



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“THEN THE REMNANT OF JACOB SHALL BE
IN THE MIDST OF MANY PEOPLES...”

-MICAH 5:7A

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 67:1-2

Leader: God be merciful to us and bless us, *And* cause His face to shine upon us. Selah

All: *That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.*

*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: VENI EMMANUEL L.M.ref.

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Latin antiphones, 12th cent.

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains five verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment with further lyrics.

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
• tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

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.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 72

Leader: What is justifying faith?

All: Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and word of God, whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out of his lost condition, not only assenteth to the truth of the promise of the gospel, but receiveth and resteth upon Christ and his righteousness, therein held forth, for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation.

CONFESSION OF SIN

PSALM 130:1-8

All: "Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning -- Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16

Leader: Hear the good news! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"Psalm 1"

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made"

O greatly bless-ed is the man Who walketh not astray
In counsel of ungodly men, Nor stands in sinners' way,

Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair, But placeth his delight
Upon GOD'S law, and meditates On His law day and night.

He shall be like a tree that grows Set by the water side,
Which in its season yields its fruit, And green its leaves abide;

And all he does shall prosper well. The wicked are not so,
But are like chaff which by the wind Is driven to and fro.

In judgment, therefore, shall not stand Such as ungodly are,
Nor in th'assembly of the just Shall wicked men appear.

Because the way of godly men Is to Jehovah known,
Whereas the way of wicked men Shall quite be overthrown.

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.

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

Bill and Lyuda Markley

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leah Scarpitti
Raymond Miller

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 115:1-11

Leader: Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy,
Because of Your truth.

All: Why should the Gentiles say, "So where is their God?"

Leader: But our God *is* in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.

All: *Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands.*

Leader: They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see;

All: *They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell;*

Leader: They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat.

All: *Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.*

Leader: O Israel, trust in the LORD; He *is* their help and their shield.

All: *O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield.*

Leader: You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He *is* their help and their shield.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:20-38

"Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. ²²"For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. ²³"But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. ²⁴"And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ²⁵"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶"men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. ²⁷"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸"Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." ²⁹Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰"When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹"So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²"Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. ³³"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. ³⁴"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵"For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶"Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." ³⁷And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet. ³⁸Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Titus 2:1-15

But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: ²that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; ³the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things - ⁴that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. ⁶Likewise exhort the young men to be sober-minded, ⁷in all things showing yourself *to be* a pattern of good works; in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, ⁸sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. ⁹Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all *things*, not answering back, ¹⁰not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things. ¹¹For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹²teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works. ¹⁵Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: PENITENCE 11.11.11.11.

"Psalm 4"

"In the Hour of Trial"

Answer when I call, O God who justifies.
In my stress You freed me; hear in grace my cries.
Sons of men, how long will you my glory shame?
Will you love what's worthless? Will lies be your aim?

Know the LORD His saints has set apart in grace,
And the LORD will hear me when I seek His face.
Tremble in your anger, yet from sin depart.
On your bed in silence speak within your heart.

May you sacrifice now sacrifices just.
In Jehovah only placing all your trust.
"Who will show us goodness?" many people say;
The light of Your face, LORD, lift on us, we pray.

You have given my heart greater joy by far
Than when grain and new wine most abundant are.
So in peace I lie down; I will rest and sleep,
For, O LORD, You only will me safely keep

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines. There are also some performance markings like 'r' and '7' above the staff.

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain;
for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

PASSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

***THE WAFERS ARE NUT AND GLUTEN FREE.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: HALLELUJH! WHAT A SAVIOR 7.7.7.8.

"Man of Sorrows! What a Name"

Phillip P. Bliss, 1875

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

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*He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
Is. 53:3*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains four lines of lyrics. The lyrics are: 1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came 2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood, 3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he; 4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry; 5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring, ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! • full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams 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. Please note there will be no Youth Group tonight.
- 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.

Who Should take Communion?

The question of who is eligible to receive communion is one of vital importance. In order to draw our minds towards examining ourselves in accordance with the Apostle Paul's exhortation to the church in Corinth, the Session of West Erie Presbyterian Church in America encourages all in attendance today to consider the following questions:

Do you believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for your sins and rose again bodily from the dead?

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for your salvation?

Have you been baptized?

Are you a communicate member in good standing of a Bible-believing, gospel proclaiming church?

Are you pursuing a life of obedience by forsaking sin and striving, by grace and help of the Holy Spirit, to glorify God with your entire life?

If you can answer "Yes" to each of these questions, then the Session of West Erie Presbyterian Church in America welcomes and invites you to partake of the Lord's Supper with us today.

If however, you cannot answer "Yes" to each of these questions – or if you are not sure – then we request that you refrain from partaking at this time. We encourage you to take this time to consider your own personal need for Christ, His abundant provision for the salvation of sinners, as well of the biblical requirement to join a local body of believers in humble submission to Christ's provision of elders and overseers. After the service, please come speak with a member of the Session to discuss the steps necessary to enable you to openly enjoy Communion with Christ and his people through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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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