



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.

February 3, 2019 | Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10

A Prophet to the Nations

Psalms 71:1-6

You Have Been My Strength

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Without Love, A Noisy Gong

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus Not Accepted

Reflection on SUN, February 3

Monday

I Kings 17:8-16

The Widow Fed

I Corinthians 2:6-16

Wisdom from the Spirit

Tuesday

II Kings 5:1-14

His Flesh was Restored

I Corinthians 14:13-25

Signs for Believers & Unbelievers

Wednesday

Jeremiah 1:11-19

Jeremiah Perceives Disaster & Deliverance

Luke 19:41-44

Hidden From Your Eyes

Daily

Psalms 56

In God I Trust

Preparation for SUN, February 10

Thursday

Numbers 20:22-29

Eleazar Succeeds Aaron

Acts 9:19b-25

Saul Questioned

Friday

Numbers 27:12-23

God Chooses Joshua

Acts 9:26-31

Saul Welcomed Reluctantly

Saturday

Judges 3:7-11

God's Spirit Rests On Othniel

Luke 4:42-44

Jesus Preaches

Daily

Psalms 138

His Purpose for David

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

Paul helps the Philippians, and us as well, to find our way back from the growing emptiness of self absorption and religious efforts. Surprisingly, as we count everything else we trust as a loss, we find that God gives us what we need the most as we trust Jesus alone. And finding him, we can see our joy renewed.

Josiah Bancroft

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

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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.

JOY: WE FIND JESUS WHEN WE TRUST ONLY HIM

"Christ came chiefly for this reason: that we might learn how much God loves us, and might learn this to the end that we might begin to glow with love of Him by whom we were first loved, and so might love our neighbor at the bidding and after the example of Him who made Himself our neighbor by loving us, when instead of being His neighbor, we were wandering far from Him."

– *Augustine of Hippo*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 97:1, 8-12

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.

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

**Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of Your judgments, O LORD.**

For You, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
You are exalted far above all gods.

**O you who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of His saints;
He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to His holy name!**

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

2. Come, ye thirsty,
come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every Grace that brings you nigh.

3. Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.

4. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

5. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

*"Come and take the free
gift of the water of life."
– Revelation 22:17*

Text: Joseph Hart (1759)
Tune: Trad. American
melody, Walker's
Southern Harmony (1835)

Welcome

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

Jeremiah 9:23-24

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Psalm 63
A Psalm of David, when he
was in the wilderness of Judah.

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;

**My flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

**Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.**

So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

**My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.**

When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

**For you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.**

My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

**But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;**

They shall be given over to the power of the sword;
they shall be a portion for jackals.

**But the king shall rejoice in God;
all who swear by him shall exult
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.**

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

- For West End Presbyterian Church: That our souls would thirst for God and rejoice to find that His steadfast love is better than life (Psalm 63:1, 3).
- For Metropolitan Richmond: That God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. For the peace and unity of all people in all jurisdictions. For a desire for our leaders and citizens to earnestly seek the common welfare of Metro Richmond.
- For the country of Spain, and for J & S as they begin a new mission in the city of Barcelona.

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

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

*“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”
– Romans 8:35*

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Tune: Greg Thompson
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FIRE DRILL (9 AM)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 AM)

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:1-11

¹ Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus. They did as He had directed them, and prepared the Passover.

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

from Matthew 26:17-29

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, loving King, all of our sins are laid bare before Your eyes.

We promote ourselves, and overlook those around us. We have nursed anger and envy, and have forsaken Your humility, gentleness, patience, love and unity. We tie our joy to our circumstances, rather than to Your Gospel.

We repent of our fruitless wanderings, and ask that You renew us in Jesus Christ. Let us hear Your voice saying: "Awake and rise! His blood is your peace, His death is your life, His Spirit is your power."

Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and persuade us that a life lived in Your service is a life of perfect freedom. 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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

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

ROCK OF AGES

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me
let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood,
from Thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2. Not the labors of my hands
can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress;
helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee.

*"That rock was Christ."
– I Corinthians 10:4*

Text: August Toplady (1776)
Tune: Thomas Hastings (1830)

KINDNESS

Open up the skies of mercy,
Rain down the cleansing flood,
Healing waters rise around us;
Hear our cries, Lord, let 'em rise!

*It's Your kindness, Lord, that leads us to repentance.
Your favor, Lord, is our desire.
It's Your beauty, Lord, that makes us stand in silence.
And Your love, Your love, is better than life!*

*"Do you not know that
God's kindness is meant
to lead you to repen-
tance?" – Romans 2:4*

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Jesse Reeves, Louie Giglio
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We believe Your mercy falling,
You turn our hearts back again,
Hear our praises rise to heaven,
Draw us near, Lord, meet us here!

HEAL US, EMMANUEL

*“Daughter, your faith has
made you well; go in peace.”*
– Luke 8:48

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*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are—
We long to feel Thy touch.
Deep, wounded souls to Thee we fly;
O Savior, hear our cry!*

1. Our faith is feeble, we confess.
We faintly trust Thy Word.
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord!
2. Remember him who once applied,
With trembling, for relief
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried
“O help my unbelief!”
3. She, too, who touched You in the press
And healing virtue stole
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace
Thy faith has made thee whole.”
4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may.
O send us not despairing home
Send none unhealed away.

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.

Josiah Bancroft, Senior Director of Mission for Serge, preached today's sermon. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Pastor Steve Shelby administered the Lord's Supper. Children's Ministry Director Heather Jarvis gave the Children's Message. Music was led by Worship Arts Directors Taylor Barnett and Tiffanie Chan, along with Robin Huff, Andrew Bogle, Tyler Pease, Karl Kuder, and Luke Smith.