



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“HE HAS SHOWN YOU, O MAN, WHAT *IS*
GOOD...”

-MICAH 6:8A

WORSHIP LEADERS:

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 146:4-5

Leader: Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope *is* in the LORD his God,

All: *Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever.*

*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: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Charles Wesley, 1744

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

REFRAIN

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 72

Leader: How doth faith justify a sinner in the sight of God?

All: Faith justifies a sinner in the sight of God, not because of those other graces which do always accompany it, or of good works that are the fruits of it, not as if the grace of faith, or any act thereof, were imputed to him for his justification; but only as it is an instrument by which he receiveth and applieth Christ and his righteousness.

CONFESSION OF SIN

PSALM 86:6-8, 11-13

All: "Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me. Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works. Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore. For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol." Hear now our silent confessions 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 90:1-9"

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place
Through all the ages of our race.
Before the mountains had their birth,
Or ever Thou hadst formed the earth,
From years which no beginning had
To years unending, Thou art God.

Thou turnest man to dust again,
And say'st, "Return, ye sons of men."
As yesterday when past appears,
So are to Thee a thousand years;
They like a day are in Thy sight,
Yes, like a passing watch by night.

Thou with a flood hast swept men on;
They like a sleep are quickly gone.
They are like grass which grows each morn;
Its blades of green the fields adorn.
At morn its sprouts and blossoms rise;
At eve, cut down, it withered lies.

For by Thine anger we're consumed,
And by Thy wrath to terror doomed.
Our sins Thou in Thy sight dost place,
Our secret faults before Thy face;
So in Thy wrath our days we end,
And like a sigh our years we spend

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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM

Ryan Lewis

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 50:1-15

Leader: The Mighty One, God the LORD, Has spoken and called the earth From the rising of the sun to its going down.

All: *Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth.*

Leader: Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; A fire shall devour before Him, And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.

All: *He shall call to the heavens from above, And to the earth, that He may judge His people:*

Leader: "Gather My saints together to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."

All: *Let the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is Judge. Selah*

Leader: "Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; I *am* God, your God!

All: *I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices Or your burnt offerings, Which are continually before Me.*

Leader: I will not take a bull from your house, *Nor* goats out of your folds.

All: *For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills.*

Leader: I know all the birds of the mountains, And the wild beasts of the field *are* Mine.

All: *"If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.*

Leader: Will I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the blood of goats?

All: *Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High.*

Leader: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:1-23

"Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover. ²And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people. ³Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. ⁴So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. ⁵And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude. ⁷Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. ⁸And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." ⁹So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?" ¹⁰And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. ¹¹"Then you shall say to the master of the

house, "The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" ' ' 12"Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready." 13So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover. 14When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. 15Then He said to them, "With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide *it* among yourselves; 18for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 20Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. 21"But behold, the hand of My betrayer *is* with Me on the table. 22" And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" 23Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Titus 3:1-15

Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, 2to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. 3For 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, 7that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men. 9But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. 10Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, 11knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned. 12When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. 13Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing. 14And let our *people* also learn to maintain good works, to *meet* urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful. 15All who *are* with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: REDHEAD

"Psalm 51:12-19"

"Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me"

Give salvation's joy again,
And a willing mind sustain.
Then Thy perfect ways I'll show
That transgressors may them know;
They converted then shall be;
Sinners shall be turned to Thee.

Free me from the guilt of blood,
God, of my salvation God;
Then with joy my tongue shall raise
Songs Thy righteousness to praise.
Open Thou my lips, O Lord;
Then my mouth shall praise accord.

Sacrifice Thou wilt not take,
Else would I the off'ring make.
Off'rings burnt bring no delight,
But a broken heart, contrite,
God's accepted sacrifice,
Thou, O God, wilt not despise.

Prosper Zion in Thy grace;
Salem's broken walls replace.
Then shall sacrifices right,
Whole burnt off'rings Thee delight;
So will men, their vows to pay,
Bullocks on Thine altar lay.

SERMON

Micah 6:1-8

"Divine Complaint"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ¹ Hear now what the LORD says: "Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice.
- ² Hear, O you mountains, the LORD's complaint, And you strong foundations of the earth; For the LORD has a complaint against His people, And He will contend with Israel.
- ³ "O My people, what have I done to you? And how have I wearied you? Testify against Me.
- ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
- ⁵ O My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled, And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, From Acacia Grove to Gilgal, That you may know the righteousness of the LORD."
- ⁶ With what shall I come before the LORD, *And* bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old?
- ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression, The fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul?
- ⁸ He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: HAMBURG L.M.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Isaac Watts, 1707. 1709.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal. 6:14

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi 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: Sunday, January 4, from 6-7:30 p.m. at church.
- Men's Bible Study: **Saturday, January 10, at 8 am.** Please read Chapter 14 in the James Study book.
- 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.
- 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 December 28 and January 4.
- After Church fellowship: Sunday, December 14, after the morning worship service. Please inform Pastor Miller or a member of the fellowship committee of any allergies. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- Christmas Eve Service of Scripture and Carols: Wednesday, December 24 at 6 p.m.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

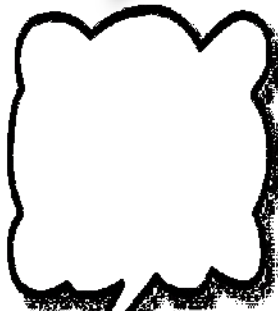
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



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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