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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

"And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness."

-Genesis 15:6

Worship Leaders:
Pastor Marc Miller, RE Matt Fair

The Lord's Worship Service
Sunday, November 1, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 96:1-2

Leader: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

All: ***Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.***

*Gloria Patri**

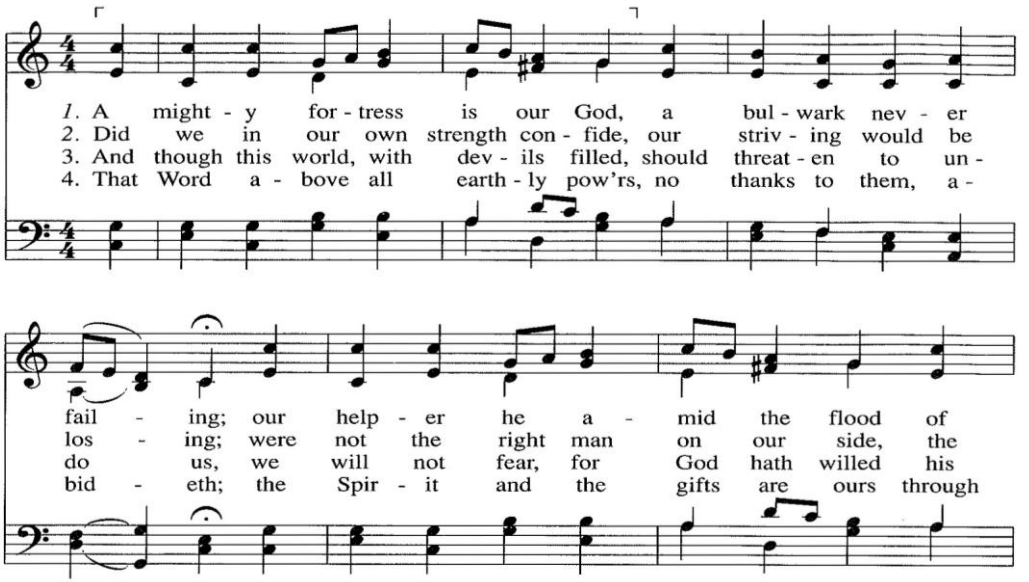
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"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen, amen."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

*Hymn of Praise** *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

TUNE: EIN FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7. Based on Psalm 46. Martin Luther, 1529.





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: ***O holy Father, because we are fallen sinful creatures, it is so easy for us to think only of ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Our sinful natures lead us to selfishness and indifference. Thereby, do we murder our brother and sin against You our Father. O Lord, we do humbly confess our selfish nature and plead Your forgiveness. Give us, we pray, the mind and heart of our Savior who loved the unlovely and redeemed us from destruction. Burden us with the souls of those who are perishing that we may be bold to testify of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Use us, Your people, to gather Your elect from the four corners of this world so that Your glory may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.***

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:8-9

Leader: Hear the good news! "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, [9] not of works, lest anyone should boast."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"Psalm 130" "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

LORD, from the depths to Thee I cried.
My Lord, give ear to me.
O hear my voice and hearken to
My supplicating plea.

LORD, who shall stand if Thou, my Lord,
Shouldst mark iniquity?
But yet with Thee forgiveness is,
That men may rev'rence Thee.

I wait, my soul awaits the LORD;
My hope is in His word.
More than the watchmen wait for morn
My soul waits for my Lord.

O Is-ra-el, hope in the LORD;
The LORD saves graciously.
And He shall Is-ra-el redeem
From all iniquity

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 124:1-8

Leader: "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side," Let Israel now say --

All: ***"If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, When men rose up against us,***

Leader: Then they would have swallowed us alive, When their wrath was kindled against us;

All: ***Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, The stream would have gone over our soul;***

Leader: Then the swollen waters Would have gone over our soul."

All: ***Blessed be the LORD, Who has not given us as prey to their teeth.***

Leader: Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped.

All: ***Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.***

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-22

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward." [2]But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house *is* Eliezer of Damascus?" [3]Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" [4]And behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." [5]Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." [6]And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. [7]Then He said to him, "I *am* the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it." [8]And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?" [9]So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." [10]Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. [11]And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. [12]Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror *and* great darkness fell upon him. [13]Then He said to Abram:

"Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14"And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15"Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16"But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet complete." 17And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. 18On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates -- 19"the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the Kadmonites, 20"the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21"the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 1:1-17

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated to the gospel of God 2which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh 4*and* declared *to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. 5Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, 6among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; 7To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 8First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. 9For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, 10making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. 11For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established -- 12that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. 13Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles. 14I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. 15So, as much as is in me, *I am* ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. 16For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: ARLINGTON CM

"Psalm 136:1-16"

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made"

O thank the LORD, for good is He;
His mercy lasts forever.
Thanks to the God of gods give ye;
His mercy lasts forever.
O praises give the King of kings;

His mercy lasts forever;
For He alone does wondrous things;
His mercy lasts forever;

Who in His wisdom framed the skies;
His mercy lasts forever;
Who made the earth from waters rise;
His mercy lasts forever;
Who placed the great lights on display;
His mercy lasts forever;
The sun to rule the sky by day;
His mercy lasts forever;

The moon and stars to rule the night;
His mercy lasts forever;
Who Egypt's firstborn all did smite;
His mercy lasts forever;
Who freed all Isr'el from their charm;
His mercy lasts forever;
With mighty hand and out–stretched arm;
His mercy lasts forever;

Who by His wind the Red Sea clave;
His mercy lasts forever;
Led Isr'el through the parted wave;
His mercy lasts forever;
O'er Pharaoh He the Red Sea spread;
His mercy lasts forever;
Through desert wastes His people led;
His mercy lasts forever;

SERMON

Genesis 15:6, Galatians 3:1-9 ***"Faith Alone"*** ***Pastor Marc Miller***

6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?
2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

4 Have you suffered so many things in vain -- if indeed *it was* in vain?
5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you,
does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? --
6 just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for
righteousness."
7 Therefore know that *only* those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.
8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith,
preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, *saying,* "In you all the nations
shall be blessed."
9 So then those who *are* of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn of Preparation* ***"Behold the Lamb"***

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life

And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
we proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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* ***"Before the Throne of God Above"***

Vicki Cook and Charlie L. Bancroft Worship 1997

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace,
One in Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God!

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: Th Spencer and Carmen Family
- 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 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. Please Invite your friends!
- 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. **Please note we will not have Sunday School on November 29**.
- Fellowship Time: Sunday, November 15 after the morning worship service. All are welcome to attend!

- Reformation Day Evening Service: Tonight 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 today.

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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