



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.

July 28, 2019 | Sixth Sunday After Pentecost: Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32
Abraham Intercedes for Sodom

Psalms 138
Your Right Hand Delivers Me

Colossians 2:6-19
Canceling the Record of Debt

Luke 11:1-13
Daily Bread & Forgiveness

Reflection on Sunday, July 28

Monday

Esther 5:1-14
He Had the Gallows Made

Colossians 2:16-3:1
Died & Raised with Christ

Tuesday

Esther 6:1-7:6
Who Has Dared to Do This?

Romans 9:30-10:4
Christ is the End of the Law

Wednesday

Esther 7:7-8:17
Vengeance

Matthew 5:43-48
Love Your Enemies

Daily

Psalms 55:16-23
He Redeems My Soul in Safety

Preparation for Sunday, August 4

Thursday

Proverbs 23:1-11
It Is Gone

Romans 11:33-36
The Riches of God

Friday

Proverbs 24:1-12
Envy & Wisdom

Ephesians 4:17-24
Old Self & New Self

Saturday

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
Vanity of Vanities

Mark 10:17-22
Treasure in Heaven

Daily

Psalms 49:1-12
No Life through Riches

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

We pray because Jesus tells us to pray. We pray because Jesus prayed. We pray because Jesus taught us that our Father in heaven is a good Father. We keep praying because Jesus wants us to keep praying.

Prayer would be a fruitless exercise, if Jesus were not at the center of our reasons to pray.

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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Ordinary Time

We are now in the season after Pentecost, known as "Ordinary Time." Having celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost, Ordinary Time signals the interim of the Church until Christ comes again in glory. Jesus is faithfully advancing His Kingdom in the power of His Spirit in this season. We anticipate the consummation of all things when Christ comes in His glory as King of all.

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

"The sense that in this universe we are treated as strangers, the longing to be acknowledged, to meet with some response, to bridge some chasm that yawns between us and reality, is part of our inconsolable secret. And surely, from this point of view, the promise of glory, in the sense described, becomes highly relevant to our deep desire. For glory means good report with God, acceptance by God, response, acknowledgment, and welcome into the heart of things. The door on which we have been knocking all our lives will open at last."

– C.S. Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 2:6-7

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.

As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul,
Oh my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, oh my soul,
I worship Your holy name!*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes:

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing—
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come.
Soon my soul will sing Your praise unending—
Ten thousand years and then forever more!

*"Bless the Lord, O my
soul, and all that is within
me, bless His holy name!"
– Psalm 103:1*

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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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:20-32

Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing Your praise;

Psalm 138. Of David.

**I bow down toward Your holy temple
and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,**

For You have exalted above all things
Your name and Your word.

**On the day I called, You answered me;
my strength of soul You increased.**

All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of Your mouth,

**And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.**

For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly,
but the haughty He knows from afar.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
You preserve my life;**

You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and Your right hand delivers me.

**The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;
Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

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

- For West End Presbyterian Church: For a shameless confidence that we have the favor of our Father in Heaven through Jesus Christ.
- For the governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Supervisors of Henrico County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.
- For WEPC Mission Partners A & S serving with Serge in the United Kingdom.

SONG OF PRAISE

BE STILL MY SOUL

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*"Be still, and know that I am
God." – Psalm 46:10*

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God does undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

*In You I rest, in You I find my hope,
In You I trust, You never let me go.
I place my life within Your hands alone.
Be still, my soul.*

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

SCRIPTURE READING

¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Luke 11:1-13

"Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴ and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

*Jeremiah 2:11-13
& Psalm 79:5,8-9*

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.

**Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?
But My people have changed their glory
for that which does not profit.
Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the Lord,
for My people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken Me,
the Fountain of Living Waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.**

**How long, O Lord? Will You be angry forever?
Will Your jealousy burn like fire?
Do not remember against us our former iniquities;
let Your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.
Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of Your name;
deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!**

Silent Confession

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

from Colossians 2:13-14

We were dead in our trespasses.
God made us alive together with Him.
He has forgiven us all our trespasses
He canceled the debt that stood against us.
He nailed it to the cross.

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

NONE OTHER LAMB

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!

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

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BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

*Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in
Lord still I will say*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

"Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise." – Nehemiah 9:5
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Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

*You give and take away
You give and take away
And still my heart will say
Lord, blessed be your name.*

GOD WHO SAVES

There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain;
There is power, there is power in His name;
There is love pouring out of the wounds that were made;
Pouring out, pouring over our shame:

*So praise the God who saves!
Praise the God who bled!
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree
And wore our sins upon His head!*

There is truth in His body, raised that third day;
There is joy in a stone rolled away;
There is hope pouring out of the tomb where He lay;
Pouring out, pouring over the grave:

"For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to your name." – Psalm 18:49
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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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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 Kevin Shaffer, along with Audrey Snyder, Rick Hepner, Hannah Weippert, Harrison Weippert, and Jason Weippert.