



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

November 16, 2025

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Hymn #214 He Has Made Me Glad

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ,

All: For the Lord our God is doing a new thing! The old order is gone, everything is new!

Pastor: Illness, disease and crying and mourning, shall be as a distant memory!

All: Hatred and war shall cease from the earth, for Christ has risen! Death is defeated!

Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Hallelujah! Amen.

Opening Prayer

God, source of our salvation, marvelous and mighty, nation rises against nation, kingdom against kingdom. The peoples of the earth suffer earthquakes, famines, and plagues, and we feel betrayed by those we had trusted. So show yourself to us in these troubled times. Grant us wisdom to speak words of peace and comfort into places of brokenness and hurt. Make us instruments of the new heaven and new earth you have promised, in which we place our trust. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

Hymn #563 Open My Eyes That I May See 1st & 2nd verses

Prayer of Confession

O God, we are more like the vision in Luke than the vision of Isaiah. We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, yet despair of ever stopping them. We see oppression and injustice and persecution, but fail to raise our voices in prophetic protest. We have become a pessimistic people. Help us believe—really believe—in Isaiah’s vision of the peaceable kingdom, in your

promise of a new heaven and new earth. Let your cry be our cry: “They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain.” Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

3¢/Meal Sunday

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Restoring God, Maker of new heavens and a new earth, where sorrow is lifted, and joy takes root. As we bring our gifts this day, may they be seeds of your promised future—an offering of hope, justice, and mercy in a weary world. Use what we give and who we are to proclaim a kingdom where none are forgotten, where the wolf and lamb lie down in peace, and where the sound of weeping is no more. Let this act of giving remind us that your dream is still unfolding—and that we are called to help build it. In Christ’s name, who is our joy. Amen.

Hymn #684 Precious Lord, Take My Hand 1st & 2nd 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:

Proverbs 11:24-25

Psalms 18:35

Galatians 5:23

Sermon: Blessed Are the Meek

Hymn #232 God Be with You 1st & 2nd verses

Benediction

Sending Song: May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever

Announcements

Christmas Poinsettia Orders Due by November 24th

Flower orders for Christmas poinsettias need to be in by November 24th this year. That's only eight days away! Please sign up on the clipboard on the piano. The cost is \$18 per plant. No money is due at this time. Contact Nancy Sanders if you have any questions about the poinsettias (804-436-6564).



Advent Begins November 30

The new church year begins in two weeks with the season of Advent! We will be **decorating** the church on Saturday, November 29th. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. if you would like to help.

Bazaar Dates:

Please use the flyer in the bulletin to display somewhere in the neighborhood if you are able. Additional flyers are located on the table as you leave the building. Take a few more to hand out to friends and family.

Saturday, November 22 at 10:00 a.m. – please join us if you can to help with some easy projects.

Sunday, November 30 – after the church service, we need help to move tables and chairs for the bazaar set-up.

Monday and Tuesday, Dec 1 & 2, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.: We'll need help setting up the items for the bazaar.

(Wednesday, December 3, 1-4 p.m. if needed: possible help finishing setting up.)

December 5th, 6th, and 7th (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday): **Christmas Bazaar**

Please support Wesley by volunteering to help and/or donating items for our ONLY fundraiser for 2025!

If you have gently used Christmas Holiday decorations or items you would like to donate, or even items that can be repurposed for the bazaar, for example: lanterns, wreaths, ribbons, candles, floral picks – you can drop them off in the Fellowship Hall. Text or call Cheri to schedule a drop off time.

The volunteer positions include cashier, greeter, and setting up in the week prior to the event.

Baked goods and soups have been very popular in the past. Our bakers and soup makers are very much appreciated!

Contact Cheri 703-203-6202 with questions