safe - ly to the gol - den shore. And mine are



keys to Zi-on's ci - ty where be - side the King I walk, for there my



heart has foun d its treas - ure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.

"We know that for
those who love
God all things work
together for good,
for those who are
called according to his
purpose"
Romans 8:28

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ALL MUST BE WELL



1. Through the love of God our Sav - ior, All will be___ well;
2. Though we pass through trib - u - la - tion, All will be___ well;
3. We ex - pect a bright to - mor row, All will be___ well;



Free and change-less is His fav - or, All___ is___ well;
Ours is such a full sal - va - tion, All___ is___ well;
Faith can sing through days of sor - row, All___ is___ well;



Pre-cious is the blood that healed us, Per-fect is the grace that
Hap - py still in God con - fid - ing, Fruit-ful if in Christ a -
On our Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing, Je - sus ev - 'ry need sup -



sealed us, - Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be___ well.
bid ing, Stead-fast through the Spir-it's guid-ing, All must be___ well.
ply- ing, Yes, in liv - ing and in dy - ing, All must be___ well.

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 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.

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. **Erin Bouknight, Chris Alberts, Doug Cherrington, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Ross Bruning, and Jamison Taggart** led this morning's congregational singing. **Deacon Luke Shrader, Caleb Han 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

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- **Youth Sunday School:** 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- **Parents vs Students:** September 9 / 6-7:30 PM
- **Fall Middle & High School Youth Group:**
Beginning September 16 / 6-7:30 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)
- **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.

- **6 Sunday School Teachers (PreK-5th)**
(Rotating every other week)
- **10 Sunday School Assistants (PreK-5th)**
(Rotating every other week)

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)

MISSIONS

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Virginia Vision Dinner

November 5 / 6 PM / Jefferson Hotel

Join WEPC Missions Partner Child Evangelism Fellowship of Virginia for a night of music, testimony, and a vision for what God has for us in the future. Contact Cheryle Simmons (cheryl.simmons@cevfa.com)

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.

General Information

Deacons of the Week: Brock Snyder, Mike Glasgow, Rob Musser, & Sean Winterhalter

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

TODAY! / 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 turn our eyes to our Father for Refuge, Helper, Keeper, and Merciful Deliverer. 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 Shelbys' 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!

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.