



West End
presbyterian church

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

Imagine the difficulty of building a house in the 1st century. No doubt, any shortcut would be so very tempting.

Life is hard. So hard, that we live for shortcuts. Storms are coming. Who will help you weather the storm?

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

BUILT

"It's not enough to study or applaud the words of Jesus. We must do what He says. Otherwise, we are in danger of hypocrisy, in danger of facing a great crash."

– *Dan Doriani*

"Some dying words were, 'Strive without ceasing.' Jesus' were, 'It is finished.' Give me Jesus."

– *Scott Sauls*

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

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psalm 118: 19-24

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.

INVOCATION

SONGS OF ADORATION

NONE OTHER LAMB

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

Text: Christina Rossetti
(1830-1894)

Tune: Alex Mejias,
Ross Byrd (2009)

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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!

*All who labor and are heavy laden
Come unto Me and I will give you rest.*

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.

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!

Welcome

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and who give lying divinations. They shall not be in the council of my people, nor be enrolled in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD GOD. Precisely because they have misled my people, saying, 'Peace,' when there is no peace, and because, when the people build a wall, these prophets smear it with whitewash, say to those who smear it with whitewash that it shall fall! There will be a deluge of rain, and you, O great hailstones, will fall, and a stormy wind break out. And when the wall falls, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the coating with which you smeared it?' Therefore thus says the LORD GOD: I will make a stormy wind break out in my wrath, and there shall be a deluge of rain in my anger, and great hailstones in wrath to make a full end. And I will break down the wall that you have smeared with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be laid bare. When it falls, you shall perish in the midst of it, and you shall know that I am the Lord. Thus will I spend my wrath upon the wall and upon those who have smeared it with whitewash, and I will say to you, The wall is no more, nor those who smeared it, the prophets of Israel who prophesied concerning Jerusalem and saw visions of peace for her, when there was no peace, declares the LORD GOD.

Ezekiel 13:9-16

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

OFFERING

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.

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).

SONG OF PRAISE

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL

*“Lead me, O LORD, in your
righteousness because of
my enemies; make your way
straight before me.”*

– Psalm 5:8

Ernest W. Shurtleff (1887)

Chorus: Jeff Pardo

Tune: Jeff Pardo

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1. Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest,
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation,
Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King! Lead on, O King!

Lead on, O King, lead on!

2. Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper,
The sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy,
The heavenly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning,
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted over us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30 AM)

*During the 10:30 AM service, children (pre-K to second grade) are dismissed
for Children's Worship. See p.12 for more information.*

SCRIPTURE READING

⁴⁶ “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?

Luke 6:46-49

⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

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

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*from The Valley of Vision,
"Confession and Petition"*

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.

Holy Lord, we are guilty—of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to seek You in our daily lives. Our violations and failures present our consciences with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For we lay them all now on Christ, our Sacrifice and Advocate. Lord, subdue our weaknesses and selfishness, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but have You rule over us in liberty and power. We praise and thank You for Your wisdom and love, for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in You. In Jesus name. Amen.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Romans 5:1-2

Since have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

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

STEADFAST

1. I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move.
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord,
And your faithfulness will prove
You are steadfast, steadfast.

2. By the word you spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night.
In your watchful care I will rest secure,
As you lead us with your light.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

3. I will not trust
In the strength of kings,
On your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,
Hallelujah to the Lamb!
You are steadfast, steadfast.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.— Psalm 136:1
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THE LORD OUR GOD

*"Know therefore that the LORD your
God is God; he is the faithful God."*
– Deuteronomy 7:9

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1. Promise maker, promise keeper,
You finish what you begin.
Our provision through the desert,
You see it through till the end,
You see it through till the end.

*The Lord our God is ever faithful,
Never changing through the ages.
From this darkness You will lead us,
And forever we will say,
"You're the Lord our God!"*

2. In the silence, in the waiting,
Still we can know You are good.
All Your plans are for Your glory,
Yes, we can know You are good!
Yes, we can know You are good!

BE STILL MY SOUL

"Be still, and know that I am God."
– Psalm 46:10

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1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God does undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

*In You I rest, in You I find my hope,
In You I trust, You never let me go.
I place my life within Your hands alone.
Be still, my soul.*

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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.

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

Text: Thomas Ken (1709)
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH
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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.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon.

Pastor Kevin Greene led worship.

Music was led by Kevin Shaffer, along with Audrey Snyder, Becca Wethered, Tiffanie Chan, Tyler Pease, Donald Smith, and Jason Weippert.