



West End
presbyterian church

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

Happy 25th Anniversary!

Today when one looks around, it is hard to believe that once this church did not exist. I and many of you well remember that time.

Also, today, when one looks around, it may all seem that getting here was inevitable. It was not.

If we make it to our 30th or 50th anniversary, those will not be inevitable or a foregone conclusion either.

“LORD, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us.”
– Isaiah 26:12

Warmly,
Steve

Sunday Worship Services: 9 AM and 10:30 AM
Children's Sunday School: 9 AM

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

COMPLETE IN THE TRIUNE GOD

“The great heart of the eternal Father,
the great heart of the eternal Son,
the great heart of the ever-blessed Spirit,
the great heart of the Trinity in unity,
beats with love,
with love to all the elect,
to all the redeemed,
to all the called,
to all the sanctified people of God.
We are quite sure of this.”

– *Charles H. Spurgeon*

“The wonder is not only that God the Father gave His Son but that He did so in this way, by sacrificing the one He loved. It is astonishing that He gave the Beloved for those who hated Him. See how highly He honors us. If even when we hated Him and were enemies He gave the Beloved, what will He not do for us now?”

– *John Chrysostom*

Ordinary Time

The Christian year, anchored in the main events of the New Testament, provides a pattern for understanding the Christian life. 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 glory as King of all.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 118

The First Word

Because we believe God initiates with sinners, we begin worship with His Word: His invitation to us to gather in His name.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good

and His love endures forever.

Let those who fear the LORD say,

“His love endures forever.”

The LORD is our Strength and our Song; He has become our Salvation.

I will give You thanks, for You answered me; You have become my Salvation.

The LORD is God, and He has made His light shine upon us.

You are our God, and we will give You thanks:

You are our God, and we will exalt You.

INVOCATION

SONGS OF ADORATION

*“Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.”
– Psalm 96:9*

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GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
Glory be to the Son,
Glory be to the Spirit, Three-In-One.

As it was in the beginning,
It will be forever,
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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 want 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:
No heav'n have I, no place for my head,
No home but Thee, no home but Thee!

*"Whom have I in heaven
but you? And earth has
nothing I desire besides
you." – Psalm 73:25*

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Welcome

Visitors, we are glad you are here. Following the service, please join Pastor Steve Shelby for coffee in the Gallery.

MISSION UPDATE

Roger Johnson, WEPC Vision Team

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Christian, hear these promises of God to His Church and give Him thanks and praise.

“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (Genesis 12:2-3). **We thank you, LORD.**

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified...the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:6). **We thank you, LORD.**

“Your house and our kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.” (II Samuel 7:16). **We thank you, LORD.**

“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” (Psalm 34:18). **We thank you, LORD.**

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1). **We thank you, LORD.**

“ ‘My unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,’ says the LORD, who has compassion on you.” (Isaiah 54:10). **We thank you, LORD.**

“I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God.” (Jeremiah 24:7). **We thank you, LORD..**

“ ‘For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God.’” (Ezekiel 36:24-28). **We thank you, LORD.**

“The sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.” (Malachi 4:2). **We thank you, LORD.**

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:11-12). **We thank you, LORD.**

“On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not overcome it.” (Matthew 16:18). **We thank you, LORD.**

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.” (Romans 8:26-27). **We thank you, LORD..**

“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all -- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?” (Romans 8:31-33). **We thank you, LORD.**

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:13). **We thank you, LORD.**

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” (I Corinthians 10:13). **We thank you, LORD.**

“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6). **We thank you, LORD.**

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (I John 1:9). **We thank you, LORD.**

“No longer will there be any curse. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.” (Revelation 22:1-5). **We thank you, LORD.**

“‘Yes, I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.” (Revelation 22:20-21)

To Him be praise and glory, with You, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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 (Rom. 12:1).

If you missed today's offering and wish to give, or if you would like to submit your tear-off, the elders at the front of the sanctuary who are available for prayer following the service will be glad to receive them.

SONG OF PRAISE

GIVE ME JESUS

*“For what does it profit
a man to gain the whole
world and forfeit his soul?”
– Mark 8:36*

*Traditional African-
American Spiritual*

In the morning, when I rise,
In the morning, when I rise,
In the morning, when I rise,
Give me Jesus.

*Give me Jesus,
Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus.*

And when I am alone,
Oh when I am alone,
And when I am alone,
Give me Jesus.

And when I come to die,
Oh when I come to die,
And when I come to die,
Give me Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

A Worship Guide with sermon notes and recordings is posted each Sunday at wepc.org/sermons.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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..."

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

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."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*based on
1 Corinthians 13:4-6*

Confession & Encouragement

Often we find that our hearts are worshipping 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.

We will slowly read the bold print, that we might reflect on applications of God's law in italics.

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40)

Love is patient. (Am I willing to endure trying people?)

Love is kind. (Am I thinking or acting uncharitably toward anyone?)

Love is not possessive. (Am I manipulative? Do I use people?)

Love is not boastful or proud. (Do I love to be the center of attention?)

Love is courteous. (Am I considerate, thoughtful, warm?)

Love is not selfish. (Am I fixed on my needs and rights?)

Love is not irritable or bitter. (Am I forgiving? Do I keep a record of wrongs?)

Love delights in truth and righteousness. (Am I eager to trust and follow Jesus?)

Silent Confession

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 John 4:9-10

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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.

Wine is in the outer ring of the communion tray, grape juice is in the inner rings. All bread is gluten-free.

Please come forward as you are ready to participate in the Lord's Supper individually, with a friend, or as a family.

If you need special assistance and are not able to come forward for Communion, raise your hand and we will come to you at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper.

Elders & Deacons are glad to pray for your children who have not yet become communing members. If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please mark today's tear-off or contact the WEPC office.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

HELP MY UNBELIEF

"I believe; help my unbelief!" – Luke 9:24

1. I know the Lord is nigh,
And would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try
And frights my soul away,
And frights my soul away.

2. I would but can't repent,
Though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent
Till Jesus makes it soft,
Till Jesus makes it soft.

3. I would but cannot love,
Though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move
A soul as base as mine,
A soul so base as mine.

4. I would but cannot rest,
In God's most holy will;
I know what He appoints is best,
And murmur at it still,
I murmur at it still.

*Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
My help must come from Thee.*

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HEAL US, EMMANUEL

"Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." – Luke 8:48

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are—
We long to feel Thy touch.
Deep, wounded souls to Thee we fly;
O Savior, hear our cry!*

1. Our faith is feeble, we confess.
We faintly trust Thy Word.
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord!

2. Remember him who once applied,
With trembling, for relief
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried
"O help my unbelief!"

3. She, too, who touched You in the press
And healing virtue stole
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace
Thy faith has made thee whole."

4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may.
O send us not despairing home
Send none unhealed away.

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ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

"Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest." – Hebrews 4:11

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

*I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound for promised land!*

2. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

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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 a word 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

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.

After the service, the Elders are available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you or for you, and to answer questions about the sermon or West End Presbyterian Church.

Phil Davis, pastor of Faith Community Church (Prague, Czech Republic) preached today’s sermon.

Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Pastor Joe Brown administered the Lord’s Supper.

Music was led by Worship Arts Directors Taylor Barnett and Tiffanie Chan, along with Sarah Jurewicz, Jill Wiebe-King, Kim Forquer, Tyler Pease, Karl Kuder, and Jason Weippert.