

His Love Endures Forever

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**The Sixth Sunday in Lent:  
Palm Sunday**

Today we move toward the conclusion of the season of Lent known as Passion Week—a recounting of the final days of the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. It begins on Palm Sunday with the entry of Christ into Jerusalem, and includes both Maundy Thursday (the institution of the Lord's Supper) and Good Friday (the crucifixion of our Lord). It follows Jesus through His betrayal, trial, and death on a cross. It culminates in His resurrection on Easter Sunday. We use this week to reflect on the amazing truth of the Church's participation in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Each Sunday this Lent, we will sing "Have Mercy on Me" and hear stories of how Jesus is leading us to repent to trust Him, becoming like Him in His death, and attaining His resurrection (Phil. 3:10-11).

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

### IMPERISHABLE

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all."  
--John 6:63

"So brief a life, and then an endless life  
Or endless death;  
So brief a life, then endless peace or strife:  
Whoso considereth  
How man but like a flower  
Or shoot of grass  
Blooms an hour,  
Well may sigh 'Alas!'  
Yet saints are singing in a happy hope  
Forecasting pleasure,  
Bright eyes of faith enlarging all their scope;  
Saints love beyond Time's measure:  
Where love is, there is bliss  
That will not pass;  
Where love is,  
Dies away 'Alas!'"  
--Christina Rossetti

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Isaiah 40:3-8*

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.**

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it  
together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

**A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"**

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

**The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows  
on it; surely the people are grass.**

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand  
forever.

# INVOCATION

## SONG OF ADORATION

### **PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
The King of creation  
O my soul praise Him  
For He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear  
Now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

2. Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things  
So wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings  
Yea, so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen  
How all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

3. Praise to the Lord!  
Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

4. Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the "Amen"  
Sound from His people again  
Gladly for, aye, we adore Him

*"All that is within me, bless His holy name!" Psalm 103:1*

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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.*

## STORIES FROM THE CHURCH: TURNING TO JESUS

Mollie Greenhill

Each Sunday in Lent we will hear testimonies of how Jesus is leading us to repent to trust Him, becoming like Him in His death, and attaining His resurrection (*Philippians 3:10-11*).

# OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Zechariah 9:9-10,16-17*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. On that day the LORD their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

### OFFERING

*You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. If you miss today's offering, please visit [www.wepc.org/giving](http://www.wepc.org/giving) for online giving options or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quiocasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).*

The offering isn't just about money. Our response to the Gospel goes much deeper; God demands our whole selves. The act of giving in worship is a part of offering ourselves as "living sacrifices" to God (Romans 12:1).

*"The Lord is my rock,  
and my fortress, and my  
deliverer." II Samuel 22:2*

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#### BY THY MERCY

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory  
Bend from Heav'n Thy gracious ear  
While our waiting souls adore Thee  
Friend of helpless sinners, hear...

*By Thy mercy, O deliver us  
Good Lord, good Lord.  
By Thy mercy, O deliver us  
Good Lord, good Lord*

2. From the depth of nature's blindness  
From the hardening power of sin  
From all malice and unkindness  
From the pride that lurks within...

3. When the world around is smiling  
In the time of wealth and ease  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling  
In the day of health and peace...

4. In the solemn hour of dying  
In the awe-full judgment day  
May our souls, on Thee relying  
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay...

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30am)

Children, age 4 through 2nd grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from the Chapel. [www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)

*"But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'"*  
Matthew 19:14

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING (10:30am)

Gather round ye children come  
Listen to the old, old Story  
Of the power of death undone  
By an Infant born of glory  
Son of God, Son of Man

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### GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

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## SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. <sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. <sup>50</sup>I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. *1 Corinthians 15:35-50*

## SERMON

*A Worship Guide with sermon questions and testimony is posted each Sunday at [wepc.org/worship/sermons-media](http://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media).*

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**People: 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.

## PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

### 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.

**Our heavenly Father, forgive us our transgressions against You. We have sought a home and salvation among the perishable, and have wanted little from You. We became people of dust, and lost sight of the future promised through Your conquering Son. We coddle our secret sins, and have relinquished the hope of glory. Instead of hearing Your Good News, we have been captivated by a voice that leads to death. Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God, our only hope is in Your finished work. You lived the life we should have lived. You died the death we should have died: in our place, as our substitute, to make atonement for our sins. You rose again, victorious over sin and death, that we might inherit the Kingdom of God. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit, who leads us through death to resurrection life.**

*Silent Confession of Sin*

## HAVE MERCY

Have mer - cy on me.

Have mer - cy on me. O

Lord, have mer - cy. O

Lord, have mer - - - cy.

