



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.

June 2, 2019 | Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

He Was Baptized At Once

Psalms 97

All the Peoples See His Glory

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The Water of Life

John 17:20-26

I In Them and You In Me

Reflection on Sunday, June 2

Monday

Exodus 40:16-38

The Glory of the LORD Filled the Tabernacle

Acts 16:35-40

Glory in God, not Man

Tuesday

II Chronicles 5:2-14

The Glory of the LORD Filled the House of God

Acts 26:19-29

Glory in the Gospel

Wednesday

Ezekiel 3:12-21

The Glorious LORD Commissions Ezekiel

Luke 9:18-27

When He Comes in His Glory

Daily

Psalms 29

All Cry, "Glory!"

Preparation for Sunday, June 9

Thursday

Isaiah 32:11-17

Until the Spirit is Poured Upon Us

Galatians 5:16-25

Keep in Step with the Spirit

Friday

Isaiah 44:1-4

I Will Pour my Spirit Upon Your Offspring

Galatians 6:7-10

The One Who Sows to the Spirit

Saturday

II Kings 2:1-15

The Spirit rests on Elisha & Elijah

Luke 1:5-17

John Will be Filled with the Holy Spirit

Daily

Psalms 104:24-35

You Renew

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

The hymn writer says of Jesus Christ, the Rock of Ages, "Thou must save and thou alone." We certainly know this applies to our personal salvation through the atoning work of the cross of Jesus Christ.

But this phrase also points us to the necessity of Jesus saving the whole of creation. What we are asking for when we say, "Come, Lord Jesus," is for the righteousness of God to cover the whole earth. We are asking for judgment and justice to have its way in every corner of the universe.

This hope is what animates Jesus-glorifying acts like tutoring kids, feeding the hungry, repairing the homes of widows, and bearing witness to the Gospel.

We are pointed at this wonderful future when we, in our feeble and failing way, bear witness in word and deed to the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ.

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

I AM COMING SOON

Seventh 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.

"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'"

– Revelation 22:17

The Church in her militant state
Is weary, and cannot forbear,
The saints in an agony wait
To see Him again in the air,
The Spirit invites in the Bride
Her heavenly Lord to descend,
And place her enthroned at His side
In glory that never shall end.

– Charles Wesley, 1762

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:1-3

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.

Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

**And he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!**

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

**Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?**

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

**Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live.**

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.*

GOSPEL READING

John 17:20-26

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

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

Psalm 97

**Clouds and thick darkness are all around Him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.**

Fire goes before Him
and burns up His adversaries all around.

**His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the LORD of all the earth.

**The heavens proclaim His righteousness,
and all the peoples see His glory.**

All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship Him, all you gods!

**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!**

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

- For West End Presbyterian Church: For courage to long for the personal return of Jesus Christ, and grace to persevere as those who wait for Him.
- For the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond. For all who are incarcerated in jails and prisons, their families, and their loved ones.
- For the countries of Kenya, Uganda, Congo, and South Sudan. For WEPC Mission Partners Michael and Karen Masso who have served with Serge in Uganda, Kenya, and South Sudan; and Bishop Bismark Avokaya and Rina Benjamin serving in South Sudan.

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

YOUR GREAT NAME

1. Lost are saved, find their way,
At the sound of Your great name.
All condemned feel no shame,
At the sound of Your great name.
Every fear has no place,
at the sound of Your great name.
The enemy has to flee,
At the sound of Your great name

*Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb
that was slain for us,
Son of God and Man!
You are high and lifted up,
and all the world will praise
Your great name!*

2. All the weak find their strength,
At the sound of Your great name.
Hungry souls receive grace,
At the sound of Your great name.
The fatherless find their rest,
At the sound of Your great name.
Sick are healed, dead are raised,
At the sound of Your great name.

*“At the name of Jesus every
knee should bow...and every
tongue confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord.” –Phil. 2:10-11*

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 AM)

SCRIPTURE READING

¹² “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates....

¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price....

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

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 Corinthians 11:23-26

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."

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

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.

O Lord, we have not longed for Your coming nor for Your Kingdom as we ought. We have not denied ourselves, taking up Your Cross, following You. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to our neighbor. We have not cried out for justice nor cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. Lord, forgive us for our offenses and grant that by the power of Your Spirit, we might live in light of Your coming again. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Hebrews 9:28

Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

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

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.

*"For what does it profit
a man to gain the whole
world and forfeit his soul?"
– Mark 8:36*

*Traditional African-
American Spiritual*

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

*It is well (It is well)
With my soul (With my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

2. Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

“The peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:7
Text: Horatio G. Spafford (1873) Tune: Philip P. Bliss (1876)

3. My sin—O the joy of this glorious
thought!—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the Cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4. O Lord, haste the day
when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound
and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so”—it is well with my soul.

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale
my Anchor holds within the veil.

“No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.” – I Corinthians 3:11
Text: Edward Mote (1834) Tune: SOLID ROCK (Bradbury, 1863)

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the Throne.

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 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.

Children's Ministry Director Heather Jarvis gave the Children's Message.

Music was led by WEPC Elder Chris Newlin, along with Erin Bouknight, Mark Schairbaum, Buddy Miner, Donald Smith, 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.