



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 2, 2025

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Hymn #90 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: God of justice and mercy, you are righteous in all your ways.

All: Your Word is truth, your promises never fail.

Pastor: You lift up the humble and restore the brokenhearted.

All: You call us to seek good, to do justice, and to walk humbly with you.

Pastor: Let us worship the God who forgives, transforms, and renews.

All: With joy and faith, we come to praise the Lord our Redeemer!

Opening Prayer

Righteous God, you see the world's injustice and the cries of the oppressed. You also see our hearts, where sin still hides and pride takes root. Yet your mercy is greater than our failure, and your love is stronger than our fear. As we gather in your presence, renew our faith and shape our lives according to your will. Seek us as you sought Zacchaeus, and help us to welcome your transforming grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Amen

Hymn #45 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayer of Confession

God of grace: we offer you our lives. We confess we are often stingy in our gifts of time, of talents, of treasures. We confess our addiction to the drugs of consumerism and that, as your church, we have often fallen headlong into the culture's seduction. Forgive us and free us to joyful simplicity, that we may be signs of grace to your world. **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

Gracious God, you are our provider and sustainer. We bring our gifts today, mindful of your abundant love and mercy. As we offer these tithes and offerings, we ask that you remind us of the call to let go of our earthly attachments and follow you wholeheartedly. Bless these gifts and use them to further your kingdom on earth, so that all may experience your grace and love. May our giving reflect our trust in you and our commitment to serve others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #151 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Prayer for Illumination

God of truth and grace, your Word is a light to our path and a lamp to our feet. Shine that light upon us now. Quiet our distractions, deepen our faith, and help us to see where you are calling us to repentance and renewal. Through Jesus Christ, the Living Word, we pray, Amen

Children's Church

Scripture Readings:

Romans 1:17
Jeremiah 31:7-9
1 Corinthians 18:18-25

Sermon: Here I Stand

Hymn #327 The Old Rugged Cross 1st verse only

Holy Communion

Hymn #343 Amazing Grace 1st & last verses

Benediction

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