



West End  
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# WEPC Lectionary Project: Union with Christ

In this 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of West End Presbyterian Church, we are using the Scripture readings recommended by the Revised Common Lectionary as a framework for our corporate worship, and our personal and family devotion. The Lectionary gives us access to the whole counsel of Scripture and these texts are a means for us to grow in our understanding of our union with Christ.

## WEPC Weekly Readings

To subscribe to a daily email of these readings, register online at [wepc.org/lectionary](http://wepc.org/lectionary).

### January 13, 2019 | First Sunday After the Epiphany of the Lord: Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7

*Passing through the Waters*

Psalms 29

*All Cry Glory*

Acts 8:14-17

*Prayer for the Holy Spirit*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*The Baptism of Jesus*

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### Reflection on SUN, January 13

#### Monday

Judges 4:1-16

*Not a Man was Left*

Ephesians 6:10-17

*The Whole Armor of God*

#### Tuesday

Judges 5:12-21

*The Ancient Torrent*

I John 5:13-21

*We Are In Him Who Is True*

#### Wednesday

Numbers 27:1-11

*Give to Us a Possession*

Luke 11:33-36

*Your Whole Body is Full of Light*

#### Daily

Psalms 106:1-12

*He Led Them Through the Deep*

### Preparation for SUN, January 20

#### Thursday

Jeremiah 3:1-5

*You Refuse to be Ashamed*

Acts 8:18-24

*Pray for Me to the Lord*

#### Friday

Jeremiah 3:19-25

*You Have Been Treacherous to Me*

I Corinthians 7:1-7

*Marriage*

#### Saturday

Jeremiah 4:1-4

*To Me You Should Return*

Luke 11:14-23

*A Sign from Heaven*

#### Daily

Psalms 36:5-10

*Feast on the Abundance of Your House*

# PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

We are just beginning our study this year of our union with Christ. I believe that this truth is key to understanding the Gospel. In today's passage, the Baptism of Jesus, we see the depth and breadth of that union acted out in the waters of the Jordan River.

Warmly,  
Steve

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

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### Epiphany of the Lord

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is a time that helps us to remember Jesus as the long awaited Hebrew Messiah and His mission to the nations.

Epiphany has a particular focus on Jesus as the Light of the World and "God with us," and the Church's role in proclaiming that Jesus is Lord.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

### BAPTIZED

"To Jordan when our Lord had gone,  
His Father's pleasure willing,  
He took His baptism of St. John,  
His work and task fulfilling;  
Therein He would appoint a bath  
To wash us from defilement,  
And also drown that cruel Death  
In His blood of assoilment:  
'Twas no less than a new life."

*Martin Luther, 1541*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 18:1-3*

### 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.

I love You, O LORD, my Strength.

**The LORD is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer,  
my God, my Rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my Stronghold.**

I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

## INVOCATION

# SONG OF ADORATION

## HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the World,  
You stepped down into darkness;  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

*Here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,  
Oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above!  
Humbly You came to the Earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

*"You have crowned him  
with glory and honor."  
– Hebrews 2:7*

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## COMMISSIONING (10:30 AM)

### **Perales, Lima, Peru: January 26 – February 2**

West End Presbyterian Church has been privileged to partner for many years with a local church in Perales, a neighborhood in Peru's capital city of Lima. Our annual mission participates in a morning work project and joins with the Perales church in the afternoon in a vacation Bible school for children. [wepc.org/peru2019](http://wepc.org/peru2019)

- Matt and Tad Benko
- Steve, Owen, and Piper Godfrey
- Steve Godfrey, Sr.
- Cathy Jones
- Matthew and Millie Kleinschuster
- Sterling, Karen, Maya, Eliza,  
and Alden Sweeney
- Matt, AmyCaroline, Catherine,  
Emily, and Hayes Wilks

Pastor Kevin Greene led the congregation in this morning's commissioning.

# Welcome

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

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 43:1-4*

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.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.”

# MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

*Psalm 29. A Psalm of David.*

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.  
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.  
The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

*Pray for Our Church, Our City, and the World.* This week:

- For West End Presbyterian Church, that the Lord would grant us grace to hear His voice, trust His Word, and live as followers of Jesus Christ.
- For Metropolitan Richmond. Pray to overcome racism, its effects, and for racial reconciliation. Pray to overcome ignorance, indifference, resentment, and bitterness with regard to race in private and public life.
- For South Sudan, for 2 million people displaced by conflict in that country, and for WEPC Mission Partner Bishop Bismark Avokaya and his wife, Rina Benjamin.

# 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

## STEADFAST

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

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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.

# 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.16 for more information.*



## SCRIPTURE Reading

<sup>15</sup> As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

## 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

*I 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

### **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.

**O Lord, no day of our lives passes  
that does not prove us guilty in Your sight.  
Our best services are filthy rags.  
All things in us call for our rejection.  
However, all things in Christ plead our acceptance.  
Grant us to hear Your voice assuring us  
that by Your stripes we are healed,  
that You were bruised for our iniquities,  
that You became sin for us that we might become righteous in You.  
Grant that by resting in Your righteousness  
we may hereafter walk in newness of life  
as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*II Corinthians 5:21*

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness 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.

*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.*

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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

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## SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

### WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

*We will feast in the house of Zion,  
We will sing with our hearts restored!  
"He has done great things," we will say together—  
We will feast and weep no more.*

1. We will not be burned by the fire;  
He is the Lord our God!  
We are not consumed, by the flood—  
Upheld, protected, gathered up.
2. In the dark of night, before the dawn—  
My soul, be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength!
3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed;  
You are the Faithful One.  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom.

*"For a people shall dwell  
in Zion, in Jerusalem; you  
shall weep no more."  
— Isaiah 30:19*

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

*Traditional African-  
American Spiritual*

## **GIVE ME JESUS**

1. 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.*

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

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

## **BE STILL MY SOUL**

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

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 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*

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 Kevin Greene led worship.*

*Music was led by WEPC Elder Chris Newlin, along with Erin Bouknight, Mark Schairbaum, Buddy Miner, Donald Smith, and Troy Arnold.*