



**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 31, 2025**

*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Hymn #786 Count Your Many Blessings** 1<sup>st</sup> verse

**Call to Worship**

Pastor: Gathered to worship God,

**All: we are all right where we belong.**

Pastor: Called to this celebration of worship by God’s Spirit,

**All: we approach God with joy in our hearts.**

Pastor: Nourished by the love of Jesus, God’s Son,

**All: we gladly feast at this banquet of grace..**

**Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, we come into your presence not because we have everything together, but because we need you. In the quietness of this morning, help us settle the noise within. Still our minds, calm our hearts, and ready us to listen. May this time of worship not be something we check off a list, but something that changes us from the inside out. Receive our praise, renew our spirits, and remind us again that we belong to you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn #793 For the Beauty of the Earth** 1<sup>st</sup> & last verses

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by

assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits. In Christ's holy 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, we offer to you these gifts, both as signs of our gratitude and as instruments of your reign. Use these gifts, and us, that your way of love and peace, transformation and hope might flourish in this place. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Hymn #799 America the Beautiful 1<sup>st</sup> & last verses**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Open our hearts and minds, O God, by your Holy Spirit's power, that as scripture is read and the Gospel announced, we might receive with open hearts whatever you speak to us this day. In the name of Christ our Lord and Savior, Amen.

### **Children's Church**

### **Scripture Readings:**

Psalm 127:1-5  
Colossians 3:23  
Matthew 6:19-24

### **Sermon: Workaholic?**

### **Hymn #807 My Country, 'Tis of Thee 1<sup>st</sup> & last verses**

### **Benediction**

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