

#### GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

#### The Twentieth 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

#### KEPT FOR THE FAITH

"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.

--John 17:11-15

"We have been called, which refers to God's gracious acts in the past; we are loved, which describes his gracious attitude to us in the present, and we are being kept for a wonderful future with him in endless glory...God's love is expressed in his plan to bring us into his glorious presence."

--John Stott

# Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:10-12

#### The First Word

We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His Word: His invitation to us to gather in His name. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

It shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**Invocation.** Asking God to be with us.

# Invocation

# Declaration of faith

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven. and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### The Nicene Creed

In the early years of the Christian church, there were some who falsely taught that neither Jesus Christ nor the Holy Spirit were truly God. Several Church Councils, including Nicaea in AD325, convened to faithfully articulate belief in the triune God. During our sermon series on the New Testament letter of Jude, we use this ancient summary of apostolic teaching to help us "contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).

# Song of Adoration

#### 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.

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

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#### **JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS**



# 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 <u>Keep in Touch form</u> 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.

# OLD Testament Reading

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, 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. "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

Numbers 6:22-27

Read by Ali Fogarty, serving with WrapAround Ministry

# Ministry of Prayer

# Offering

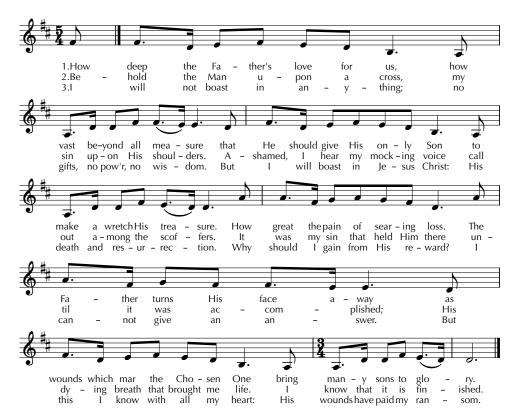
You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. If you miss today's offering, please visit <a href="www.wepc.org/giving">www.wepc.org/giving</a> for online giving options or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).

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).

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God." I John 3:1

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#### HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US



CHILDRen's Message (10:30am)

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

# Scripture Reading

<sup>1</sup>Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Jude 1:1-2

# Sermon

A Worship Guide with sermon questions is posted each Sunday at <a href="https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media">https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media</a>.

# 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.

I Timothy 3:9; I 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

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your steadfast love and atoning sacrifice, You took our place and proved Yourself to be the Friend of sinners. You were punished that we might be pardoned, and broken that we would be made whole. In Your resurrection You demonstrated Your power over death, and secured our future-- triumphant, redeemed, and blessed eternally. While we await Your return, we confess that we have been faithless and anxious in heart. In our restlessness we have sought peace for our souls in a salvation of our own making. Apart from You, we find ourselves dangerously proud, alone and worn. Forgive us, Savior! Renew our faith and restore to us the true rest You alone offer us. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

# Words of Cheouragement

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

# 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.

At the center aisle station, double-cups are also available, where the small gluten-free, egg-free wafer is found in the bottom cup. Again, grape juice is in the purple cups and wine is in the clear cups. For a list of ingredients in the wafers, see <a href="https://www.wepc.org/communion">www.wepc.org/communion</a>.

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

# **BOUNTIFULLY WITH ME**



"I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me." Psalm 13:6

Paul Ranheim & Kirk Sauers, ©2021 Mellow Toad Music (BMI), Bold Canary Music (BMI). Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "For the sake of Your name, lead me and guide me." Psalm 31:3

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#### ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME



#### **UNTO HIM (JUDE 24-25)**



"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

Jude 1:24-25

Mike Donehey Shane Barnard ©2022 Songs From Wellhouse; Perhaps Even More So Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "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-inone) nature.

# Doxology



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 the Lord's Supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Robin Huff, Mya Wilcox, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Elder Tom Krieger, Ford Hendrix, and Mollie Bowman led this morning's congregational singing. Tim Drummond and Rob MacBride managed today's audio and video live stream. Ethan Molique 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

Adult Sunday School: 9AM / Room 810

Stories of Redemption: Oct 6 & 13

Each of us has a story to tell of God's redemption in our lives. Join us as we hear stories from two of our missionaries and our newest staff member.

- 10/6: Matt Bouknight, WEPC Staff
- 10/13: Katie Howe, Samaritan's Purse

Kingdom Prayer: Oct 20 - Nov 17

What do you'see when you look around you? God's Kingdom is advancing, but it's easy to become short-sighted and fix our eyes on our immediate culture, our politics, and our experience. Jesus is good to teach us to look for the Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. Join us as we learn about Kingdom-centered prayer and Christ's mission using Matthew 6:9-13. Led by members of the WEPC Gospel & Race Discipleship Team.

#### Women's Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/women

**Fall Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies** 

Wellspring: Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:30 AM Restore: Wednesdays 6-7:30 PM Join us as we listen and engage with the words of Jesus in Matthew 5-7 in the Sermon on the Mount! Each week we will ponder how Jesus's description of His Kingdom invites us to reconsider our needs, our relationships, and our place in the Kingdom of God. Register now. Contact: Brice Bowman (brice@wepc.org)

Save the Date: Women's Retreat
March 1-2, 2025 / Roslyn Retreat Center
Registration details coming soon!

