



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.

May 12, 2019 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

He Presented Her Alive

Psalm 23

My Shepherd

Revelation 7:9-17

The Lamb is their Shepherd

John 10:22-30

My Sheep

Reflection on Sunday, May 12

Monday

Ezekiel 37:15-28

One Shepherd

Revelation 15:1-4

The Song of the Lamb

Tuesday

Ezekiel 45:1-9

The LORD's Promised Sanctuary

Acts 9:32-35

Jesus Christ Heals You

Wednesday

Jeremiah 50:17-20

I Will Restore

John 10:31-42

The Father & the Son

Daily

Psalm 100

We Are His

Preparation for Sunday, May 19

Thursday

Ezekiel 2:8-3:11

Eat the Scroll

Revelation 10:1-11

Eat the Scroll

Friday

Daniel 7:13-14

An Everlasting Dominion

Revelation 11:15

He Shall Reign Forever

Saturday

Daniel 7:27

The Kingdom and the Dominion

Revelation 11:16-19

Begun to Reign

Daily

Psalm 148

Praise the LORD

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

About twelve hours before my Dad breathed his last, my brother and I, our wives, and most of our kids gathered around his bed and said in unison the 23rd Psalm. It was a sweet time.

The 23rd Psalm has been a treasure trove of promises made by our Good Shepherd for every circumstance in life. In many ways reading it and speaking it are like being made to lie down in green pastures and being led by still waters.

And all of this is personal: my, I, me.

It is such a picture of calm in the face of a broken world. Do you need peace today?

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

YOU ARE WITH ME

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.

"Depth and strength underlie the simplicity of Psalm 23. Its peace is not escape; its contentment is not complacency: there is readiness to face deep darkness and imminent attack, and the climax reveals a love which points us towards no material goal but to the Lord Himself."

– Derek Kidner

"It is not that He is closer in the valley, but that in the valley we realize how close He has always been."

– Dale Ralph Davis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:6-7

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.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For He is our God,

**And we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand.**

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

THE LAMB IS WORTHY

The Lamb is worthy!
The Lamb is worthy!
The Lamb who was slain,
He is worthy!

To receive power,
And the riches,
And the wisdom,
And the strength,
And the honor,
And the glory,
And the blessing.
The Lamb is worthy!
The Lamb who was slain.

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” – Revelation 5:12

Text/Tune: Anonymous

Welcome

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

Presentation of New Member (9 AM)

Maille Berry

New Testament Reading

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

John 10:22-30

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Revelation 7:9-12, 16-17

I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

“They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

**For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd,
and He will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”**

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

- For West End Presbyterian Church: That we would hear the voice of Jesus our Shepherd, and give glory to Jesus the Lamb of God.
- For the churches and ministries of Metropolitan Richmond: Pray for the Word of God to go forth with power. Pray that the true light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ may awaken and heal every heart in every corner of Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, Richmond, and the surrounding counties & towns.
- For North Africa and the Middle East; for WEPC Mission Partner SeeJesus, and M. as he ministers in that region of the world.

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

STREAMS OF LIVING WATER

1. See, from Zion's sacred mountain,
Streams of Living Water flow.
God has opened there a Fountain
That supplies the plains below.
*They are blessed, they are blessed
Who Its sovereign virtues know.*

2. Through ten thousand channels flowing,
Streams of mercy find their way.
Life and health and joy bestowing,
Making all around unstained.
*O believer, O believer,
All your sins are washed away.*

3. Gladdened by the flowing Treasure
All enriching as it goes.
Lo, the desert smiles with pleasure,
Buds and blossoms as the rose.
*Every sinner, every sinner
Sings for joy where'er it flows.*

4. Trees of life the banks adorning,
Yield their fruit to all around.
Those who eat are saved from mourning,
Pleasure comes and hopes abound.
*Fair their portion, fair their portion
Endless life with glory crowned.*

*“Never again will they
hunger; never again will
they thirst. For the Lamb...
will lead them to springs
of living water.”
– Revelation 7:16-18*

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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.14 for more information.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 23. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters,
³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

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

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:
The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread,
and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said,
"This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood;
do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us: restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, merciful Father, for His sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and obedient life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

*from the Book of
Common Prayer*

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

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

1 Peter 2:24-25

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

First Communion (9AM)

Maille Berry

Maille recently met with the Elders, who heard her testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. We invite the Berry family to receive communion first.

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

ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME

1. All the way my Savior leads me,
Who have I to ask beside?
How could I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my guide?

2. All the way my Savior leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living Bread.

*You lead me and keep me from falling,
You carry me close to Your heart,
And surely Your goodness and mercy
will follow me.*

"He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." – Psalm 23:3

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3. All the way my Savior leads me,
O, the fullness of His love!
O, the sureness of His promise
In the triumph of His blood.

4. And when my spirit clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way.

JESUS, I AM RESTING, RESTING

1. Jesus, I am resting, resting,
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
And Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power,
Thou hast made me whole.

*Jesus, I am resting, resting,
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.*

2. O, how great Thy loving kindness,
Vaster, broader than the sea!
O, how marvelous Thy goodness, lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved,
Know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Know Thy certainty of promise,
And have made it mine.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." – Hebrews 12:2

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3. Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold Thee as Thou art,
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless,
Satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longings,
Meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings:
Thine is love indeed!

4. Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,
Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory,
Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting,
Fill me with Thy grace.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awe-some won-der, con-si-der all the
 2. And when I think, that God his Son not spar-ing, sent Him to die, I
 3. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me home, what

worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der,
 scarce can take it in. That on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing
 joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble a-dor-a-tion,

Thy pow'r through-out the un-i-verse dis played. Then sings my soul, my
 He bled and died to take a-way my sin.
 and there pro-claim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Sav-ior God to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my
 soul, my Sav-ior God to Thee: how great Thou
 art, how great Thou art!

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised." – Psalm 48:1

Text: Carl Boberg (1885), Trans. Stuart K. Hine Tune: Swedish Folk Melody, arr. by Stuart K. Hine

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 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. WEPC Elder Roger Johnson led worship. Music was led by Trey Wickham, along with Jen Wickham, Jill Wiebe-King, Katie Jensen, Pat Reynolds, and Jason Weippert.

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.