

# West End

presbyterian church



**The Thirteenth 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

### WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID?

"If the storm obeys Jesus, then He must be the Creator Himself. The disciples are more terrified after the miracle than before—because they're beginning to understand who's in the boat."

--Tim Keller

"O God our Rock, calm us in the storm.

O Holy Spirit, intercede for us.

Be merciful, most merciful God!

O God our Rock, hold us in the chaos of this hard hour.

O Christ our King, calm us in the storm of our distress.

O Holy Spirit, Intervene and intercede.

We need You now, most merciful God!"

--Doug McKelvey, "Every Moment Holy"

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalms 65:1-8*

**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.

Praise awaits You, our God, in Zion; to You our vows will be fulfilled.  
You who answer prayer, to You all people will come.

**When we were overwhelmed by sins, You forgave our transgressions.**

Blessed are those You choose and bring near to live in Your courts!

**We are filled with the good things of Your house, of Your holy temple.**

By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;

**The one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might; who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,**

So that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.  
You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.


**Invocation**

Asking God to be with us.

## INVOCATION

# SONG OF ADORATION

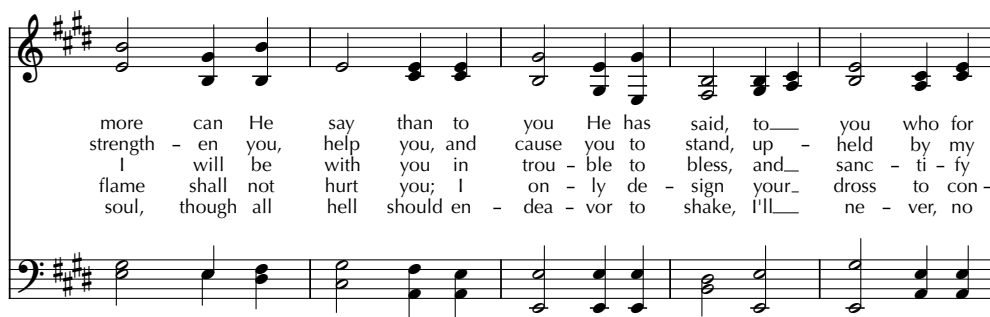
## HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION



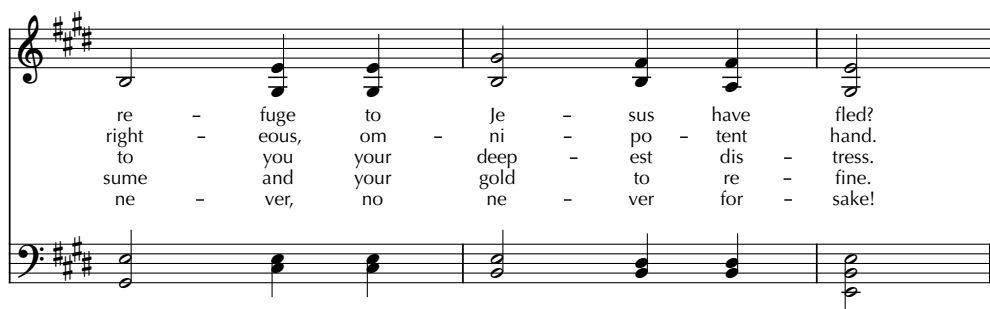
1. How firm a foun - da - tion you saints of the Lord,  
 2. Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3. When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
 4. When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 5. The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose



is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word! What  
 for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll  
 the ri - vers of sor - row shall not ov - er - flow, for  
 my grace all - su - ffi - cient shall be your su - pply; the  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes; that



more can He say than to you He has said, to — you who for  
 strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand, up - held by my  
 I will be with you in trou - ble to bless, and sanc - ti - fy  
 flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign your\_ dress to con -  
 soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to shake, I'll\_ ne - ver, no



re - fuge to om - Je - sus have fled?  
 right - eous, you your deep - est dis - hand.  
 to you and your gold - to re - tress.  
 sume ne - ver, no ne - ver for - fine. sake!

### 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.

*"Fear not, for I have redeemed you"*  
 Isaiah 43:1

John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns (1787). Tune: FOUNDATION, American Folk melody. Public domain.