Have mercy on me  
 Have mercy on me  
 O Lord, have mercy  
 O Lord, have mercy

O, help my unbelief  
 O, help my unbelief  
 O Lord, have mercy  
 O Lord, have mercy

Praying to the Lord for mercy is a worship practice with roots in ancient Israel (Psalm 51:1), and heard in the cries of those who came to Jesus in the Gospels (Matthew 15:22, 17:15, 20:30). As a part of confessing our sin in worship this Lent, the followers of Jesus expectantly sing, “have mercy”.

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## 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 the center aisle station, wine and grape juice with gluten-free wafers are available in double cups. The gluten-free wafer is found in the bottom cup. Juice is in the purple cup. Wine is in the clear cup. At all the other stations, grape juice is in purple cups, wine is in the clear cups on the outer ring of the tray, and gluten-free bread is served alongside. For a list of ingredients in the wafers, see [www.wepc.org/communion](http://www.wepc.org/communion).*

*If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please contact the WEPC office.*

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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.”

*John 5:19, 24*

## SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

*"He said, 'If I have found favor in your eyes, my Lord, do not pass your servant by.'" Genesis 18:3*

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### PASS ME NOT, O GENTLE SAVIOR

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior  
Hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by...

*Savior, Savior hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by*

2. Let me at Thy throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief  
Kneeling there in deep contrition  
Help my unbelief...

3. Trusting only in Thy merit  
Would I seek Thy face  
Heal my wounded broken spirit  
Save me by Thy grace...

4. Thou the Spring of all my comfort  
More than life to me  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee  
Whom in heaven but Thee...

*"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"  
John 1:29*

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### NONE OTHER LAMB

1. None other Lamb, none other Name  
None other Hope in Heaven or sea  
No hiding place from guilt and shame  
None beside Thee, none beside Thee

2. My faith burns low, my hope burns low  
Only my heart's desire cries out in me  
By the deep thunder of its woe and woe  
Cries out to Thee, cries out to Thee...

*All who labor  
And are heavy laden  
Come unto me  
And I will give you rest*

3. Lord, Thou art life, though I be dead  
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be  
Nor heav'n have I, no place for my head  
No home but Thee; no home but Thee...



# DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

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## What does "doxology" mean?

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

# BENEDICTION

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

*Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng led worship. Elder Chris Newlin, Erin Bouknight, Andi & Chris Alberts, Buddy Miner and Donald Smith led this morning's congregational singing. Elder Gordon Kuhfuss and Aaron Suttan managed today's audio and video live stream. Michael Whitman 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](http://www.wepc.org/adults)

### Adult Sunday School

- **Lenten Hymn Sing**  
TODAY / 9 AM / Chapel  
Join us in singing Lenten hymns and hymns of praise, followed by food and fellowship.
- **Easter Devotional**  
March 31 / 9 AM / Room 810
- **The Life of Jesus**  
April 7-June 30 / 9 AM / Room 810  
Join us as we study the life of Christ. Using videos from the great 20th century theologian RC Sproul's "Dust to Glory" series, we will examine the moment in redemptive history when the second Person of the Trinity revealed Himself to His people in the most profound way.

### Women's Ministry

[www.wepc.org/grow/women](http://www.wepc.org/grow/women)

### Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies

Join us as we continue studying the book of Jonah. New women are welcome.  
Wellspring: Tuesdays / 9:15-11:30 AM  
Restore: Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM  
Contact: Brice Bowman ([brice@wepc.org](mailto:brice@wepc.org)) or visit [our website](#) to register.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://www.wepc.org/grow/youth)

- **Sunday School:** 9 AM
- **Youth Group:** Wednesdays  
6-7:30 PM--Middle School  
7:30-9 PM--High School
- **Homework Time:** Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
- **HS Modgnik:** April 12-14 / Register [HERE](#)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)

### Sundays

- **9 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old) & Sunday School (PreK-5)
- **10:30 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old) & Children's Worship (4 years-2nd grade)

*\*Nursing Mom's Room (service audio available during both services)*

### Kids' Club (K-5th grade)

Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM

Join us for Bible teaching, games, crafts, and fellowship!

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## NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/neighborhood](http://www.wepc.org/neighborhood)

### 10K Training Team

Join the Good News Can't Lose Team if you are interested in running, jogging, or walking the Monument Avenue 10k on Saturday, April 20. Official training is each Saturday morning at 8AM. For more information and to sign up, visit [our website](#). Contact: Misti Prociuous ([misti@wepc.org](mailto:misti@wepc.org)) with questions.

## MISSIONS

[www.wepc.org/outreach/missions](http://www.wepc.org/outreach/missions)

### Prison Discipleship (PDM) Awareness Dinner

April 12 / 6:30-8:15 PM / Fellowship Hall  
Join us to hear about about the work of WEPC Missions Partner Prison Discipleship Ministry, serving men and women in jails and prisons in central Virginia. RSVP by April 1 to Al Yancey (804-801-4035)

### Patty's Hope Celebration Dinner

April 26 / 6:30-9 PM / Fellowship Hall  
Join us in celebrating God's faithfulness to the mission of WEPC Missions Partner Patty's Hope with an evening of worship, prayer, fellowship, & more! RSVP [here](#), or contact Leila Gunning ([Leila@pattyshope.org](mailto:Leila@pattyshope.org)).

