



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“AND TO BABYLON YOU SHALL GO. THERE
YOU SHALL BE DELIVERED; THERE THE
LORD WILL REDEEM YOU FROM THE HAND
OF YOUR ENEMIES.”

-MICAH 4: 1 OB

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Revelation 5:12b

Leader: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

Gloria Patri*

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Irreg. H.W. Greator, 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*

Psalm of Praise*

TUNE: PETERSHAM CDM

"Psalm 47"

Based on the Scottish Psalter, 1650

All peoples, clap your hands for joy; To God in triumph shout;
For awesome is the LORD Most High, Great King the earth throughout.
He brings the peoples under us In mastery complete;
And He it is Who nations all Subdues beneath our feet.

The land of our inheritance He chooses out for us,
And He to us the glory gives Of Jacob whom He loves.
God is ascended with a shout, The LORD with trumpeting.
Sing praises unto God! Sing praise! Sing praises to our King!

For God is King of all the earth; Sing praise with skillfulness.
God rules the nations; God sits on His throne of holiness.
Assemble, men of Abrah'm's God! Come, people, princes, nigh!
The shields of earth belong to God; He is exalted high.

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 69-70

Leader: What is the communion in grace which the members of the invisible church have with Christ?

All: The communion in grace which the members of the invisible church have with Christ, is their partaking of the virtue of his mediation, in their justification, adoption, sanctification, and whatever else, in this life, manifests their union with him.

Leader: What is justification?

All: Justification is an act of God's free grace unto sinners, in which he pardoneth all their sins, accepteth and accounteth their persons righteous in his sight; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.

CONFESSION OF SIN

PSALM 5:1-5, 7

All: "Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 3:3-6

Leader: Hear the good news! "For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"Psalm 18:14-26"

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

The deadly arrows He sent forth Dispersed His foes in wild retreat.
The flaming lightnings He shot out Made their discomfiture complete.
Then channels of the seas were seen, Laid bare the world's foundations vast;
At Your rebuke, O LORD, they shook, And at Your nostrils' angry blast.

He reached from heav'n and rescued me From many waters swelling high;
From those that hate me set me free, From foes that stronger were than I.
In my distress my foes came on; The LORD was my security;
He brought me forth and gave me room, Because He took delight in me.

According to my righteousness I am rewarded by the LORD;
According as my hands were clean, He gives to me a just reward.
I've kept the pathway of the LORD And from my God did not depart,
I've kept His judgments in my sight, His statutes shut not from my heart.

Sincere toward Him, I set my guard To keep myself away from sin.
My righteousness the LORD rewards As in His sight my hands are clean.
To gracious men You gracious are; The perfect You perfection show;
The pure You show that You are pure; Your cunning will the crafty know

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 48:1-14

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, *In* His holy mountain.

All: Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the great King.

Leader: God *is* in her palaces; He is known as her refuge.

All: For behold, the kings assembled, They passed by together.

Leader: They saw *it*, and so they marveled; They were troubled, they hastened away.

All: Fear took hold of them there, And pain, as of a woman in birth pangs,

Leader: *As when* You break the ships of Tarshish With an east wind.

All: As we have heard, So we have seen In the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city of our God: God will establish it forever. Selah

Leader: We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, In the midst of Your temple.

All: According to Your name, O God, So is Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness.

Leader: Let Mount Zion rejoice, Let the daughters of Judah be glad, Because of Your judgments.

All: *Walk about Zion, And go all around her. Count her towers;*

Leader: Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her palaces; That you may tell *it* to the generation following.

All: *For this is God, Our God forever and ever; He will be our guide Even to death.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 20:20-47

So they watched *Him*, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor. ²¹Then they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You say and teach rightly, and You do not show personal favoritism, but teach the way of God in truth: ²²"Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ²³But He perceived their craftiness, and said to them, "Why do you test Me? ²⁴"Show Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?" They answered and said, "Caesar's." ²⁵And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²⁶But they could not catch Him in His words in the presence of the people. And they marveled at His answer and kept silent. ²⁷Then some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to *Him* and asked Him, ²⁸saying: "Teacher, Moses wrote to us *that* if a man's brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹"Now there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰"And the second took her as wife, and he died childless. ³¹"Then the third took her, and in like manner the seven also; and they left no children, and died. ³²"Last of all the woman died also. ³³"Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife." ³⁴And Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵"But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; ³⁶"nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷"But even Moses showed in the *burning bush passage* that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' ³⁸"For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him." ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well." ⁴⁰But after that they dared not question Him anymore. ⁴¹And He said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is the Son of David? ⁴²"Now David himself said in the Book of Psalms: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, ⁴³Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" ' ⁴⁴"Therefore David calls Him 'Lord'; how is He then his Son?" ⁴⁵Then, in the hearing of all the people, He said to His disciples, ⁴⁶"Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, ⁴⁷"who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 4:1-22

I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: ²Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. ⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. ⁹Be diligent to come to me quickly; ¹⁰for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica -- Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry. ¹²And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. ¹³Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come -- and the books, especially the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. ¹⁵You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words. ¹⁶At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. ¹⁸And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve *me* for His heavenly kingdom. To Him *be* glory forever and ever. Amen! ¹⁹Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick. ²¹Do your utmost to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, as well as Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren. ²²The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation*

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

"Speak O Lord"

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail –
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us –
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

SERMON

Micah 4:9-5:1

"What is and What is to Come"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ⁹ Now why do you cry aloud? *Is there* no king in your midst? Has your counselor perished? For pangs have seized you like a woman in labor.
- ¹⁰ Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, Like a woman in birth pangs. For now you shall go forth from the city, You shall dwell in the field, And to Babylon you shall go. There you shall be delivered; There the LORD will redeem you From the hand of your enemies.
- ¹¹ Now also many nations have gathered against you, Who say, "Let her be defiled, And let our eye look upon Zion."
- ¹² But they do not know the thoughts of the LORD, Nor do they understand His counsel; For He will gather them like sheaves to the threshing floor.
- ¹³ "Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; For I will make your horn iron, And I will make your hooves bronze; You shall beat in pieces many peoples; I will consecrate their gain to the LORD, And their substance to the Lord of the whole earth."
- ¹ Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops; He has laid siege against us; They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: SLANE 10.10.10.10.

"Be Thou My Vision"

Ancient Irish Poem, ca. 8th Cent.

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding text block. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The first system includes a 'Unison' marking above the staff. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, with some lines having multiple parts separated by semicolons. The second system continues the lyrics, and the third system concludes the hymn with a final line of text.

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er,
3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
• dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
• thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

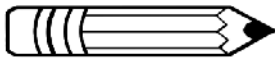
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Spencer and Carmen Family
- Pray for our country's leaders and those who serve in the military.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for our covenant children.

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: Sunday, December 7 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Faith Reformed Church.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday December 6, at 8 am. Please read Chapter 13 in the James 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. Please note we will not have Sunday School on Sunday, November 30.
- After Church fellowship: Sunday, December 14, after the morning worship service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

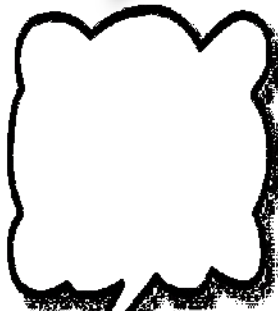
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



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:

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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