



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.

April 21, 2019 | Resurrection of the Lord

Isaiah 65:17-25

New

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Live

I Corinthians 15:19-26

Alive

John 20:1-18

I Have Seen the LORD

Reflection on Sunday, April 21

Monday

Joshua 10:16-27

The Lord's Enemies Vanquished

I Corinthians 5:6b-8

Celebrate with Sincerity & Truth

Tuesday

Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a

On That Day God Subdued

Revelation 12:1-12

Now

Wednesday

II Samuel 6:1-15

David Danced Before the LORD

Luke 24:1-12

He Went Home Marveling

Daily

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This Is the Day

Preparation for Sunday, April 28

Thursday

I Samuel 17:1-23

Army Against Army

Acts 5:12-16

They Were All Healed

Friday

II Samuel 17:19-32

Let No Man's Heart Fail

Acts 5:17-26

Greatly Perplexed

Saturday

I Samuel 17:32-51

David Prevailed

Luke 24:36-40

He Showed Them

Daily

Psalm 150

Let Everything That Has Breath

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

Happy Easter!

“If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied”.

This life is not all that there is. So you and I must live with a mentality that we are not created just for this life, but that our eyes are set on our destiny.

You can't absorb personal suffering and societal brokenness without remembering that God is not satisfied with the world as it is. The Creator—who made this world and rules everything in it and who is the definition of goodness, wisdom, love, and truth—has promised to one day make all things new.

The resurrection of Jesus is the beginning of the harvest that God will one day bring about.

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

Easter Sunday

We are now in the season of Easter—a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. Followers of Christ are called to a life of dying to sin, rising to the life of the Spirit, and participating in His reign as the Sovereign Lord. The Church now lives as those who are "risen with Christ," living under His rule.

ALIVE

"Great was the work of creation, but greater was the work of redemption.

Great wisdom was seen in making us,—but more miraculous wisdom in saving us.

Great power was seen in bringing us out of nothing, but greater power in helping us when we were worse than nothing.

In the creation, God gave us ourselves; in the redemption, He gave us Himself.

By creation, we have a life in Adam; by redemption, we have a life in Christ.

By creation, we had a right to an earthly paradise; by redemption, we have a title to a heavenly kingdom."

— Thomas Watson

CALL TO WORSHIP

from 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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.

Listen, I tell you a mystery:

We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—
in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,
the dead will be raised imperishable,
and we will be changed.

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

'Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Alleluia!

Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed.

Alleluia!

INVOCATION

DECLARATION OF FAITH

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by His death.

Second, by His power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

*The Heidelberg
Catechism 45 (1563)*

SONG OF ADORATION

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to Heav'n and voi - ces raise: Sing to God a
2. Now the ir - on bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born, Glor - ious life, and
3. Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove: there in all the
4. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He, who on the
life im - mor - tal, on this ho - ly Eas - ter morn. Christ has tri - umphed,
Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of Love; hear the word of
to the Sa - vior, who has gained the vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia!

cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
and we con - quer by His migh - ty en - ter - prise:
peace He brings us, see His woun - ded hands and side!
to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
We with Him to life e - ter - nal by His res - ur - rec - tion rise.
Now let ev - 'ry wrong be end - ed, ev - 'ry sin be cru - ci - fied!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - je - sty!

"Christ has indeed been raised from the dead..." - 1 Corinthians 15:20

Text: Christopher Wordsworth (1862) Tune: HYMN TO JOY (Beethoven)

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 (10:30 AM)

Jacob Alexander & Grace Yoder
Margi Chevalier
Mark & Rebecca Crutcher

GOSPEL READING *John 20:1-18*

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Let us pray
for the peace of the world,
for the welfare of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all peoples,
we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust
that they may serve in wisdom,
and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.
For President Trump,
for the leaders of the nations,
and all others in authority,
that they may do justice, love mercy,
and walk in the ways of truth,
we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Richmond, the Commonwealth of Virginia,
for every city and community,
and for those who live in them,
we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm,
for the widowed and orphans,
all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
And for the sick, the wounded, and the suffering.
Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
give them courage and hope in the mist of their troubles,
and bring them the joy of your salvation,
we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those that have lost, in death, the ones they love.
For all who continue in the hope of the resurrection of the dead,
we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed,
for the unemployed and the destitute,
for prisoners and captives,
and for all who remember and care for them,
we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For comfort and help for the weak-hearted;
For You to raise up those who fall;
and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe,
and for those who have struggled in the faith,
that they may rest in the truth of the Gospel,
we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence,
oppression, and degradation,
we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who endeavor to do us harm,
we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That it may please You to forgive
our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,
and to turn their hearts to You in repentance,
we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended.
For the forgiveness and remission of our sins,
we pray to You, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness she may
preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth,
we pray to You, Lord.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

