



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

October 11, 2026

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Hymn #171 Come into His Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Here in this place, with these people, we come to worship the living God.

All: In you, O God, we hope; in you, Creator of love, we live.

Leader: Here on this day of gentleness and beauty, we are filled with the peace of God.

All: In you, O Spirit, we find our path; in you, Teacher of hope, we learn to serve.

Opening Prayer (All)

God of Grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise! Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate all your glory offers us, and worship you in spirit and truth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn #3 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (v 1, 3, 4)

Prayer of Confession (All)

You would call us to your feast, Inviting God, but our busy lives keep us from responding. You remember every word we utter, every prayer we whisper, but we forget all the little ways you care for us. You would make your gentleness known through us, but we lash out in anger and fear towards others. Forgive us, God of all hope, and remember your Servant, Jesus Christ. In him, we can live in your way. Through him, we can learn the dreams you have for us. With him, we can open our arms and embrace all the people we meet. In His name we pray. 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)

May not only our gifts, but our lives, be the grace and hope which bring healing to the broken, as well as food and nourishment to all who hunger and thirst for justice and peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn # 406 Wonderful Words of Life**Prayer for Illumination (All)**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as these Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we would know your will for us, and follow it with courageous love. In Jesus' Holy name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading**Sermon: Checking our Worldview: God's glasses (Michelle Munger)****Hymn #591 Have Thine Own Way, Lord****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.

Prayers: <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2026/10/;10-11-2026-Twentieth-Sunday-after-Pentecost.pdf>

Announcements**Construction Update**

David Jones, our contractor for the work being done in our sanctuary and the two back rooms, has determined that the floor in the office is also in need of replacement.

Bazaar Update

Due to the additional work and extended deadlines, we will NOT be holding a Christmas Bazaar in 2006. Please note that **the bazaar previously scheduled for November 21st and December 5th has been cancelled**. We hope to hold a yard sale sometime in the spring.

Dedication of Sanctuary

After the work has been completed, look forward to a re-dedication of the Sanctuary. Let's think about filling the church by inviting descendants of families who opened their homes for services as the church was being built and those who actually did the building. You may recognize some of the family names below.

The following was taken from "A History of Wesley Presbyterian Church, Taylor's Creek, VA 1921-1981" compiled by Addie Conklin

The first meeting was held in Josh Talbott's home. Bob Rose, Light Conklin, Elzie Harcum, Mrs. Mamie Davis, Henry Cramer, Uphar Harman, Sam Meredith and many more opened their homes for these meetings.

At the time the first part of the church building was completed, the Reverend Thomas Dames Wesley was preaching at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems and at Milden Church in Sharps. Dr. Wesley accepted a 'Call' from the people of the church to become their first minister. This was in the year 1921, less than a year since the beginning of work on the church building. A Dedication Service was held, and the church was named 'Wesley' for its first pastor.

Among the charter members of Wesley Church were R. L. Rose, Lonnie Rose, Harry Rose, Goldie Rose, Mr. & Mrs. Elzie Harcum, Clarence Harcum, Roy Conklin, Mary Conklin, Vernon Conklin, Joshua Talbott, Henry Cramer, Minnie Cramer, Anna Rose, U. L. Harmon and Blanch Harmon.

The Trustees elected to serve were U. L. Harmon, Harry Rose and Elzie Harcum. Vernon Conklin was the first Treasurer. The first Ruling Elders elected were R. L. Rose, Josh Talbott and Elzie Harcum. The Deacons were Henry Cramer, Nathan Emminizer and Vernon Conklin. (At the time this history was written) the Ruling Elders were Wesley Ashburn, LeRoy Conklin, Leroy Hughes, Fred Lackert, Arthur Pedley, Albert Talbott and Hazel Conklin Woolard.