



West End
presbyterian church

WEPC Lectionary Project: Union with Christ

In this 25th 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.

January 20, 2019 | Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

As the Bridegroom Rejoices

Psalms 36:5-10

Your Steadfast Love

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Many Gifts, One Spirit

John 2:1-11

The Wedding at Cana

Reflection on SUN, January 20

Monday

Isaiah 54:1-8

Your Maker is Your Husband

Romans 12:9-21

Let Love be Genuine

Tuesday

Song of Solomon 4:1-8

You are Altogether Beautiful

I Corinthians 1:3-17

Be United

Wednesday

Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1

You Have Captivated My Heart, My Bride

Luke 5:33-39

New Wine Must be Put Into Fresh Wineskins

Daily

Psalms 145

The LORD is Faithful

Preparation for SUN, January 27

Thursday

Isaiah 61:1-7

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is Upon Me

Romans 7:1-6

We Serve in the New Way of the Spirit

Friday

Nehemiah 2:1-10

Nehemiah Seeks the Welfare of Israel

Romans 12:1-8

One Body, Many Members

Saturday

Nehemiah 5:1-13

Nehemiah Hears the Outcry of the Poor

Luke 2:39-52

I Must Be in My Father's House

Daily

Psalms 19

The Law of the LORD Revives the Soul

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

Jesus' first miracle was at a wedding, and involved wine, his mother, and his disciples. All of this was a precursor to his death, his resurrection, and ultimately his glory.

This miracle served to "manifest his glory."

And we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

THE GOOD WINE

"The best of earth will be below the simplest fare of heaven. But what will heaven's best be! If wine in the peasant's house is so luscious, what will be the new wine in the Father's kingdom!... What will it be to sit at the marriage supper of the Lamb, not as guests, but as the Bride!... But for ever and ever, as fresh revelations break on our glad souls, we shall look up to the Master of the feast and cry, 'You have kept the best until now!'"

—F.B. Meyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 19:6-7,9

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.

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

**"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and His Bride has made herself ready."**

And the angel said to me,

"Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore,
and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart!
Lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His Kingdom cannot fail
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n
Are to our Jesus giv'n.

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the King shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home;
To their eternal home.

*"Rejoice in the Lord always."
– Philippians 4:4*

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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.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS (9 AM)

Joy Milligan

WEPC Elder Changjwok Deng led this morning's membership vows.

COVENANT BAPTISMS (10:30 AM)

Everett Charles Bruster
Drew Kelland Stark

Pastor Steve Shelby administered this morning's baptisms.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
Your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast You save, O LORD.**

How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of Your house,
and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

For with You is the fountain of life;
in Your light do we see light.

**Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You,
and Your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

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

- For West End Presbyterian Church, that we would trust that our Lord delights in His Bride, His Church.
- 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 unborn children. For WEPC Missions Partners: The Pregnancy Resource Center, Bethany Christian Services, and YoungLives Richmond, directed by Shanita Mickie.

*Psalm 36:5-10.
To the choirmaster.
Of David, the servant of
the LORD.*

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).

SONGS OF PRAISE

GLORIA PATRI

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



Glo-ry be__ to the Fa - ther, glo-ry be__ to the Son,
Glo-ry be__ to the Spi- rit, Three in One. As it was in the_ be- gin- ing it
will be__ for ev - er A - men, A - men A - men.

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ALL THINGS NEW

1. Come, Lord, and tarry not;
Bring the long looked for day;
O, why these years of waiting here,
These ages of decay?

2. Come, for Thy saints still wait;
Daily ascends their sigh;
The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come”;
Does Thou not hear the cry?

3. Come, for creation groans,
Impatient of Thy stay,
Worn out with these long years of ill,
These ages of delay.

4. Come, for love waxes cold,
Its steps are faint and slow;
Faith now is lost in unbelief,
Hope’s lamp burns dim and low.

*O come and make all things new!
Come and make all things new!
O come and make all things new!
Build up this ruined Earth—
Come and make all things new,
All things new.*

“And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” – Revelation 21:5

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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

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

John 2:1-11

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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

Mark 14:16-25

The disciples prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And they were reclining at the table and as they were eating, He took bread. And after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

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.

**Lord, forgive us our sins against You and our neighbor.
You are the Great Physician, giving new life to all who come;
but we cling to our familiar sickness.
You are the Bridegroom, inviting us to feast on new wine;
but we are slow to come to Your table.
You said You came not to call the righteous, but sinners.
Forgive our pride and unbelief.**

Silent Confession

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

AMIDST US OUR BELOVED STANDS

1. Amidst us our Beloved stands,
And bids us view His pierced hands;
Points to the wounded feet and side,
Blest emblems of the Crucified.
2. What food luxurious loads the board,
When at His table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!
3. If now, with eyes defiled and dim,
We see the signs, but see not Him;
O may His love the scales displace,
And bid us see Him face to face!
4. O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
Your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be,
Let every saint your glory see!

*"Jesus came and stood
among them and said...
"Put your finger here, and
see my hands...do not dis-
believe, but believe." "*
– John 20:26-27

Text: C. H. Spurgeon (1866)
Tune: HAMBURG

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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COME TO THE FEAST

Go to the highways and hedges,
Go to the farthest of fields,
Go and compel, the sick and the well,
For our Father's house will be filled.

Go to the streets of the city,
Bring in the crippled and blind,
All who would taste this banquet of grace
Must come and waste no more time.

*Come to the Feast, come to the Table,
The great and the least,
the rich and the poor,
Come to the Feast, come to the Table,
Come and hunger no more.*

In the robe of the Lamb you'll be covered
Dressed in His pure righteousness
For all of your guilt, His blood—it was spilt
So, come, by your Father be blessed.

"Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled." – Luke 14:23

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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*

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

WEPC Elder and Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng led worship.

Music was led by Pastor Kevin Greene, along with Sonya Smith, Rick McMahon, Taylor Barnett, Kim Forquer, Suzie Bird, Karl Kuder, and Luke Smith