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

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES



I know that my Re - deem - er lives, What
He lives, he lives who once was dead, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He
He lives to bless me with His love, He
He lives all glo - ry to His name, He

com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives,
lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! Shout
lives to plead for me a - bove,
lives, my Jes - sus, still the same,

on pray on we're gain - ing ground, Glo - ry hal - le - lul - jah! The

dead's a - live and the lost is found, Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!

*"I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth." Job 19:25
Text: Samuel Medley (1775) Tune: ANTIOCH (Sacred Harp; 19th century American folk hymn)*

BECAUSE HE LIVES

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

*So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. – Romans 6:11
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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.18 for more information.

SCRIPTURE READING

¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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

*1 Timothy 3:9; 1 Corinthians
5:7-8, 10:16-17, 15:3-4
from the Book of Common
Prayer*

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people 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.

Almighty God, by the power of Your Spirit

**You have raised Jesus from the grave
and crowned Him Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not bowed before Him
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.**

**We have often seen and followed ways that lead to death,
and failed to give Him glory.**

**Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be Your faithful people.**

Lift our eyes to look upon our Savior that we might live.

**Help us to see Jesus Christ who rules all things and is Head of the
Church, His Body.**

Amen.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Psalms 118:14,17

The LORD is my Strength and my Song;

He has become my Salvation.

I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the LORD.

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

HE IS RISEN

1. He is risen, He is risen
And the stone is rolled away!
He is risen, He is risen
Proven by the empty grave!
Touch His wounds, His hands, His sides;
And leave all your doubts behind.
He is risen, He is risen,
He is risen and alive!

2. Death is beaten, sin is vanquished,
God's just wrath is satisfied.
Christ is risen, Christ exalted,
Seated at the Father's side.
His body torn, our living Way,
Our living Hope, His body raised.
He is risen, He is risen,
He is risen from the grave!

*He is risen, He is risen
This is all my hope and stay!
He is risen, He is risen,
He is risen from the grave!*

3. Jesus risen is returning;
We are longing for the day
When the King will bring the Kingdom,
For this blessed hope we wait.
The trumpet sounds and we are changed,
And we will see Him face to face.
Jesus risen, Jesus risen,
Jesus risen from the grave!

The trumpet sounds and we are changed,
And death itself will pass away.
We are risen, with Him risen,
We are risen from the grave!

"He is not here, for he has risen as he said." – Matthew 28:6

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IN CHRIST ALONE

*"I count everything as loss
because of the surpassing worth
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."
– Philippians 3:8*

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1. In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,
Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
Soar we now where Christ has led,
Al - - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say:
Where, O death, is now - thy sting?
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
Fol-l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head,
Al - - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Dy - ing once He all doth save,
Death in vain for - bids Him rise,
Made like Him, like Him we rise,
Al - - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heav'n and earth re - ply:
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Al - - le - lu - ia!

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" – I Corinthians 15:55
Text: Charles Wesley (1739) Music: from *Lyric Davidica* (1708)

DOXOLOGY

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

Text: Thomas Ken (1709)

*Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH
(Bourgeois, 1551)*

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures
here be - low Praise Him a - bove ye heav - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

What does “doxology” mean?

It’s 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 Worship Arts Directors Taylor Barnett and Tiffanie Chan, along with Robin Huff, Jill Wiebe-King, Andrew Bogle, Doug Wells, Tyler Pease, Karl Kuder, and Luke Smith.

The tapestry at the front of the sanctuary is the traditional liturgical color of white for this 50-day season of Easter. The tapestry will return to its many colors during the season of Pentecost. The piece is entitled “Psalm 148,” and was created by a team of WEPC artists.