



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

August 30, 2026

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Hymn #213 We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise (v. 1)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness.

All: Seek God in the sanctuary.

Leader: Seek God in the burning bush.

All: Seek God in the burning heart.

Leader: The Lord is here! This place is holy!

All: We are standing on holy ground.

Opening Prayer (All)

God of steadfast love, we come from rushed mornings and crowded weeks, carrying what we could not set down at the door. Meet us here—the ones who have arrived early and those still catching their breath, the certain and the questioning, the weary and the hopeful. We have spent our days clutching and grasping, holding tight to what we think will keep us safe. Teach us the strange mathematics of your kingdom, where losing becomes finding, and surrender opens the way to life. Quiet our anxious hearts. Still our restless hands. Make this hour a doorway—not away from the world, but deeper into it, not away from ourselves, but deeper into your love. Through Jesus Christ, who gave everything to show us the way. Amen.

Hymn #489 Pass Me Not (all verses)

Prayer of Confession (All)

God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you do who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world. Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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)

Generous God, we offer our gifts to you, grateful for all you have given us, and grateful for the chance to give to others. Build up your church through these offerings, that we might be a place where your goodness is seen, practiced, and shared. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn #384 Spirit Song (all verses)**Prayer for Illumination** (All)

Divine Light, shine on these pages that the stories may speak again to us today. Shine on our hearts that we might know how to respond. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Acts 9:1-19

Sermon: Lord, Are You Sure?! (Michelle Munger)**Hymn #319 Near the Cross** (verses 1 and 3)**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.