

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 25, 2026

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Reformation Sunday

Hymn #209 This is the Day

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship
Leader: We are invited to share in Christ's ministry of compassion.
All: We will widen our hearts so we might cradle the lost.
Leader: We are challenged to learn more about God each day.
All: We will open our minds so we might discern God's dreams for us.
Leader: We are summoned to let the Spirit be planted within us.
All: We will deepen our souls so we might grow in love.

Opening Prayer (All)
Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn #401 The Church's One Foundation

Prayer of Confession (All)
God of love, your commandments are so simple: love God, love neighbor, love self. Yet we cannot always muster that love. Love for you seems too abstract and distant. Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining. Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant. But you are truly the God of love; if there is anyone who can help us love, it is you.
Shower us with your love so we might have the greatest example, and help us learn from you. Refresh our spirits with your joy which comes to us new in each moment in the gift of your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Gloria Patri (All)
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 (All)
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 (All)
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 (All)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (All)
God of all creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

Hymn #151 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Prayer for Illumination (All)
Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings
Mark 15:33-39

Psalm 22

Sermon: "My God, My God: The Psalm Behind the Cross" (Chrishon Ducker)

Hymn #429 They'll Know We Are Christians

Benediction (Leader)

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.

Prayers: https://adorationlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/bulletin-for-sunday-10-25-2026.pdf; https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2026/10/liturgy-wcommunion-for-october-25-2026.html; https://calltoworshipjournal.org/october-25-2026-twenty-second-sunday-after-pentecost-proper-25/

Announcements

Construction Update

David Jones, our contractor for the work being done in our sanctuary and the two back rooms, has determined that the floor in the office is also in need of replacement.

Bazaar Update

Due to the additional work and extended deadlines, we will NOT be holding a Christmas Bazaar in 2006. Please note that **the bazaar previously scheduled for November 21st and December 5th has been cancelled**. We hope to hold a yard sale sometime in the spring.