# Welcome

*We are glad you have joined us this morning! If you are visiting our church for the first time, or are a regular attendee 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.*

## ESL COMMISSIONING (10:30am)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 43:1-3*

But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

## OFFERING

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).

*You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. Please visit [www.wepc.org/giving](http://www.wepc.org/giving) or scan the QR code for online giving options, or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).*



# NOTHING TO FEAR

"Fear not, for I  
am with you."  
Isaiah 41:10

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and Hymns/  
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## VERSE



1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you,  
2. In the depths of your sor - row, I wept be - side you.



and the depths of the ri - vers shall not ov - er - whelm.  
When you walked through the shad - ow, I drew you near.



When you walk through the fi - re, you will not be  
Yest - er - day, to - day, to - mor - row, al - ways the

## REFRAIN



burned: I am the Lord, I am the Lord. And there is noth - ing to fear,  
same, I am the Lord. I am the Lord. And there is



noth - ing to fear, there is noth - ing to fear, noth - ing to fear, for I am

## BRIDGE



with you al - ways. What can sep - a - rate you from My per - fect



love? What can sep - a - rate you from My per - fect love?



What can sep - a - rate you from My per - fect love? Do not fear.



Do not fear. Do not fear.

# CHILDREN's MESSAGE (10:30am)

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

## Sermon

*A Worship Guide with sermon questions is posted each Sunday at <https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media>. You can also find the sermon audio on [Apple Podcasts](#) and [Spotify](#) under "West End Presbyterian Church RVA."*

# PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty God, we strive for joy, meaning, and security. We look for it in our work, our relationships, and along every path of life. We despair that our lives are fleeting, we give way to fear, and we make idols of Your good gifts. Father, forgive us. We have not sought first Your Kingdom. We have been blind to Your faithful hand in our world and lives. Lift our eyes to see Jesus, and lead us to glory in His salvation alone. By Your Spirit, grant us faith to trust Your providence, Your provision, Your rule, Your love, and Your redemption. Merciful God, give us joy in the assurance that You are God, and that we are Yours through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silent 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.

# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*Romans 10:9,13*

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved... For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

## 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](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.*



# Songs of Response to God's Grace

## JESUS PAID IT ALL

*"You are not your own, for you were bought with a price."  
1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

Elvina M. Hall  
(1865); Tune: ALL  
TO CHRIST. Public  
Domain.

### VERSE

1. I hear the Sa - vior say: thy strength, in - deed, is small, child of  
 2. Lord, now, in - deed, I find Thy pow'r and Thine a - lone can  
 3. For no - thing good I have where - by Thy grace to claim, I'll  
 4. And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete. Je - sus

### REFRAIN

weak - ness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all.  
 change the le - per's spots and melt the heart of stone. Je - sus paid it  
 wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.  
 died my soul to save, my lips shall still re - peat.

all, all to Him I owe, sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

*"Be still and know  
that I am God; I will  
be exalted among  
the nations, I will be  
exalted in the earth."  
Psalm 46:10*

Words: Kathrina  
Amalia von Schlegel  
(1752). Music: Jane  
Laurie Borthwick  
Jason Ingram | Jean  
Sibelius | Kari Jobe  
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## BE STILL MY SOUL (IN YOU I REST)

VERSE



1. Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side, bear pat - ient -  
2. Be still, my soul, thy God does un - der - take, to guide the  
3. Be still, my soul, the hour is hast - ening on, when we shall

ly fu - the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy  
be - ture as He has the Lord. Thy hope, thy  
When dis - a -

God to or - der and pro - vide in ev - ery  
con - fi - dence, let no - thing shake all now my -  
ppoint - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for -

change, He faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my  
ster - ious shall be bright at last. Be still, my  
got, love's pur - est joys res - tored. Be still, my

soul, thy best, thy heav'n - ly Fri - end, through thorn - y  
soul, the waves and winds still know His voice Who  
soul, when change and tears are past, all safe and

REFRAIN

ways leads to a joy - ful end. In You I rest, in You I  
ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
bless - ed, we shall meet at last.

found my hope, in You I trust, You ne - ver let me go, I place my

life with-in Your hands a - lone. Be still, my soul.

