



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 27, 2019 | Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*Ezra Reads the Law of Moses*

Psalms 19

*The Law of the LORD Revives the Soul*

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

*If One, Then All*

Luke 4:14-21

*Jesus Reads Isaiah's Prophecy*

### Reflection on SUN, January 27

#### Monday

Jeremiah 36:1-10

*Read the Words of the LORD*

I Corinthians 14:1-12

*The Word in the Church*

#### Tuesday

Jeremiah 36:11-26

*The King Burns the Scroll*

II Corinthians 7:2-12

*Godly Grief Leads to Repentance*

#### Wednesday

Jeremiah 36:27-32

*Jeremiah Dictates a Second Scroll*

Luke 4:38-44

*The Christ Heals & Preaches*

#### Daily

Psalms 119:89-96

*Your Word is Firmly Fixed*

### Preparation for SUN, February 3

#### Thursday

II Chronicles 34:1-7

*Josiah's Reformation*

Acts 10:44-48

*Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit*

#### Friday

II Chronicles 35:20-27

*Jeremiah Laments Josiah's Death*

Acts 19:1-10

*The Holy Spirit Came On Them*

#### Saturday

II Chronicles 36:11-21

*They Kept Mocking the Messengers of God*

John 1:43-51

*Philip and Nathanael See Jesus*

#### Daily

Psalms 71:1-6

*You Have Been My Strength*

# PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

At the outset of his ministry, Jesus uses Isaiah 61 to proclaim his (and the church's) mission statement.

As Jesus was sent into the world, so are we sent. How might you and I apply this statement to our own lives?

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

### SCRIPTURE FULFILLED

"Did not our hearts burn within us...while He opened to us the Scriptures?"

—*Luke 24:32*

"The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man."

—*Westminster Larger Catechism 5*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hebrews 1:1-3*

### 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.

Long ago, at many times and in many ways,  
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

**But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son,  
whom He appointed the heir of all things,  
through whom also He created the world.**

He is the radiance of the glory of God  
and the exact imprint of His nature,  
and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.

## INVOCATION

# SONG OF ADORATION

## ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels  
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed  
3 Let ev - ery tongue and ev - ery tribe on this terr -  
4 Oh, that with all the sa - cred throng we at His

pros - trate fall. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,  
from the fall, hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
est - ial ball, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe,  
feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song.

and crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you  
to Him all maj - es -  
We'll join the ey - er -

di - a - dem,  
by his grace, and crown Him Lord of all!  
ty as - cribe,  
last - ing song.

"God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name." - Philippians 2:9  
Text: Edward Perronet (1779), John Rippon (1787) Tune: CORONATION (Holden, 1793)

# Welcome

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

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law...

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground...

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our LORD. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

# MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*Psalm 19:7-14. To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.*

The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;

**The testimony of the LORD is sure,  
making wise the simple;**

The precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

**The commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;**

The fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring forever;

**The rules of the LORD are true,  
and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;

Sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.

**Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.**

Who can discern his errors?  
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

**Keep back your servant also  
from presumptuous sins;  
let them not have dominion over me!**

Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.

**Let the words of my mouth and the  
meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

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

- For West End Presbyterian Church: That the Lord would grant us grace to respond to His Word, speak faithfully, and have renewed hearts (Psalm 19).
- 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 the country of Uganda, and for Jenna Murphy serving with Serge alongside the local church in the city of Fort Portal.

## 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

## 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

*“Bless the Lord, O my  
soul, and all that is within  
me, bless His holy name!”  
– Psalm 103:1*

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*Bless the Lord, oh my soul,  
Oh my soul, worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, oh my soul,  
I worship Your holy name!*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes:
2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing—  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
3. And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come.  
Soon my soul will sing Your praise unending—  
Ten thousand years and then forever more!

## 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>14</sup> And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

*Luke 4:14-21*

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

## 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

### **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.

**Father in heaven, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and deeds. You have spoken definitively by Your Son: forgive us for living as if You never act, never hear, never speak. Forgive us for the vigilante justice we pursue through our plotting, slander, gossip, and self-righteous anger. Forgive us for living as if You do not care for us. Forgive us and cleanse us. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways. To the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*Romans 8:1-2*

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

# 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

### ROCK OF AGES (WHEN THE DAY SEEMS LONG)

1. Rock of Ages, when the day seems long,  
From this labor and this heartache, I have come.  
The skies will wear out, but You remain the same,  
Rock of Ages, I praise your name.

Rock of Ages, you have brought me near,  
You have poured out Your life-blood, Your love,  
Your tears  
To make this stone heart come alive again,  
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

*Rock of ages, Rock of ages,  
Bind your children until the kingdom comes;  
Rock of ages, Your will be done.*

2. Rock of Ages, when in want or rest,  
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess.  
Pull these idols out from my heart embrace,  
Rock of Ages, I need Your grace.

Rock of Ages, broken, scorned for me.  
Who am I that you would die to make me free?  
To give me glory, You took the death and pain,  
Rock of Ages, my Offering.

3. Rock of Ages, "It is done!" You cried,  
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied.  
Now write Your mercy, on my heart and hands,  
Rock of ages, in faith I stand.

Rock of Ages, my great Hope secure,  
Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul.  
Bind your children with cords of love and grace,  
Rock of Ages, we give you praise.

*"Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is  
an everlasting rock." – Isaiah 26:4  
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## YOUR GREAT NAME

1. Lost are saved, find their way,  
At the sound of Your great name.  
All condemned feel no shame,  
At the sound of Your great name.  
Every fear has no place,  
at the sound of Your great name.  
The enemy has to flee,  
At the sound of Your great name

2. All the weak find their strength,  
At the sound of Your great name.  
Hungry souls receive grace,  
At the sound of Your great name.  
The fatherless find their rest,  
At the sound of Your great name.  
Sick are healed, dead are raised,  
At the sound of Your great name.

*Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb  
that was slain for us,  
Son of God and Man!  
You are high and lifted up,  
and all the world will praise  
Your great name!*

*"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." –Phil. 2:10-11  
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## WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died;  
my richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

*O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross!  
Bids me come and die  
and find that I may truly live.*

*O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross!  
All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name.*

2. See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

3. Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul my life, my all.

*"But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. – Galatians 6:14  
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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 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 Kevin Shaffer, along with Audrey Snyder, Becca Wethered, Tyler Pease, Hill Shore, Jamison Taggart, and Gordon Collier.*