



**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 17, 2025**

*The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Hymn #214 He Has Made Me Glad** 1<sup>st</sup> verse

**Call to Worship**

Pastor: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

**All: The world is ablaze around us with pain and suffering, natural disasters and human schemes, injustice and brokenness.**

Pastor: Create again, O God of Fire; respond to the needs of your people and shepherd us to be good stewards of your creation.

**All: Let your Holy Fire meet the infernos that seek to consume us with refining and renewing power.**

Pastor: Redeem again, O God of hosts; ignite a flame within your kingdom that will spread as a wildfire of righteousness and love.

**All: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**Opening Prayer**

God of Fire, we recognize the spark that you bring into our gathering. Let it ignite within us as we worship you in the company of siblings. We honor your power and remain in awe of your glory. Let it fall again as Spirit dwells among us. May the warmth of your presence give us courage for these days and the clarity of your light give us discernment toward a future with hope. Be pleased by our worship, Eternal God, and be glorified in our praise. In Jesus' mighty name we pray, Amen.

**Hymn #45 Crown Him with Many Crowns** 1<sup>st</sup> & last verses

**Prayer of Confession**

Transforming One, forgive us for dampening your fire, even for our failure to recognize your movement among us. Help us to follow in the path of life abundantly for our neighbors and

ourselves. Make us instruments of your kingdom as we encourage and uplift one another like iron sharpens iron. Surround us as a community of accountability and support to transform us in your image, character, and nature. We receive the gift of new grace, new mercies, and new life that you offer to us each day. In Christ's 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**

**3¢ a meal Sunday**

### **Doxology**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Holy, Holy, Holy God, who provides, who gifts, and who refines. We offer these gifts to you in gratitude and hope. May they extend beyond the walls of our sanctuaries so that your name will be known through us. May they spark hope and joy to dispel despair and despondency. May needs be met and lives changed through our giving and our living. Receive these gifts as our tangible prayer that your kingdom come and will be done. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

### **Hymn #16 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** 1<sup>st</sup> & last verses

### **Prayer for Illumination**

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As the scriptures are read, we will listen for your voice. By your Spirit lead us out of our fears and into the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of our souls. Amen.

### **Children's Church**

### **Scripture Readings:**

Psalm 78:4

2 Timothy 2:2-10

1 Chronicles 28

### **Sermon: Lasting Legacy**

### **Hymn #343 Amazing Grace** 1<sup>st</sup> & last verses

### **Benediction**

### **Sending Song: May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and keep you forever**