# BEHOLD OUR GOD

"Behold your  
God!"  
Isaiah 40:9

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## VERSE



Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered  
Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the Lord? Who can que - stion  
Who has felt the nails u - pon His hands, bear - ing all the



ev - ery grain of sand? Kings and na - tions  
an - y of His words? Who can teach the  
guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal,



trem - ble at His voice. All cre - a - tion  
One who knows all things? Who can fath - om  
hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior,

## REFRAIN



ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His  
all His won - drous deeds?  
ri - sen now to reign!



throne. Come, let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our



King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him!

*"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.

### 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.

## 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.

## 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 Chris Newlin**, **Women's Leadership Development Associate Erin Bouknight**, **Buddy Miner**, **Doug Cherrington**, **Donald Smith**, **James Long**, **Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered**, and **Troy Arnold** led this morning's congregational singing. **Greg Stiles** and **Scott Hoyer** managed today's audio and video live stream. **Cody Hahn** managed the in-house video system. **Children's Ministry Director Audrey Snyder** gave the Children's Message.

# Sermon Notes

# Announcements

## ADULT MINISTRY

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

### Sunday Morning Discipleship: 9AM

- **We Believe: A Study of the Nicene Creed**  
**Sep 7 - Nov 23 / Room 35**

What do you believe? The Nicene Creed was the first unifying statement of what Christians hold to be true and, to this day, defines orthodox Christian doctrine. Seekers, skeptics, new Christians, and long-time believers are encouraged to join us as we contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. Led by Ruling Elders Mark Crutcher and Changjwok Deng. Contact: Chang ([changjwok@wepc.org](mailto:changjwok@wepc.org))

- **Marriage: What Did You Expect?**  
**Sep 7 - Oct 12 / Room 810**

Every marriage has something in common: challenges. When a marriage is built upon shared expectations fostered through commitment, they can experience challenges with confidence, knowing that will lead to growth and greater intimacy. This class is based on Paul Tripp's book *Marriage: 6 Gospel Commitments Every Couple Needs to Make*. Contact: Matt ([matt@wepc.org](mailto:matt@wepc.org))

### HOW TO LIVE: Wednesday Night Fellowship

Sep 10 - Nov 12 / 6 - 7:30 PM / WEPC Chapel  
Life is complex. The New Testament book of Philippians provides us with straightforward spiritual guidance in light of the essential teachings of Christianity. For anyone that would like to grow as they learn what it means to follow Jesus. Led by Kevin Greene, Changjwok Deng, and Becca Wethered. Questions? Contact: Kevin ([kevin@wepc.org](mailto:kevin@wepc.org))

### Women's Ministry

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

#### Fall Wellspring & Restore Bible Studies:

Wellspring: Tuesdays AM - *begins Sep 9*

Restore: Wednesdays PM - *begins Sep 10*

Join us for this year's study "SHE IS... Women as God's Image-Bearers." All women are welcome. Register now! Contact: Brice Bowman ([brice@wepc.org](mailto:brice@wepc.org))

### Young Adult Fellowship

Meets every other Thursday / 7-8:30 PM / FH

Next Meeting: September 11

Young Adults at WEPC is a space to grow in your faith and connect with others. We meet every other Thursday night for fellowship and discussion. Contact Matt Bouknight ([matt@wepc.org](mailto:matt@wepc.org)) for more information and to receive updates.

### Men's Ministry - Second Monday

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

September 8 / 6:30 PM / FH

Join us for our monthly gathering of men from WEPC and the community for food, fellowship, and Gospel teaching. Contact: Mike Glasgow ([atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com](mailto:atfmanhokie89@yahoo.com))

### The Table Fellowship & Prayer: Resumes Sep 12!

Fridays / 12-1 PM / Room 810

The Table is an informal gathering to pray and fellowship as a church, open to anyone that would like to attend. We'll have a short devotional, pray for the needs of the church and each other, and eat lunch together. Please bring a packed lunch. No need to RSVP. Contact: Matt ([matt@wepc.org](mailto:matt@wepc.org))

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

### Sundays:

- **9 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old)
- **10:30 AM:** Nursery (infant-3 years old)  
\*Children's Worship will resume September 14.
- **Nursing Mom's Room** (service audio available during both services)

### Wednesdays (*beginning September 17*):

- **Club 4/5:** Because of changes in our volunteers' availability, our Wednesday nights are being restructured. Though we are no longer hosting a program for K-3rd graders, we are excited to launch CLUB 4/5. Our 4th & 5th graders will gather for a special time of fellowship, games, and diving deep into the Word together. We will be studying the book of Matthew through the Fall.

