



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.

March 3, 2019 | Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35

His Face Shone

Psalms 99

The LORD Answered Them

II Corinthians 3:12-4:2

We Will Be Transformed

Luke 9:28-43a

Jesus Transfigured

Reflection on SUN, March 3

Monday

Psalms 35:11-28

Be Not Far From Me

Exodus 35:1-29

Offerings for the Tabernacle

Acts 10:9-23a

What God Has Made Clean

Tuesday

Ezekiel 1:1- 2:1

I Will Speak With You

Acts 10:23b-33

You Have Been Commanded

Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:1-12

True Fasting

Psalms 51:1-17

Broken & Contrite Heart

II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Receive the Grace of God

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

When You Give... Pray... Fast...

Preparation for SUN, March 10

Thursday

Exodus 5:10-23

O Lord, Why Have You Done Evil?

Acts 7:30-34

I Have Seen My People

Friday

Exodus 6:1-13

Strong Hand

Acts 7:35-42

In Their Hearts They Turned to Egypt

Saturday

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

A Time For Every Matter

John 12:27-36

I Have Come To This Hour

Daily

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

I Will

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

The Father says, 'This is my beloved son, my chosen one, listen to him'. Are you and I listening? The glorious Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world has much to say.

When was the last time you allowed Jesus to correct, rebuke, or criticize you?

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

Transfiguration Sunday

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.

MOUNTAIN & PLAIN

"The One on whom we wait is a dissatisfied Messiah. He will not relent, He will not quit, He will not rest until every promise He has made has been fully delivered. He will not turn from his work until every one of his children has been totally transformed. He will continue to fight until the last enemy is under His feet. He will reign until His Kingdom has fully come. As long as sin exists, He will shower us with forgiving, empowering, and delivering grace."

-Paul David Tripp

"Though He now appears in such glorious majesty and dominion in heaven, yet He appears as a lamb in His condescending, mild and sweet treatment of His saints there. For He is a lamb still, even in the midst of the throne of His exaltation."

-Jonathan Edwards

CALL TO WORSHIP

II Corinthians 3:17-18

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.

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

**And we all, with unveiled face,
beholding the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another.**

For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

**Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God,
we do not lose heart.**

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

BE THOU MY VISION

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou my Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

*"Whatever was gain to me
I now consider loss for the
sake of Christ."
– Philipians 3:7*

*Text: 8th century Irish hymn,
trans. by Mary Byrne (1905)
Tune: SLANE (trad. Irish
melody)*

Welcome

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Exodus 34:29-35

Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Psalm 99

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!**

The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.

**Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.
In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.
O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

**Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!**

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

- For West End Presbyterian Church: That as we behold the glory of the Lord in worship, His Spirit would transform us from one degree of glory to another.
- For Metropolitan Richmond: Pray for health care, for the dying and persons living with terminal illnesses, for their families & friends.
- For Colleges & Universities. John-Mark & Meg Walker serving with CRU Richmond/VCU; Kip Hart & Grace Yoder serving with InterVarsity at VCU; Sarah Angel, serving with InterVarsity at UR.

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

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.

Text: 2nd century hymn Tune: Karl Digerness © 2009 Karl Digerness Music Used by Permission. CCLI# 708363

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

1. 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.

2. 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.

*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.*

"You have crowned him with glory and honor." – Hebrews 2:7
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 AM)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:28-43a

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" ³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. ⁴⁰ And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

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

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."

from Mark 14:16-25

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, when You call us to follow You with great boldness, we tremble at Your presence and cover our eyes. We are afraid of what we will see for Your greatness unveils our weakness, Your justice unveils our iniquity, and Your holiness unveils our stained hearts and minds. O Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, Giver of all grace, forgive us our sins. Give us the strength to renounce that which hides You from us. Give us the wisdom to trust Your atoning sacrifice. We believe; help our unbelief, that we might know the freedom and power of Your Cross.

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

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-7

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

MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST, MY SAVIOR

1. May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling
All I do and say.

2. May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His power.

3. May the peace of God, my Father,
Rule my life in everything.
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

4. May the love of Jesus fill me,
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self-abasing
This is victory.

5. May His beauty rest upon me,
As I seek the lost to win;
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only Him.

6. May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.

*"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 2:5
Text: Kate B. Wilkinson (1925) Tune: ST. LEONARDS (Barham-Gould, 1925)*

BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

*This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long*

2. Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

3. Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

"I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." –Psalm 146:2
Text: Fanny Jane Crosby Tune: Phoebe Palmer Knapp

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

1. The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty—
Let all the earth rejoice,
Let all the earth rejoice!

He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice:

*How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
All will see how great,
How great is our God!*

2. Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.

The Godhead three-in-one:
Father, Spirit, Son;
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb:

*Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing
How great is our God!*

"You are clothed with splendor and majesty." – Psalm 104:1
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DOXOLOGY

*"Let everything that has
breath praise the LORD."
– Psalm 150:6*

*Text: Thomas Ken (1709)
Tune: OLD HUNDREDDTH
(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.

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.

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 Rick McWhorter led worship. Pastor Joe Brown gave the Children's Message. Music was led by Worship Arts Directors Taylor Barnett and Tiffanie Chan, along with Robin Huff, Becca Wethered, Tyler Pease, Donald Smith, and Harrison Weippert.