### Patty's Thrift - Volunteers Needed!

Patty's Thrift, a consignment store that is part of the Patty's Hope Ministry, is looking for volunteers to help with sorting and other tasks, as they get ready to open their new store. Please sign up [here](#) for details on how to help, or visit their [website](#) to reach out directly.

## FOOD PANTRY

[www.wepc.org/mercyministry](http://www.wepc.org/mercyministry)

Please continue to check our [weekly list](#) or join a [Food Item Team](#) to help keep the shelves stocked for our neighbors.

## General Information

### Deacons of the Week

Matt Wilks, Mike Glasgow, Matt Mailloux, & Chris Hennesey

### Goochland County Church Plant

Do you live in Goochland County, VA? Are you, or someone you know, interested in hearing more about a new Presbyterian Church in America church plant in Goochland County? Contact: Pastor Joe Brown ([joe@wepc.org](mailto:joe@wepc.org))

### WEPC Men's Softball Team

For any former athletes interested in playing softball on Tuesday nights, the season starts April 9th. If you're interested in joining the team, please contact Bryan Meeks ([meeks.b@gmail.com](mailto:meeks.b@gmail.com)) or Ross Bruning ([ross6536@gmail.com](mailto:ross6536@gmail.com)).

### Singing at PCA General Assembly 2024?

Our denomination, The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), will be conducting its 51st General Assembly this summer in Richmond, VA. During that assembly on June 11, a choral prelude will be sung prior to an evening worship service and volunteers are welcome to sing and be a part of this choral offering. Contact: Jack Templeton ([jack.and.minda@gmail.com](mailto:jack.and.minda@gmail.com))

### WEPC Preschool Enrollment is Open!

We'd love your little ones to join us at WEPC with classes available for 1-5 year olds! For more info, visit [wepc.org/preschool](http://wepc.org/preschool), contact Casey ([casey@wepc.org](mailto:casey@wepc.org)), or pick up an enrollment packet outside the WEPC Community Preschool office in the gallery.

### Sandra McCracken in Concert

May 2 / 7:30PM

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church  
Sandra McCracken is coming to Richmond for a concert that will support Sandra's latest album, "Light in the Canyon." Opening the evening will be her latest side project, Paper Horses, including Taylor Leonhardt. Tickets available online at <http://tinyurl.com/mccrackentickets>.

### Fiscal Year Giving Report (as of 3/17/2024):

Operating gifts YTD: \$1,872,516.46  
Forecasted gifts YTD: \$1,834,715.18  
% of expected budget received: 102.06%

### Prayer & Support Group

Email [pray4fam@wepc.org](mailto:pray4fam@wepc.org) for prayer and support for couples struggling with infertility.

## Lent & Easter 2024 at WEPC

[www.wepc.org/lent-and-easter](http://www.wepc.org/lent-and-easter)

*"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead."  
Philippians 3:10-11*

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and ends on the Saturday before Easter, March 30. Lent, a tradition from the early centuries of church history, is a season of preparation preceding the celebration of Easter, focused on repentance. Speaking biblically, to repent means to make a change in our attitudes, words, and lifestyle. Those who follow Jesus must learn that we must die before we rise. Beginning when we first trust Christ, and continuing throughout our lives, we turn more and more away from sin and self-centeredness and instead turn more and more to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### Worship Services

• Maundy Thursday / March 28 / 7 PM

*We gather to worship, to remember Christ's work on the cross, to celebrate communion, and to respond to Christ's mandate to serve each other. An offering will be taken for the WEPC Deacon's Fund.*

• Good Friday / March 29 / 7 PM

*This service of corporate prayer, Scripture reading, confession, and celebration of our Lord's death helps us consider and respond to the crucifixion and atonement of Jesus Christ for us. An offering will be taken for the WEPC Deacon's Fund.*

• Easter Sunday / March 31 / 9 & 10:30 AM

### Lenten Hymn Sing

TODAY / 9AM / Chapel

Join us in singing Lenten hymns and hymns of praise, followed by food and fellowship.

### Lent 2024 Devotional

A weekly worship devotional to guide the church in practicing repentance as we prepare to celebrate Christ's victory over death through Scripture, prayer, and song. Available [online](#) and in the church gallery.

### WEPC Lent 2024 Playlist

Listen to [this soundtrack](#) to sing along with Lenten songs of repentance and dependence on God. Many of these songs are sung in our worship services and are also used in our Lent 2024 Devotional.

# 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
- ◇ Childrens Ministry
- ◇ Youth Ministry
- ◇ Adult Classes
- ◇ Home 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.