



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT
FORTH, OR EVER YOU HAD FORMED THE
EARTH AND THE WORLD, EVEN FROM
EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING, YOU *ARE*
GOD.”

—PSALM 90:2

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 66:1-2

Leader: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

All: Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.

*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: TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11.

“To God Be the Glory”

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

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. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

The score includes various chords indicated above the notes: G, D7, G, D, G, C, G, A7, D, G, D7, G.

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,
 praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 40-41

Leader: Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God and man in one person?

All: It was requisite that the Mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us, as the works of the whole person.

Leader: Why was our Mediator called Jesus?

All: Our Mediator was called Jesus, because he saveth his people from their sins.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: *Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:8-9

Leader: Hear the good news! "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"Psalm 115:1-13"

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Not to us, LORD, not to us, But to Your name glory give,
For Your steadfast love and grace, For Your cov'nant faithfulness.
Why should heathen nations say, "Where now is their mighty God?"

But our God in heaven is; He does all that pleases Him;
Their gods are of silver, gold, Fashioned by the hands of men:
They have mouths but do not speak; They have eyes but do not see;

They have ears but do not hear, Noses have but do not smell;
They have hands but do not touch; They have feet but do not walk;
In their throat they make no sound. Such, all who them make or trust.

Is-ra-el, trust in the LORD He's their help and He's their shield!
Aaron's house, trust in the LORD He's their help and He's their shield!
Who the LORD fear, trust the LORD He's their help and He's their shield!

As the LORD has thought of us, Mindful still, He'll bless us now,
He will bless all Isr'el's house; He will bless all Aaron's house;
He'll bless all who fear the LORD Whether they be small or great.

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 103:13-22

Leader: As a father pities *his* children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

All: *For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.*

Leader: As *for* man, his days *are* like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

All: *For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no more.*

Leader: But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children's children,

All: *To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them.*

Leader: The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all.

All: *Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.*

Leader: Bless the LORD, all *you* His hosts, *You* ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

All: *Bless the LORD, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:22-48

Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. ²³"Life is more than food, and the body *is more* than clothing. ²⁴"Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? ²⁵"And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁶"If you then are not able to do *the* least, why are you anxious for the rest? ²⁷"Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸"If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more *will He clothe* you, O *you* of little faith? ²⁹"And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. ³⁰"For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. ³¹"But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. ³²"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³"Sell what you have and

give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. ³⁴"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵"Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning; ³⁶"and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. ³⁷"Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them. ³⁸"And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. ³⁹"But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰"Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." ⁴¹Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable *only* to us, or to all *people*?" ⁴²And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* master will make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of food in due season? ⁴³"Blessed *is* that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁴"Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. ⁴⁵"But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, ⁴⁶"the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the unbelievers. ⁴⁷"And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare *himself* or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. ⁴⁸"But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 4:1-18

Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. ²Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; ³meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, ⁴that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. ⁵Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time. ⁶*Let* your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. ⁷Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. ⁸I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, ⁹with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is *one* of you. They will make known to you all things which *are happening* here. ¹⁰Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him), ¹¹and Jesus who is called Justus. These *are my* only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me. ¹²Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. ¹³For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis. ¹⁴Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. ¹⁵Greet the

brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church that *is* in his house. ¹⁶Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. ¹⁷And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it." ¹⁸This salutation by my own hand -- Paul. Remember my chains. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10.

"Psalm 39:1-6"

"Abide with Me"

"I will take heed and guard my ways," I said,
"So that my tongue no sinful word shall stain;
As with a bridle I will keep my mouth,
While in my presence wicked men remain."

In silence dumb I ceased from speaking good;
My heart within was hot, my sorrow stirred;
And while I mused the fire began to burn;
Then spake I with my tongue this earnest word:

"My end, O LORD, and measure of my days
Make me to know, and thus my frailty see.
Lo, Thou hast made my days an handbreadth long;
My lifetime is as nothing unto Thee.

"Each man at best is altogether vain.
Each man doth surely walk in empty show;
They heap up wealth and vex themselves for naught,
Nor know to whom their garnered riches go

SERMON

Psalm 90

"Thinking About God and Us"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ¹ LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- ² Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.
- ³ You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men."
- ⁴ For a thousand years in Your sight *Are* like yesterday when it is past, And *like* a watch in the night.
- ⁵ You carry them away *like* a flood; *They are* like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up:
- ⁶ In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers.

- 7 For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified.
- 8 You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance.
- 9 For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh.
- 10 The days of our lives *are* seventy years; And if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years, Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- 11 Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath.
- 12 So teach *us* to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants.
- 14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!
- 15 Make us glad according to the days *in which* You have afflicted us, The years *in which* we have seen evil.
- 16 Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children.
- 17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Hymn of Preparation**

TUNE: MARTYRDOM C.M.

"Alas and did My Savior Bleed"

Isaac Watts, 1707.

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die!
2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree!
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in,
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I!
A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
• when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

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: ST CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.6.8.6.

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2. Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see me:
 3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place:

the shad - ow of a might - y Rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess,
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day,
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams 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: We will be taking a break until September.
- Youth Group for grades 6-12: Next meeting is August 30, 6-8:30 at beach six on Presque Isle.
- Men's Bible Study: We will be taking a break until September.
- Lunch at the Park: Summer Sundays starting June 8, we will be meeting for a casual lunchtime following worship at Bayview Park near the Erie sign (across the street). Bring your own lunch, chairs, etc. More information on the back bulletin board or see Steve Crane.
- Church Picnic: Sunday, August 31 starting at 4:30 at the church. The church will provide the main dish. We ask you to bring a dish or two to pass.
- We will be welcoming Dr. T. David Gordon to our pulpit next week.

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 communicant 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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