



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 5, 2025

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Video: I Can Only Imagine

Call to Worship

Pastor: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

All: the world and those who live in it.

Pastor: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

All: We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord

Opening Prayer

God of seasons, as the trees shed their leaves, remind us that letting go makes space for new growth. Help us release what no longer serves us and trust your faithful promises. As days grow shorter, may your light shine brighter in our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn #431 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Prayer of Confession

As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus, in whose 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

Faithful God, our source and sustainer, you call us to believe beyond what we see and serve without seeking reward. Take these gifts as seeds of trust, planted in hope and watered with gratitude. Even when our faith feels small, you multiply our offering into acts of healing, welcome, and justice. So, increase not only our faith, Lord, but also our willingness to serve—with humility, joy, and confidence that you are at work through every generous act. In the name of the one who came to serve, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #342 Rock of Ages

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. In His holy name we pray. Amen.

Children's Church

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 19:1-4

Isaiah 46:9-10

Romans 1:20

Sermon: The Revelation of God

Hymn #488 Just as I Am (1st verse only)

Holy Communion

Hymn #638 I Need Thee Every Hour (1st & last verses)

Benediction

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

Prayers: <https://pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Outlook-Order-of-Worship-World-Communion-Sunday.pdf>;
<https://www.pastorjasonelder.com/liturgy/opening-prayer-for-church-services-october-2025>; <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/choosing-faith/seventeenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/seventeenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-offertory-prayer>