



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, September 1, 2019

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Ordinary Time

[Proverbs 25:6-7](#) *Do Not Stand in the Place of the Great*

[Psalm 112](#) *The Righteous are Merciful*

[Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16](#) *Let Brotherly Love Continue*

[Luke 14:1, 7-14](#) *Humbled & Exalted*

Monday, September 2

[Psalm 119:65-72](#) *Humble Before the LORD*

[II Chronicles 12:1-12](#) *Rehoboam Humbled Himself*

[Hebrews 13:7-21](#) *The Humble Life*

Tuesday, September 3

[Psalm 119:65-72](#) *Humble Before the LORD*

[Isaiah 2:12-17](#) *Brought Low*

[Titus 1:1-9](#) *Humble Leaders*

Wednesday, September 4

[Psalm 119:65-72](#) *Humble Before the LORD*

[Isaiah 57:14-21](#) *I Dwell with the Contrite*

[Luke 14:15-24](#) *Banquet for the Humble*

Thursday, September 5

[Psalm 1](#) *Delight in the Law of the LORD*

[Genesis 39:1-23](#) *How Then Can I Do This Great Wickedness?*

[Philippians 2:25-30](#) *A Faithful Brother*

Friday, September 6

[Psalm 1](#) *Delight in the Law of the LORD*

[Deuteronomy 7:12-26](#) *The Way of Obedience*

[Colossians 4:7-17](#) *Faithful Brothers*

Saturday, September 7

[Psalm 1](#) *Delight in the Law of the LORD*

[Deuteronomy 29:2-20](#) *A Renewed Covenant*

[Matthew 10:34-42](#) *The Cost of Discipleship*

The Good Life

This week, Steve Shelby preached on Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹ Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

- Rather than just a list of duties, this text is centered first upon the promise of God
 - Brotherly love
 - Hospitality
 - Prisoners
 - Mistreated people
 - Sexual purity
 - Contentment
 - Discipleship
 - Worship
 - Sacrifice

- We love little because we are not sure we have been loved

- We are unaware of the suffering of others because we do not believe Jesus is for us first

- Sexual sin is a symptom, not the disease. People give way to sexual sin because they don't have fullness of joy and confidence in Christ

- We are not content because we do not believe in provision of God

- We are unsubmitive to our leaders because we do not believe in the goodness and purpose of Jesus in giving us the leaders we have

- Worship and sacrifice are hard to come by when Jesus seems distant and uncaring

- The Lord promises to never leave us or forsake us

- He is our helper

- Jesus is unwavering in His intention to save

- Why it is so hard to believe in the moment of crisis or anxiety that Jesus is all these things?