



WEPC Lectionary Project: *Union with Christ*

West End Presbyterian Church is using the Scripture readings recommended by the Revised Common Lectionary as a framework for our corporate worship and our personal and family devotion. This project is part of WEPC's 25th Anniversary Year and will run from December 2018 through November 2019. 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.

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Sunday, February 17, *The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

[Jeremiah 17:5-10](#), *Shrubs & Trees*

[Psalm 1](#), *Fruit & Chaff*

[I Corinthians 15:12-20](#), *Death & Firstfruits*

[Luke 6:17-26](#), *Blessings & Woes*

Monday, February 18

[Psalm 120](#), *Woe To Me*

[II Kings 24:18-25:21](#), *Jerusalem & Judah's Woe*

[I Corinthians 15:20-34](#), *Woe to Unbelievers*

Tuesday, February 19

[Psalm 120](#), *Woe To Me*

[Ezra 1:1-11](#), *Blessing Returns to Jerusalem*

[II Corinthians 1:12-19](#), *The Day of the Lord Jesus*

Wednesday, February 20

[Psalm 120](#), *Woe To Me*

[Jeremiah 22:11-17](#), *Woe to the Unjust*

[Luke 11:37-52](#), *Woe to You*

Thursday, February 21

[Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40](#), *Those Who Wait for the LORD Shall Inherit the Land*

[Genesis 43:16-34](#), *Joseph has Compassion on Benjamin*

[Romans 8:1-11](#), *The Spirit Dwells in You*

Friday, February 22

[Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40](#), *Those Who Wait for the LORD Shall Inherit the Land*

[Genesis 44:1-17](#), *God has Found Out the Guilt of Your Servants*

[I John 2:12-17](#), *Do Not Love the World*

Saturday, February 23

[Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40](#), *Those Who Wait for the LORD Shall Inherit the Land*

[Genesis 44:18-34](#), *Judah Offers Himself*

[Luke 12:57-59](#), *Settle With You Accuser*

A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of February 17, 2019

Like a Tree

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [Psalm 1](#).

¹ Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
³ He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening
Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

- With beautiful imagery and great simplicity, Psalm 1 makes a poetic argument. This argument consists in at least these points:
 - There are really only two ways to live, therefore the Psalm writer only sees two kinds of people.
 - To illustrate this the Psalm writer compares a tree fruitful and well-watered tree with dead chaff.
 - Those who are like trees will have life, a life known and protected by God ending in beautiful communion with him and his congregation. The wicked are not so.
- Now, you may have a number of reactions to this:
 - YES!
 - I don't agree
 - This seems contrary to grace and the Gospel and seems to indicate an undue emphasis on my will, my actions
 1. The righteous person knows their need and day in and day out has an eye toward the fact that there is a God who created him, who loves him and who redeems him.
 2. The righteous person did not come to this conclusion on their own. They are like a tree "planted". They are the objects of special care.
 3. Being situated by the rivers of water causes the tree to be ever alive. It is an unending source of nourishment and life.
 4. Fruitful in season
 5. Chaff on the other hand is dead
 6. Two completely different destinies
- All of this ultimately comes down to taking God at His Word

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