



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“WHO IS A GOD LIKE YOU, PARDONING
INIQUITY AND PASSING OVER THE
TRANSGRESSION OF THE REMNANT OF HIS
HERITAGE?”

-MICAH 7:18A

WORSHIP LEADERS:
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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalms 100:1-3

Leader: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

All: Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the LORD, He is God; *It is He who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.

*Gloria Patri**

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Irreg. H.W. Greatorex, 1851

“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.”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

*Hymn of Praise**

TUNE: JOANNA 11.11.11.11.

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 79

Leader: May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?

All: *True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God, and his decree and covenant to give them perseverance, their inseparable union with Christ, his continual intercession for them, and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: *Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon You: Hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent confession in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: Hear the good news! "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"Psalm 65:1-5"

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Praise waits for Thee in Zion! To Thee vows paid shall be.
O God, of prayer the hearer, All flesh shall come to Thee.
Iniquities are daily Prevailing over me,
But all of our transgressions Are covered o'er by Thee.

How blessed the man Thou choosest And bringest near to Thee,
That in Thy courts forever His dwelling place may be.
We shall within Thy temple Be wholly satisfied
And filled with all the goodness Thy sacred courts provide.

O God of our salvation, Thou in Thy righteousness
With awesome deeds and wonders Thine answer wilt express,
O Thou in Whom confiding All ends of earth agree,
And people who are sailing Upon the farthest sea.

PASTORAL 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. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 25:1-11

Leader: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

All: O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me.

Leader: Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

All: Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.

Leader: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.

All: *Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old.*

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

All: *Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.*

Leader: The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.

All: *All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.*

Leader: For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:28-53

"Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. ²⁹But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. ³⁰Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. ³²And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" ³³So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread. ³⁶Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." ³⁷But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. ³⁸And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹"Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." ⁴⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" ⁴²So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³And He took *it* and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me." ⁴⁵And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. ⁴⁶Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷"and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸"And you are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹"Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." ⁵⁰And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 5:1-14

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. ³Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins. ⁴And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron *was*. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, *but it* was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." ⁶As *He* also *says* in another *place*: "You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek"; ⁷who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, ⁸though He was a Son, *yet* He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek," ¹¹of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil

Psalms of Preparation*

TUNE: BEECHER 87.87.D.

"Psalm 103:1-13"

"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

Bless the LORD, my soul; my whole heart Ever bless His holy name.
Bless the LORD, my soul; forget not All His mercies to proclaim.
Who forgives all thy transgressions, Thy diseases all Who heals;
Who redeems thee from destruction, Who with thee so kindly deals.

Who with love and mercy crowns thee, Satisfies thy mouth with good,
So that even like the eagle Thou art blessed with youth renewed.
In His righteousness Jehovah Will deliver those distressed;
He will execute just judgment In the cause of all oppressed.

He made known His ways to Moses, And His acts to Isr'el's race;
Tender, loving is Jehovah Slow to anger, rich in grace.
He will not forever chide us Nor will keep His anger still,
Has not dealt as we offended Nor requited us our ill.

For as high as is the heaven, Far above the earth below,
Ever great to them that fear Him Is the mercy He will show.
Far as east from west is distant He has put away our sin;
Like the pity of a father Has Jehovah's pity been

SERMON

Micah 7:18-20

"Who Is a God Like You?"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ¹⁸ Who *is* a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights *in* mercy.
- ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.
- ²⁰ You will give truth to Jacob *And* mercy to Abraham, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

Words and Music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

"His Mercy is More"

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!

REFRAIN

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!

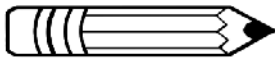
Verse 3

What riches of kindness Christ lavished on us,
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost!
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!

BENEDICTION*

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

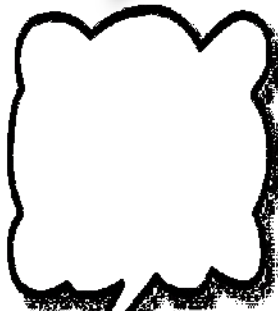
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Who is speaking?



Words you heard but don't know...

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Verse: _____



Favorite song today was:

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Questions?

How does today's message apply to your life?

The most important thing you learned was:

Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for our country's leaders and those who serve us.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for our covenant children.

Announcements

- Prayer meeting: Wednesdays, at 8:30 p.m. over zoom. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Miller.
- Youth Group for Grades 6-12: February 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. at church.
- We will be starting a new Men's Bible study on Romans in February. There is a sign-up sheet in the back along with the books.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, February 7 at 8 a.m. Please read the introduction and chapter 1 in the Romans study book.
- Sunday School: Sunday at 10 am. We have classes for ages 4 to adults. Please talk to Pastor Miller if you have any questions. We will not have Sunday School on Sunday February 15 to help facilitate the luncheon.
- Fellowship Luncheon: Sunday, February 15, after church at the LEAF center located at 1501 W 6th St, Erie, PA 16505. The church will provide the main dish we ask that you bring a dish or two to pass. You can drop off your dished prior to the morning worship service if needs be. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

WELCOME!

If you are visiting our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. There are a few things that we would like you to know about West Erie Presbyterian Church.

- **We are Historically Reformed.**
 - We believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
 - We believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
 - We hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
 - We believe that salvation is a free gift of God.
- **We are Community Oriented.**
 - We seek to share the only hope that this world has: that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - We seek to be a church that is salt and light to the community around us and fulfill the Great Commission.
- **We are Confessional.**
 - As a Christian church, ancient statements such as the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed help us to confess certain basic and essential truths of the Christian faith.
 - As a Presbyterian church, our confessional or doctrinal standards consist of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms (copies of these documents are available from the church).
 - All of these statements are under the authority of Scripture.

We thank you for visiting today! If you have any questions regarding our style of worship, please feel free to ask the pastor or one of our elders. We would be happy to talk with you. Also, we would ask you to stay after and enjoy the fellowship of our Christian community. West Erie Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org).

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