



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

THEN HE FELL TO THE GROUND, AND HEARD
A VOICE SAYING TO HIM, "SAUL, SAUL, WHY
ARE YOU PERSECUTING ME?"

-ACTS 9:4

WORSHIP LEADERS:

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

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*

Psalm of Praise*

TUNE: WEBB 76.76.D.

“Psalm 65:1-5”

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Praise waits for Thee in Zion!
To Thee vows paid shall be.
O God, of prayer the hearer,
All flesh shall come to Thee.
Iniquities are daily Prevailing over me,
But all of our transgressions
Are covered o’er by Thee.

How blessed the man Thou choosest
And bringest near to Thee,
That in Thy courts forever
His dwelling place may be.
We shall within Thy temple
Be wholly satisfied
And filled with all the goodness
Thy sacred courts provide.

O God of our salvation,
Thou in Thy righteousness
With awesome deeds and wonders
Thine answer wilt express,
O Thou in Whom confiding
All ends of earth agree,
And people who are sailing
Upon the farthest sea

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Apostle's Creed

All: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: *Almighty Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise Your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting Him up, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what You forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by Your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise You that He was born like us that we might become like Him. Haer now our silent confession in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Luke 1:68-89, Matthew 1:21

Leader: Hear the good news! "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

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.*

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 64:1-10

Leader: Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation; Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

All: *Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, From the rebellion of the workers of iniquity,*

Leader: Who sharpen their tongue like a sword, And bend *their bows to shoot* their arrows -- bitter words,

All: *That they may shoot in secret at the blameless; Suddenly they shoot at him and do not fear.*

Leader: They encourage themselves *in* an evil matter; They talk of laying snares secretly; They say, "Who will see them?"

All: *They devise iniquities: "We have perfected a shrewd scheme." Both the inward thought and the heart of man are deep.*

Leader: But God shall shoot at them *with* an arrow; Suddenly they shall be wounded.

All: *So He will make them stumble over their own tongue; All who see them shall flee away.*

Leader: All men shall fear, And shall declare the work of God; For they shall wisely consider His doing.

All: *The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and trust in Him. And all the upright in heart shall glory.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Esther 7:1-10

So the king and Haman went to dine with Queen Esther. ²And on the second day, at the banquet of wine, the king again said to Esther, "What *is* your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what *is* your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!" ³Then Queen Esther answered and said, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request. ⁴"For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. Had we been sold as male and female slaves, I would have held my tongue, although the enemy could never compensate for the king's loss." ⁵So King Ahasuerus answered and said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who would dare presume in his heart to do such a thing?" ⁶And Esther said, "The adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Haman!" So Haman was terrified before the king and queen. ⁷Then the king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine *and went* into the palace garden; but Haman stood before Queen Esther, pleading for his life, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king. ⁸When the king returned from the palace garden to the place of the banquet of wine, Haman had fallen across the couch where Esther *was*. Then the king said, "Will he also assault the queen while I *am* in the house?" As the word left the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. ⁹Now Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said to the king, "Look! The gallows, fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai, who spoke good on the king's behalf, is standing at the house of Haman." Then the king said, "Hang him on it!" ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath subsided.

GOSPEL READING

John 18:1-24

"When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. ²And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. ³Then Judas, having received a detachment *of troops*, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. ⁴Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" ⁵They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am *He*." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. ⁶Now when He said to them, "I am *He*," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am *He*. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," ⁹that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none." ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?" ¹²Then the detachment *of troops* and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. ¹³And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. ¹⁴Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. ¹⁵And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so *did* another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. ¹⁶But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also *one* of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself. ¹⁹The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. ²⁰Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. ²¹"Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said." ²²And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?" ²³Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?" ²⁴Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: DUKE STREET L.M.

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Based on Psalm 72. Isaac Watts, 1719.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn. Chord symbols are written above the treble staff in each system. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to
throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
• love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
• claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

SERMON

Acts 9:1-19

"The Conversion of Saul"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
- 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

- 3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.
- 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"
- 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It *is* hard for you to kick against the goads."
- 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."
- 7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.
- 8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought *him* into Damascus.
- 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.
- 10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."
- 11 So the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying.
- 12 "And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."
- 13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem.
- 14 "And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."
- 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.
- 16 "For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."
- 17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."
- 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.
- 19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: AMAZING GRACE C.M.

"Amazing Grace"

John Newton, 1779

Amazing Grace!

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Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?
1 Chron. 17:16

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Women's Care Center
- Pray for our country's leaders and those who serve us.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for our covenant children.
- Pray for the purchase of a new church property

Announcements

- Youth Group for Grades 6-12: Sunday, November 7 from 6-7:30 p.m. Please Invite your friends!
- Youth Group Reformation Party: Saturday October 31 from 6-9 p.m. at Church. We will be playing games and having pizza.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, November 7, at 8 am. Please read Lesson 8 in the "Let's Study Romans" book.
- Sunday School: We have classes for pre-k through adults. The Adults will be studying the creeds and confessions of the church.
- Ascension Presbytery Women's Conference: "Gospel Transformation: In the Hands of the Potter." Saturday, October 24 at Hillcrest PCA in Volant from 9am to 3pm. There is a QR code to sign-up for the event on the back bulletin board.
- Fellowship Time: Sunday, October 18 following the morning worship service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- Reformation Day Evening Service: Sunday, November 1 at 6 p.m. at Faith Reformed Church on Saltsman Road. Pastor Matthew Everhard will be preaching. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- Annual Congregational Meeting: We will be having our annual congregational meeting after the morning worship service on Sunday, November 1.

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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