



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

July 13, 2025

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: #786 Count Your Many Blessings

Call to Worship

Pastor: Coming from different places,

All: we gather as one church, one faith community.

Pastor: Bringing different gifts,

All: we come to offer ourselves as we are.

Pastor: Blessed by one Spirit,

All: we bring our unity of gratitude and praise.

Opening Prayer

Lord God, be with each one of us today. We have come seeking your guidance and direction for our lives. Help us recognize the gifts you have given to us, and enable us to put these gifts to good use in your world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn #151 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 1st & last verses

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols

fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ. 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

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. In Jesus' mighty name we pray, Amen

Hymn #342 Rock of Ages 1st & last verses

Prayer for Illumination

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Church

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 23

1 Peter 5:10

Romans 6:6-18

Sermon: Rise Up

Hymn #640 Precious Lord Take My Hand 1st & last verses

Benediction

Sending Song:

May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and keep you forever . . .