



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 17, 2019 | Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The LORD Made a Covenant with Abram

Psalms 27

He Will Hide Me

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Stand Firm Thus

Luke 13:31-35

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem

Reflection on SUN, March 17

Monday

Exodus 33:1-6

The Unbelief of Abraham's Descendants

Romans 4:1-12

Abraham Justified by Faith

Tuesday

Numbers 14:10b-24

Moses Intercedes for the People

I Corinthians 10:1-13

God is Faithful

Wednesday

II Chronicles 20:1-22

Our Eyes Are On You

Luke 13:22-31

The Narrow Door

Daily

Psalms 105:1-42

He Remembers His Covenant Forever

Preparation for SUN, March 24

Thursday

Daniel 3:19-30

In the Midst of the Fire

Revelation 2:8-11

Be Faithful unto Death

Friday

Daniel 12:1-4

There Shall Be a Time

Revelation 3:1-6

I Will Come

Saturday

Isaiah 5:1-7

Why Did It Yield Wild Grapes?

Luke 6:43-45

Each Tree Is Known By Its Fruit

Daily

Psalms 63:1-8

My Soul Clings to You

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

"You were not willing." Jesus says this of the city of Jerusalem. He longed for a loving and protective relationship with his people but they were unwilling.

Unwilling.

May it never be said of us that we are unwilling for any of the things Jesus has for us.

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

WINGS

Second Sunday in Lent

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to ask God to help us confront our own mortality and sinfulness, to ask Him to show us our need for grace, to grow in repentance, and to reflect on the amazing truth of the Church's participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The season of Lent—the period between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday before Easter—lasts 40 days (not including Sundays), reminiscent of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness.

“I came to You late, O Beauty so ancient and new. I came to love You late. You were within me and I was outside where I rushed about wildly searching for You like some monster loose in Your beautiful world. You were with me but I was not with You. You called me, You shouted to me, You wrapped me in Your Splendor, You broke past my deafness, You bathed me in Your Light, You sent my blindness reeling.”

—Augustine of Hippo, from *Confessions*

“Under His wings you will find refuge.”

—Psalm 91:4

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Philippians 3:20-4:1

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.

Our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**He will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body,
by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.**

Stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

BETTER IS ONE DAY

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty!
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied,
Within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings:

*Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts,
Than thousands elsewhere!*

One thing I ask and I would seek—
To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

*"For a day in your courts
is better than a thousand
elsewhere." – Psalm 84:10*

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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

Chad & Kathie Bean (9 AM)
Jared & Jeri Parks (10:30 AM)

COVENANT BAPTISMS

James Allen Shrader (9 AM)
Eleanor Rose Musser (10:30 AM)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-12

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O LORD God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him...

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Psalm 27. Of David.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

**One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;**

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

**You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."
Hide not your face from me.**

Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

**For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the Lord will take me in.
Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.**

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of
the LORD
in the land of the living!

**Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

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

- For West End Presbyterian Church: Open our eyes to your compassion, Lord. Grant us faith and repentance to hide ourselves in You. Give us power to demonstrate the compassion of Jesus Christ.
- For Metropolitan Richmond: Pray for health care: For emergency response personnel and emergency room staff. For hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice programs. For all struggling with terminal illness.
- For High School Students: especially for WEPC Mission Partners who minister to them: Young Life Chesterfield (Matt Bouknight,) Goochland (Wes Farkas), Hanover (Dave Blanco), Richmond City (Tiont Williams), West End (Will Funk, Tracy Payne), Young Lives (Shanita Mickie) and Young Life Metro North CT/NY (Tim Toy).

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

LORD, I NEED YOU

Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowing here I find my rest.
Without You I fall apart,
You're the One that guides my heart.

"Hear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy." – Psalm 86:1

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*Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You
Every hour I need You!
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You!*

Where sin runs deep your grace is more,
Where grace is found is where You are,
And where You are, Lord, I am free:
Holiness is Christ in me.

Teach my song to rise to You,
When temptation comes my way.
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on you—
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

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

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.’ ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

Luke 13:31-35

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

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.

**Sovereign Lord,
You said that in repentance and rest is our salvation,
in quietness and trust is our strength,
but we would have none of it.
Yet You long to be gracious to us;
You rise to show us compassion.**

Silent Confession

LORD, Have Mercy

"God, have mercy on me, a sinner" – Luke 18:13

Ancient Greek hymn, 4th c.
Tune: Kevin W. Greene (2019)

Oh Lord have mer - - - cy.

Oh Christ have mer - - - cy.

Oh Lord have mer - - - cy.

U - - pon us.

U - - pon us.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Hebrews 2:14-15

Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of 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.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

JESUS, I COME

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

"Out of the depths, I call to you, Lord! – Psalm 130:1

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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.

NONE OTHER LAMB

*“Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire
besides you.” – Psalm 73:25*

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1. None other Lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or sea,
No hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee, none beside Thee!

*All who labor and are heavy laden
Come unto Me and I will give you rest.*

2. My faith burns low, my hope burns low;
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to Thee, cries out to Thee.

3. Lord, Thou art Life, though I be dead;
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be:
No heav'n have I, no place for my head,
No home but Thee, no home but Thee!

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*

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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 Luke Smith.