



WESLEY
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Weems, Virginia

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

Matthew 28:19 NIV

October 4, 2026

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Hymn #655 Sanctuary (x2)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather with hope in our hearts,

All: for something happens here that teaches us God is present.

Leader: We know this place is sacred,

All: for something happens here that teaches us God is our center.

Leader: We gather with joyful praise,

All: for something happens here that teaches us God is forever faithful.

Opening Prayer (All)

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ Our Savior. Amen.

Hymn #681 In His Time

Prayer of Confession (All)

God of the law and the prophets, we do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we cover, we lie, we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name. Forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and deliverer. In Jesus' Holy name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Gloria Patri (All)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (All)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (All)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings**Doxology (All)**

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.

Prayer of Dedication (All)

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hymn #633 Open Our Eyes, Lord**Prayer for Illumination (All)**

Bless us, O God, with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Inspire us as we hear your Word read and proclaimed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Acts 15:1-21

Sermon: The Essentials (Michelle Munger)**Hymn #461 In Remembrance****Holy Communion****Hymn #444 I Love to Tell the Story (vs. 1 and 4 + the refrain at the very end)****Benediction (Leader)**

Sending Song: May the Lord, Mighty God Bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace Courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see his face Full of grace forever;
May the Lord, Mighty God Bless and keep you forever.

Prayers: https://www.fpcmp.org/uploads/2/2/5/9/22591802/order_of_worship_26_10_04.pdf;
<https://centerforfaithandgiving.org/2026/09/25/october-4-2026-world-communion-sunday/>; https://pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Outlook-Order-of-Worship-10_4.pdf; <https://standrewlu.org/october-4-2026/>