

# West End

presbyterian church



# PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

It is unacceptable to many of us that we will lead lives that no one will notice—that at the end of our lives, all that could be said of us was that we were faithful. We showed up. Does Jesus demand more?

In today's parable, faithfulness is commended and rewarded. I think for many that would not be enough.

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

### GIVEN

“While the Lord enriches His servants daily and heaps new gifts of His grace upon them because He holds pleasing the work that He has begun in them, He finds in them something He may follow up by greater grace. This is the meaning of the statement, ‘To everyone who has, more will be given’ (Luke 19:26)”

—*John Calvin*

“But all the while, there was one thing we most needed even from the start: the ability to take our freedom seriously and act on it, to live not in fear of mistakes but in the knowledge that no mistake can hold a candle to the love that draws us home. My repentance, accordingly, is not so much for my failings but for the two-bit attitude toward them by which I made them more sovereign than grace. Grace – the imperative to hear the music, not just listen for errors – makes all infirmities occasions of glory.”

—*Robert Farrar Capon*

### 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

Praise the LORD; Praise the LORD,  
You His servants; praise the name of the LORD.

**Let the name of the LORD be praised,  
Both now and forevermore.**

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
The name of the LORD is to be praised.

**The LORD is exalted over all the nations,  
His glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the LORD our God,  
The One who sits enthroned on high,  
Who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

*Psalm 113:1-6*

### 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

## BEHOLD OUR GOD

*"Behold your God!"*  
— Isaiah 40:9

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Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice,  
All creation rises to rejoice:

*Behold our God, seated on His throne,  
Come let us adore Him!  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare,  
Come let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God Eternal humbled to the grave;  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

## Welcome

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

## Presentation of New Members

Dustin & Claudia Taylor (9 AM)  
Emily Wilks (10:30 AM)  
Jerry & Martha Hills

## Covenant Baptism

Anna Leigh Krieger (10:30 AM)

# NEW TESTAMENT READING

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Philippians 2:12-13*

## 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

## ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS

*Let the favor of the Lord our  
God be upon us... establish  
the work of our hands!"*  
—Psalm 90:17

If You don't build it, we labor in vain,  
Without Your Spirit, we stand with no strength.  
I know my life is passing away,  
but the works of Your hands are what will remain...

*Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands!  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands!*

Teach us to number the length of our days,  
Pour out Your power, we'll pour out Your praise.  
Teach us to run, to finish the race,  
for only what's done in love will remain...

*Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands!  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands!*

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## 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.14 for more information.*

## SCRIPTURE Reading

<sup>11</sup> As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. <sup>12</sup> He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return." <sup>13</sup> Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.' <sup>14</sup> But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' <sup>15</sup> When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. <sup>16</sup> The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' <sup>18</sup> And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' <sup>20</sup> Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; <sup>21</sup> for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' <sup>22</sup> He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? <sup>23</sup> Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' <sup>24</sup> And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' <sup>25</sup> And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!' <sup>26</sup> 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>27</sup> But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.'"

*Luke 19:11-27*

## Sermon

*A Worship Guide with sermon notes and recordings is posted each Sunday at [wepc.org/sermons](http://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

**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 our sin, death, and our enemies. While we await Your return, we have been weak in faith and anxious in heart. In our rebellion and restlessness we have sought peace for our souls where there is none to be found. Apart from You, we find ourselves fearful, alone, tired, and worn. Forgive us, Savior. Renew our trust in You and restore to us the true rest You alone offer. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## **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.

# WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

*Romans 5:10*

# 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.*

# Songs of Response to God's Grace

## WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four parts, with each part having its own line of lyrics. The music features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation for the vocal parts.

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small. Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them through his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" – Galatians 6:14*  
Text: Isaac Watts (1707) Tune: HAMBURG (Mason, 1824)

## HERE, O MY LORD



Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face.  
I have no help, but Thine; nor do I need.  
Mine is the sin, but Thine the right - eous - ness.



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen.  
No o - ther arm, save Thine to lean u - pon.  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the clean - sing blood.



Here grasp with firm - er hand, e - ter - nal  
It is en - ough, my Lord, e - nough in -  
Here is my robe, thy gift, my re - fuge,



grace, and all my wear - i - ness up - on ye lean.  
deed; my strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.  
peace, Thy blood, Thy right - eous, ness O Lord, my God.

*"Is it not a participation in Christ?" – I Corinthians 10:16*

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*"Therefore, since we are  
surrounded by so great a cloud of  
witnesses..." Hebrews 12:1*

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## FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, Allelu!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might,  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their One True Light.  
Alleluia, Allelu!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the Victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Allelu!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.  
Alleluia, Allelu!

But, lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia, Allelu!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Allelu-ia!

# 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  
(Bourgeois, 1551)

**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 Joe Brown led worship.*

*Music was led by Pastor Kevin Greene, along with Lori Bowman, Sonya Smith, Rick McMahon, Kim Forquer, Taylor Barnett, Suzie Bird, Karl Kuder, and Jason Weippert.*