



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

September 14, 2025

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: Let Me Tell You About My Jesus (video)

Call to Worship

Pastor: We're here seeking refuge in a world where goodness and good news can feel far away.

All: Gratefully, God is our hope and our refuge!

Pastor: We come searching for safety in a world filled with war, famine, earthquakes and violence.

All: Still, God is our hope and our refuge!

Pastor: We yearn for rest in a world bombarding us with demands and difficulties.

All: In this hour we seek God's presence, leading us to refuge and hope. Let us worship the God who desires abundant life for all!

Opening Prayer

Holy God, with gratitude we stand before you, leaning into the hope and refuge you provide. Thank you for your steadfast love which never fails. Help us breathe in, confident that you continue to call us into relationship with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: Shout to the Lord (video)

Prayer of Confession

God of loving kindness, have mercy on us. According to your multitude of tender mercies, blot out our transgressions, thoroughly wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. We know our transgressions, our sin, our evil done against you as we distort your love and corrupt your creation. From the moment of our conception we have worked to separate ourselves from your love. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us

wisdom, purge and clean our hearts, put your Spirit anew within us. Let us hear joy and gladness so that our ragged bones might rejoice with you. In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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

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

Prayer of Dedication

We give because we have been given so much. Lord, take these gifts and use them to faithfully transform others. Allow your work to be continued in the world where it is most needed. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Hymn: Breathe on Me Breath of God (video)

Prayer for Illumination

Lord who welcomes sinners, send your Spirit to sit with us as we hear your Word proclaimed. Find us where we are lost, create in us clean hearts, and help us to see the joy of your mercy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Church

Scripture Readings:

Matthew 5:14-16

Exodus 31:3-5

Matthew 25:14-20

Sermon: The Truth Never Lies

Holy Communion

Hymn : How Great is Our God (video)

Benediction

Sending Song: May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and keep you forever