Wednesday Night Fellowship GREATER: A Study of the Letter of Colossians

www.wepc.org/WNF

Wednesdays / 6-7:30 PM / Chapel Join us as we study the New Testament letter to the Colossians and see how Jesus is greater than everything: He gives us new life and a new community. Led by Kevin Greene, Brian Wilcox, and Becca Wethered. Contact Kevin (kevin@wepc.org) with questions.

#### 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)
- Children's Worship does not meet on the 1st Sunday of the month. Instead, there will be a Children's Message during the 10:30AM worship service.
- Nursing Mom's Room (service audio available during both services)

#### **Kids Club**

Wednesdays / 6-7:30PM / Kindergarten-5th Grade

#### Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

#### **8K Training Team**

Saturdays 7 8AM

Join us every Saturday to prepare to walk or run the 8k on November 16. If interested, please contact Changjwok (<u>changjwok@wepc.org</u>).

#### Simple English Bible Study

2nd & 4th Sundays / 5-6:30 PM Join our multicultural community twice a month as we meet to study the Bible using the Gospel of Mark. Contact: Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org)

#### Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- First Sunday Breakfast: 9 AM / FH
- Homework Time: Tuesdays / 6-8 PM
- Youth Group: October 9 / Youth Lounge
- **High School Overnight:** October 10-11

#### WRAPAROUND MINISTRY

Visit the WrapAround table in the Gallery to discover ways to support children in foster care and their families. We're collecting gently used books for teenagers and distributing prayer cards for children awaiting adoption.

# WORLD RELIEF RESOURCES Southeast Hurricane Disaster Relief

See the PCA's Mission to North America's website for opportunities to give and support those affected by the hurricanes in the southeast.

#### **Missions**

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

Meet the Opedun Family!

We invite your family, small group, Bible Study table, or photography/sewing group to meet with Boas & Jenna Ruth Opedun to hear more about their work and ministry with Serge! Boaz & Jenna Ruth (and their children) are visiting from Uganda and will be our WEPC Missionaries in Residence for the next few months, eager to share more about what God is doing through their work in Uganda. Please contact Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org) for more information OR to donate gift cards for groceries or gas during their stay.

Patty's Hope Support Opportunities

Shoppers Needed

Come shop at Patty's Thrift (2101 Maywill Street) to support the biological mothers of children in foster care in the Patty's Hope program.

Mom's Group Food Donations
 Sign up to cover a meal or snack for one of our mom's care groups. Visit this link.

#### General information

#### **Deacons of the Week**

Chris Hennesey, Sean Winterhalter, Bryan Meeks, & Chris May

**WEPC Church-Wide Tailgate** 

October 20 / following the 2nd Service Hosted by WEPC's Youth Ministry, this is a fantastic opportunity for fellowship and fun with the entire church family. The Youth ministry will provide the main dish of BBQ, but we would love for you to sign up to bring a side dish to share. Don't forget to bring chairs and picnic blankets. RSVP HERE!

Inquirer's Weekend RESCHEDULED DATE: November 8-10

WEPC Fellowship Hall

For those interested in learning more about our church and the possibility of membership in the future. Come meet our pastors in a group setting and learn some foundations of Christianity, our church's worship, and opportunities for connection and service with others.

Questions or to RSVP (due by Nov 4):
Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org)

DivorceCare Mens Group Fall 2024

Tuesdays through Dec 10 / 7:30-9 PM / Chapel Join us for a Christ-centered program addressing the complexity of life when facing marital separation or divorce. Register at <a href="www.divorcecare.org/findagroup">www.divorcecare.org/findagroup</a>, and click on the "More Info" tab for West End Presbyterian Church. Contact: Bryan Finch (<a href="mailto:Bryanlfinch@gmail.com">Bryanlfinch@gmail.com</a>) or Matt Osenga (<a href="mailto:Osengam@hotmail.com">Osengam@hotmail.com</a>)

WEPC Employment Opportunity: Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach

WEPC is currently seeking candidates to fill the Coordinator position for our Neighborhood Outreach Ministry. This position includes tasks related to Tutoring Ministry, ESL Kids Club, & Track Camp. Please contact Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.org) if you or someone you know may be interested in this position. Read the job description HERE.

WEPC Small Groups: Enrollment Open!

Please consider joining a Small Group this Fall! Small groups are a great way to make a big church smaller, meet people, and get into the Word. Contact: Joy Andrews (joy@wepc.org) for more information.

**Register Now! Barnabas Basic Training** 

November 9 / 9AM-4PM / Community West Join us for an introduction to the foundational principles of The Barnabas Model, which considers the human heart and human relationships within a Biblical framework. Cost \$110 with optional lunch purchase for \$15 - register now. Scholarships and ministry rates available. Contact: Kim Johnson (kjohnson@barnabasrva.org)

#### FOOD Pantry

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

Please continue to check our weekly list or join a <u>Food Item Team</u> (listed below) to help keep the shelves stocked for our neighbors.

#### **Food Item Teams:**

Reach for Team Peach! (canned peaches) Give the Fry Team a try! (oil & salt) Team Garbanzo, you rock! (dry or canned) Way to Go, Team Tomato! (canned tomatoes) Shine! Join Team Star Baker! (flour & sugar)

# 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 <u>NEW</u> contact information for you.

## Please check the appropriate boxes:

- ♦ Visitor
   ♠ Male
   ♦ 20 or younger
   ♦ Female
   ♦ Single
   ♦ Student (Grade \_\_\_\_)
   ♦ Student (College)
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- ♦ 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.