



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 23, 2026

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Hymn #171 Come into His Presence (once)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening?

All: We are here and we are ready.

Leader: Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?

All: You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you. Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!

Leader: I created you, named you and have a calling for your life.

All: We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love!

Opening Prayer

Loving God, We gather today in the light of your Word and the witness of your people. We are grateful for the scriptures that remind us of your faithfulness, for the history of your people who have stood firm in your name, and for the reality of our own experience of your presence.

You have been and are and will be on our side — even when life is tough, even when enemies surround us, even when the flood threatens to carry us away. We give thanks that our help is in your name, Maker of heaven and earth.

May we be renewed in heart and mind, transformed by your grace, and strengthened to live as one body of Christ, sharing our gifts for the good of all. May our words, works, and worship reflect the love and truth of Jesus, the Son of the Living God. We pray in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn #8 Come, Thou Almighty King (all verses)

Prayer of Confession

God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world and respond to the needs of your children. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer and no need for justice.

Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy

Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another. In Jesus' Holy name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

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

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

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

God of Abundance, we have received blessings from you and today we hear your call to share our time, our talent and our treasure with your beloved community. May these gifts bring your light, love and hope to all who need them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn #139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness (all verses)

Prayer for Illumination

God of light, your wisdom is right here, speaking truth to us in love. We pray for you to open our eyes, our ears and our hearts so we may drink in all that you have for us to learn today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Acts 9:1-31

Sermon: We usually know not . . . Part 2 (Michelle Munger)

Hymn #571 Trust and Obey (vs. 1, 3, 5)

Benediction

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.