### Volunteers Needed:

Children's Ministry is still seeking a number of volunteers for the year and training is provided.

#### 9AM Sunday School

- 1 Kindergarten Teacher, 1 Kindergarten Helper
- 5 Nursery Volunteers

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

- **First Sunday Breakfast:** TODAY / 9 AM
- **Youth Group:** Sep 10  
Middle School: 6-7:30 PM  
High School: 7:30-9 PM

## NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH MINISTRY

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

### WEPC 8K & Half Marathon Training Team

We are very excited to announce that a group from WEPC is training for an 8k and Half Marathon on Saturday, November 15. All levels are welcome: runners, joggers and walkers. Our group runs on Saturday mornings at 8am. Sign up [here](#)! Contact Changjwok Deng ([changjwok@wepc.org](mailto:changjwok@wepc.org))

### Language of the Month!

The Neighborhood Outreach Team is excited to launch Language of the Month! A fun churchwide exercise to learn new words in another language. For the month of September we will learn Arabic. Visit the "Life in the Neighborhood" bulletin station (near the church offices) to grab your learning resources: September Calendar and Bookmarks.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Deacons of the Week

Sean Winterhalter, Mike Glasgow, Cory Payne, & Stephen Hunn

### DivorceCare Group

DivorceCare is a 13-week Christ-centered program addressing the complexity of life when facing marital separation or divorce. **OUR FALL 2025 CLASS IS FULL at WEPC.** For inquiries or help in finding another location, contact: Matt Osenga ([Osengam@hotmail.com](mailto:Osengam@hotmail.com)).

### WEPC Fall 2025 Conference: *Swing Low: The Story of the Black Church in the United States*

September 27 / 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM / FH  
The history of African American Christians tells the story of Jesus-followers compelled to pursue spiritual growth and social change to God's glory. Join us to be encouraged by the dynamic witness of the Black church in the United States. Led by author Walter Strickland. Register now at [wepc.org/swinglow](http://wepc.org/swinglow).

### 25th Annual WEPC Camping Trip

September 12-14

Join us for a weekend of faith, fun, and adventure as we camp in the great outdoors and fellowship together! \$55/family. Contact: Andi Alberts ([alberts.andrea@gmail.com](mailto:alberts.andrea@gmail.com))

### Join a Small Group!

Small groups are starting up in September. They are a great way to make a big church seem small, meet people, and get into the Word. Please fill out the interest form on [our website](#) or contact Joy Andrews ([joy@wepc.org](mailto:joy@wepc.org)) if interested.

### Mercy Ministry:

#### Deacon Assistant Training Opportunity

September 21 / 12PM / WEPC Library

Are you a WEPC member interested in using your gifts to serve in the church's mercy ministry? Our mercy ministry brings glory to God by addressing the material needs of those in the church and the surrounding community in a biblically sound, compassionate, wise, and effective manner. Women & men are invited to join us for a four-week training class at 9 AM Sundays this Fall. To RSVP for the interest lunch, or for more information about the Deacon Assistant role, contact Pastor Kevin Greene ([kevin@wepc.org](mailto:kevin@wepc.org)).

### Questions Jesus Asked Spotify Playlist

Check out the [Questions Jesus Asked Spotify Playlist](#). You can find it by searching "Questions Jesus Asked" or "West End Presbyterian Church RVA + playlists."

### Mapping the Wilderness Conference

November 8 / 9 AM -3 PM / City Church

Reaching Richmond for Jesus Christ involves creativity and genuine interest in people. This workshop looks to reinvent and refresh our approach to sharing the Gospel. Learn more at [www.evangelizetoday.com](http://www.evangelizetoday.com) and [register here](#). Hosted by the James River Presbytery. Questions? Contact: Kevin Greene ([kevin@wepc.org](mailto:kevin@wepc.org))

### Follow Us on Social Media!

Find us on Facebook and Instagram @wepcrva.

## FOOD PANTRY

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