



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

May 3, 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Hymn #224 We Have Come into His House (1st verse)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

All: God has gathered us here today — a day in which we bring our full selves: our joy, our sorrow, our hopes, our fears. In the midst of our own stories, we gather to be found in God’s story: a God who welcomes all people, loves all without conditions, and beyond measure. So let us gather, and let us worship in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with hearts full of gratitude. Thank You for bringing each person safely into this place of worship. We invite Your presence to fill this sanctuary, to guide our thoughts, and to open our hearts to Your Word. May this time together strengthen our faith, deepen our love for one another, and draw us closer to You. Bless every song we sing, every prayer we lift, and every word we hear, so that all we do today brings glory to Your name. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen

Hymn #348 My Savior’s Love

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it’s easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don’t look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

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

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

We offer our gifts so that others may not feel alone, eat alone, live alone, be alone, but that they may be surrounded by your grace and love through us and the lives we offer to them. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #597 Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

Prayer for Illumination

Your Word, O God, is a source of refuge and guidance. Lead us, and inspire our hearts and souls as we engage holy Scripture with our minds and spirits. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Scripture Reading:

II Samuel 9

Sermon: Welcome Like David (Michelle Munger)

Hymn #464 Come to the Table

Hoy Communion

Hymn #391 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Benediction

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.