



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

July 20, 2025

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: #12 Praise Him! Praise Him!

Call to Worship

Pastor: I will praise the name of God with a song;

All: I will magnify God with thanksgiving.

Pastor: This will please the Lord more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs.

All: Let the oppressed see it and be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive.

Pastor: For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise his own who are in bonds.

All: Come, let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we worship You today, we ask that You open doors of opportunity for Your kingdom. Let our praise break down barriers and dismantle strongholds in our communities. Use our worship as a key to unlock hearts and minds to the gospel. Grant us divine connections with those who are far from You, and give us boldness to share Your love. May this service be the beginning of new testimonies and breakthroughs. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

Hymn #589 Here I Am, Lord 1st & last verses

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions. We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment, but reluctant to examine the ways we benefit from the injustice in our world. We are distracted by our fears—fears of loss, health, safety, and financial security. Instead of proclaiming your abundance, we operate from a mindset of

scarcity. We confess our distraction, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it because it's easier than sitting at Jesus's feet, learning what it means to follow him. Forgive us. Help us discern and choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ, in whose 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

3¢/meal Sunday

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

You hear us and help us, O God, so we offer our gifts. May they serve to rescue those who feel lost. Through Christ we pray. Amen

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

Prayer for Illumination

God of Wisdom, still our hearts and silence our distractions so that we can be fully present to your Word. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, let us hear what you have to say to us today, and give us the courage to listen and respond to your call. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Children's Church

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 40

John 4:39

Acts 22

Sermon: Witness What?

Hymn #526 The Solid Rock 1st & last verses

Benediction

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