



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“THEREFORE I WILL WAIL AND HOWL, I WILL
GO STRIPPED AND NAKED...

-MICAH 1:8

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Revelation 15:3b-4

Leader: Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

All: *Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."*

*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

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!

CONFESSON OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 53

Leader: How was Christ exalted in his ascension?

All: Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that having after his resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with his apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after his resurrection, he, in our nature, and as our head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither,(6) and to prepare a place for us, where himself is, and shall continue till his second coming at the end of the world.

CONFESSON OF SIN

PSALM 139:1-4, 23-24

All: "O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting." 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 31:17-24”

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Let me not be ashamed, LORD, Because on You I call.
Ashamed shall be the wicked, As dead men silenced all.
All false lips shall be silenced, Whose speech is insolent,
Who boldly blame the righteous And proudly show contempt.

How great the good You’ve treasured For them who worship You,
Prepared for those who trust You Where sons of men may view.
You by Your presence hide them From all men plotting wrongs;
You keep them in Your shelter Safe from the strife of tongues.

The LORD be ever bless-ed, For He has made me know
The mercy and protection His city walls bestow.
I said when filled with panic, “I’m cut off from Your eyes!”
Yet when to You I called out, You heard my pleading cries.

O love the LORD, you godly! The LORD the faithful keeps.
But He repays the haughty That what he sows he reaps.
Be strong! He’ll keep refreshing Your heart with courage great;
O do with hope and patience Upon Jehovah wait.

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 13:1-6

Leader: How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me?

All: How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

Leader: Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the *sleep of* death;

All: Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him"; Lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

Leader: But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

All: I will sing to the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:1-31

He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. ²"So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' ³"Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.' ⁵"So he called every one of his master's debtors to *him*, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶"And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷"Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸"So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. ⁹"And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. ¹⁰"He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much. ¹¹"Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? ¹²"And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? ¹³"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." ¹⁴"Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. ¹⁵"And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God. ¹⁶"The law and the prophets *were* until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. ¹⁷"And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail. ¹⁸"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from *her* husband commits adultery. ¹⁹"There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. ²⁰"But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, ²¹

"desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²"So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³"And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' ²⁵"But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' ²⁷"Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, ²⁸'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' ²⁹"Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰"And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹"But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 2:1-15

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, ²for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. ³For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, ⁷for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle -- I am speaking the truth in Christ *and* not lying -- a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; ⁹in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, ¹⁰but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. ¹²And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. ¹⁵Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: DIADEMATA S.M.D.

"Psalm 25:8-14"

Psalm 50:1-6. Based on the Scottish Psalter, 1650.

The LORD is good and just;
The way He'll sinners show;
The meek in judgment He will guide
And make His path to know.

All pathways of the Lord
Are truth and mercy sure,
To such as keep His covenant
And testimonies pure.

Now for Thine own name's sake,
O LORD, I Thee entreat
To pardon my iniquity,
For it is very great.

Who fears the LORD is taught
The way to understand;
His soul shall ever dwell at ease,
His seed possess the land.

The secret of the LORD
Shall all who fear Him know;
The knowledge of His covenant
He unto them will show.

SERMON

Micah 1:8-16

"Like Somone Died..."

Pastor Marc Miller

- ⁸ Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the jackals And a mourning like the ostriches,
⁹ For her wounds *are* incurable. For it has come to Judah; It has come to the gate of My people -- To Jerusalem.
¹⁰ Tell *it* not in Gath, Weep not at all; In Beth Aphrah Roll yourself in the dust.
¹¹ Pass by in naked shame, you inhabitant of Shaphir; The inhabitant of Zaanan does not go out. Beth Ezel mourns; Its place to stand is taken away from you.
¹² For the inhabitant of Maroth pined for good, But disaster came down from the LORD To the gate of Jerusalem.
¹³ O inhabitant of Lachish, Harness the chariot to the swift steeds (She *was* the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion), For the transgressions of Israel were found in you.
¹⁴ Therefore you shall give presents to Moresheth Gath; The houses of Achzib *shall be* a lie to the kings of Israel.
¹⁵ I will yet bring an heir to you, O inhabitant of Mareshah; The glory of Israel shall come to Adullam.
¹⁶ Make yourself bald and cut off your hair, Because of your precious children; Enlarge your baldness like an eagle, For they shall go from you into captivity.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

Words and Music by Ada Habershon and Matthew Merker

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

VERSE 1

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

REFRAIN

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.
(Repeat refrain twice after verse 3)

VERSE 2

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

VERSE 3

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last!

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, October 5, from 6-7:30 at church. Invite your friends!
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, October 4, at 8 am. Please read Chapter 11 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.
- New Member/communicant class: This class will be during the Sunday School hour, the four Sundays of October. The materials, "Confessing Christ", are provided and are in the back of church. There is a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board. Please read the introduction and chapter 1 in the book to prepare for the first class. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Miller.
- After Church fellowship: Sunday, October 12, please stay after church for a time of light refreshments and fellowship.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

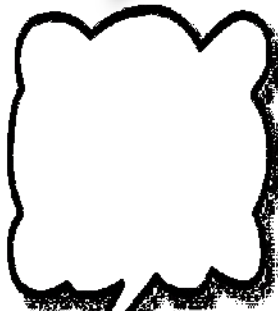
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



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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