



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 13, 2024

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn #209, This Is the Day v.1

Call to Worship

Pastor: We gather before God together, imperfect but present.

Congregation: Let us worship God together earnestly, with our whole selves.

Pastor: We gather before God together, desiring deeper faith.

Congregation: Let us learn from God together as we seek harmony between our words and our actions.

Opening Prayer

All-knowing God, when we consider the vastness of your works, it can be easy to feel insignificant.

When we think about the abundance of your love,

it can feel as though we do not have enough to offer. Release us from our shame and the comparisons and judgments that weigh us down. Free us from our insistence on scarcity, that we might discover your infinite grace

among us and within us. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: #410 Standing on the Promises 1st & last verses

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are the maker of justice and the source of righteousness, the one who hears the cries of the suffering and who fills the hunger of the poor. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect your just love: when we have food and food leftover, yet we do not share with any in need; when we have power for good and power for change, yet we use it only for our own self-preservation; when we

have the words of the prophets before us, yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable. Forgive us, O Lord, and teach us to follow in your way. 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

Heavenly Father, thank you that you are God, and there is no other, you are God, and there is none like you. You love us with an eternal love and we give you our offerings as an expression of our love for you. We pray our gifts would be used to extend your kingdom in our land. May you, the God of all grace, who has called us into eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us holy, strong, and filled with peace. To you be glory and honor for ever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Hymn: #526 The Solid Rock 1st & last verses

Prayer for Illumination

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Church

Scripture Readings:

Proverbs 3:5-6

Ephesians 5:15-20

Habakkuk 3

Sermon: Defending God

Hymn #591 Have Thine Own Way, Lord 1st & last verses

Benediction

Sending Song: May the Lord, Mighty God . . .

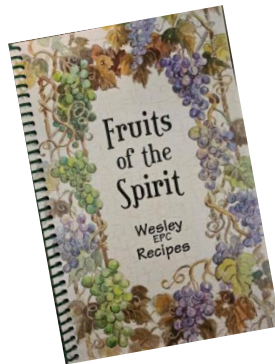
Prayers: <https://calltoworshipjournal.org/october-13-2024-twenty-first-sunday-after-pentecost-proper-23/> 30 Best Offertory Prayers for Tithes and Offerings – ConnectUS (connectusfund.org)

Announcements

Thank You to all who helped out with the Yard Sale yesterday!

December 6th, 7th, and 8th (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday): **Christmas Bazaar**. Friday and Saturday hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday hours: after the service, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For the Christmas Bazaar, we are collecting the following in good condition, to be repurposed:

- baskets (wicker, metal, wood)
- vessels (trays, caddies, wooden boxes/crates)
- buckets (tins, plastic)
- floral picks (pinecone, snowflakes, winter/Christmas theme)
- bows/ribbons (all colors)
- shredded color paper and tissue paper for basket shred



Cookbooks have arrived! You may also pick yours up any Sunday after church. See Kathie Galgano or Cheri Winkler. Books are \$10 each. Make checks out to **Wesley EPC** and indicate “Cookbooks” on the memo line. Great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers!

Please let Kathie Galgano know if any names should be added to or deleted from the prayer list. 804-438-5212; 631-495-5050 cell/text; kathleengalgano@gmail.com.

Almighty Father, we stand before You with hearts full of reverence as we make some very important decisions regarding Your house at Wesley. Guide us, O Lord, with Your divine wisdom, that every decision we make may align with Your perfect plan. Heavenly Father, grant us unity among our congregation members as we make these decisions. May our hearts be bound together by a common purpose and a shared love for Your house. Lord, we trust in Your abundant provision, and we humbly ask for the resources needed to complete this project, knowing that all good gifts come from You. In Jesus Holy name we pray, Amen.