



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

September 1, 2024

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pre-Call to Worship: Hymn #79 My Jesus, I Love Thee v.1

Call to Worship

Pastor: God teaches us the way of righteousness,

Congregation: the way of love, the way of peace.

Pastor: We glorify God,

Congregation: gathering to hear God’s word.

Pastor: We glorify God,

Congregation: enacting God’s word in the world.

Opening Prayer

Righteous God, you lead us by example through your generous love and remind us that there is always more to learn about what it means to live a life of righteousness. Help us to keep our faith nimble, growing with each new neighbor we meet and each experience we live. May we be doers of a word that is deep and wide, letting our lives reflect the love we have received. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: #401 The Church’s One Foundation^{1st} & last verses

Prayer of Confession

You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence, who may dwell on your holy hill: those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and who speak the truth from their heart. And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly.

So often we stumble on the path of faith. The truth makes us nervous, and we pretend not to know what is right. Have mercy, O God. Convict us by your wisdom, cleanse us by your grace, challenge us by your presence, and, by your forgiveness, free us to try again. 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

Eternal God, we present our tithes and offerings to you now, as a token of our love for you. We know that our financial giving is not the only thing you require. We remember your mandate to take your gospel to the whole world. We remember that you desire us to love you with all our hearts, our minds, and our souls. We remember that you told us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Help us to measure up in our love and service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: #684 Precious Lord, Take My Hand 1st & last verses

Prayer for Illumination

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Church

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 1

Colossians 3:23

Philippians 2:14-16

Sermon: Labor of Love

Communion Hymn: #488 Just as I Am v.1

Holy Communion

Hymn #235 Take the Name of Jesus with You 1st & last verses

Benediction

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

Prayers: <https://calltoworshipjournal.org/september-1-2024-fifteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-proper-17/> 30 Best Offertory Prayers for Tithes and Offerings – ConnectUS (connectusfund.org)

Announcements

Save the Dates:

- **September 28th** (Saturday): **Clean-up Day** at the church.
- **September 29th**, Sunday, after the service: **Church picnic/fellowship**. The church will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and drinks. Please bring a picnic-type side dish or dessert.
- **October 12th** (Saturday): **Yard Sale** Fundraiser, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **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.