



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

August 3, 2025

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn #12 Praise Him! Praise Him! 1st verse

Call to Worship

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

All: for God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble;

All: They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.

Pastor: Let us thank the Lord for God’s steadfast love, for God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Opening Prayer

Lord, the days of summer are long, and our schedules are full. But even in this busy season, you call us to rest, reflect, and return to you. Thank you for the gift of this new morning and for the chance to pause and worship. Help us not to rush through this time. Slow us down. Fill us up. Speak to us through scripture, through song, through silence. And when we leave, may we carry your peace with us. In Jesus’ mighty name we pray, Amen.

Hymn #225 Come Christians, Join to Sing 1st & last verses

Prayer of Confession

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify

us so we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred so we can see ourselves as your children. In Jesus' 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

O God, may these gifts serve as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #503 Since Jesus Came into My Heart 1st & last verses

Prayer for Illumination

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the scripture we are about to hear will become God's Word for us today. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Children's Church

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 100
Joshua 24:14-15
John 13:1-7

Sermon: Throw in the Towel

Hymn #488 Just as I Am 1st verse only

Holy Communion

Hymn #575 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 1st & last verses

Benediction

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