WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

"For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

-Acts 2:39

Worship Leaders:
Pastor Marc Miller, RE Matt Fair

The Lord's Worship Service
Sunday, March 15, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 149:1-2

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, *And* His praise in the assembly of saints.

All: ***Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.***

*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: LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.

"Psalm 99"

"The God of Abraham Praise"

The LORD is King indeed! Let peoples quail and fear!
He sits above the cherubim; Let earth be moved!
The LORD in Zion rules, And over all is high;
O praise His great and dreadful name,
The Holy One!

The pow-er of the King Delights in equity;
In Jacob You establish law And righteousness.
Exalt and celebrate The LORD, Who is our God,
And at His footstool worship Him,
The Holy One!

For Moses was His priest, And Aaron, too, did serve,
And Samuel of them who called Upon His name.
The LORD received their cry; He spoke from out the cloud.
His testimonies they obeyed;
They kept His laws.

O LORD our God, You heard, And answer gave to them;
You were a God that bore them up But judged their works!
Exalt the LORD our God! Bow to His holy hill!
Behold, He is the Holy One,
The LORD our God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 88

Leader: What shall immediately follow after the resurrection?

All: ***Immediately after the resurrection shall follow the general and final judgment of angels and men; the day and hour whereof no man knoweth, that all may watch and pray, and be ever ready for the coming of the Lord.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: ***"O Lord, no day of our life has passed that has not proved us guilty in Thy sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; praise has been often praiseless sound; our best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let us find a refuge in Thy appeasing wounds. Though our sins rise to heaven Thy merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs us down to hell, Thy righteousness exalts us to Thy throne. All things in us call for our rejection, all things in Thee plead our acceptance. We appeal from the throne of perfect justice to Thy throne of boundless grace, grant us to hear Thy assuring voice; that by Thy stripes we are healed, that Thou wast bruised for our iniquities, that Thou hast been made sin for us that we might be righteous in Thee, that our grievous sins, our manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of Thy concealing blood. Keep us always clinging to Thy cross, flood us every moment with descending grace. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.***

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 1:17-18

Leader: Hear the good news! "Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow. 18 "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."

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 93:1-5

Leader: The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

All: ***Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.***

Leader: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves.

All: ***The LORD on high is mightier Than the noise of many waters, Than the mighty waves of the sea.***

Leader: Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezra 6:1-22

Then King Darius issued a decree, and a search was made in the archives, where the treasures
were stored in Babylon. [2]And at Achmetha, in the palace that *is* in the province of Media, a
scroll was found, and in it a record *was* written thus: [3]In the first year of King Cyrus, King
Cyrus issued a decree *concerning* the house of God at Jerusalem: "Let the house be rebuilt, the
place where they offered sacrifices; and let the foundations of it be firmly laid, its height sixty
cubits *and* its width sixty cubits, [4]*with* three rows of heavy stones and one row of new timber.
Let the expenses be paid from the king's treasury. [5]Also let the gold and silver articles of the
house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple which *is* in Jerusalem and brought
to Babylon, be restored and taken back to the temple which *is* in Jerusalem, *each* to its place; and
deposit *them* in the house of God" -- [6]Now *therefore,* Tattenai, governor of *the region* beyond the
River, and Shethar-Boznai, and your companions the Persians who *are* beyond the River, keep
yourselves far from there. [7]Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews
and the elders of the Jews build this house of God on its site. [8]Moreover I issue a decree *as to*
what you shall do for the elders of these Jews, for the building of this house of God: Let the cost
be paid at the king's expense from taxes *on the region* beyond the River; this is to be given
immediately to these men, so that they are not hindered. [9]And whatever they need -- young
bulls, rams, and lambs for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil,
according to the request of the priests who *are* in Jerusalem -- let it be given them day by day
without fail, [10]that they may offer sacrifices of sweet aroma to the God of heaven, and pray for
the life of the king and his sons. [11]Also I issue a decree that whoever alters this edict, let a timber
be pulled from his house and erected, and let him be hanged on it; and let his house be made a
refuse heap because of this. [12]And may the God who causes His name to dwell there destroy
any king or people who put their hand to alter it, or to destroy this house of God which is in
Jerusalem. I Darius issue a decree; let it be done diligently. [13]Then Tattenai, governor of *the
region* beyond the River, Shethar-Boznai, and their companions diligently did according to what
King Darius had sent. [14]So the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered through the
prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and finished
it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the command of Cyrus,
Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. [15]Now the temple was finished on the third day of the
month of Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius. [16]Then the children of
Israel, the priests and the Levites and the rest of the descendants of the captivity, celebrated the
dedication of this house of God with joy. [17]And they offered sacrifices at the dedication of this
house of God, one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs, and as a sin offering
for all Israel twelve male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. [18]They assigned
the priests to their divisions and the Levites to their divisions, over the service of God in
Jerusalem, as it is written in the Book of Moses. [19]And the descendants of the captivity kept the
Passover on the fourteenth *day* of the first month. [20]For the priests and the Levites had purified
themselves; all of them *were ritually* clean. And they slaughtered the Passover *lambs* for all the
descendants of the captivity, for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. [21]Then the
children of Israel who had returned from the captivity ate together with all who had separated
themselves from the filth of the nations of the land in order to seek the LORD God of Israel.
[22]And they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy; for the LORD made them

joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria toward them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

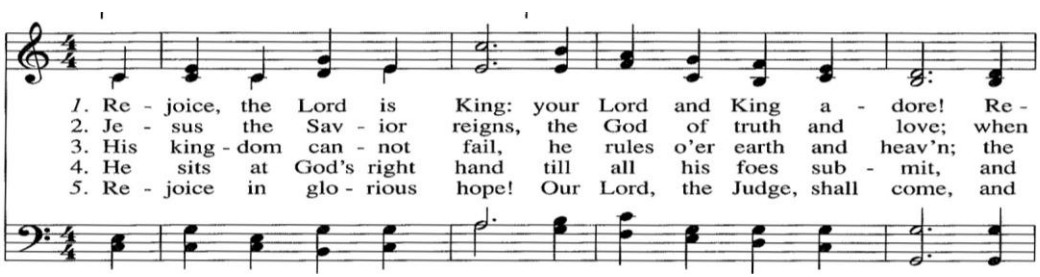
GOSPEL READING

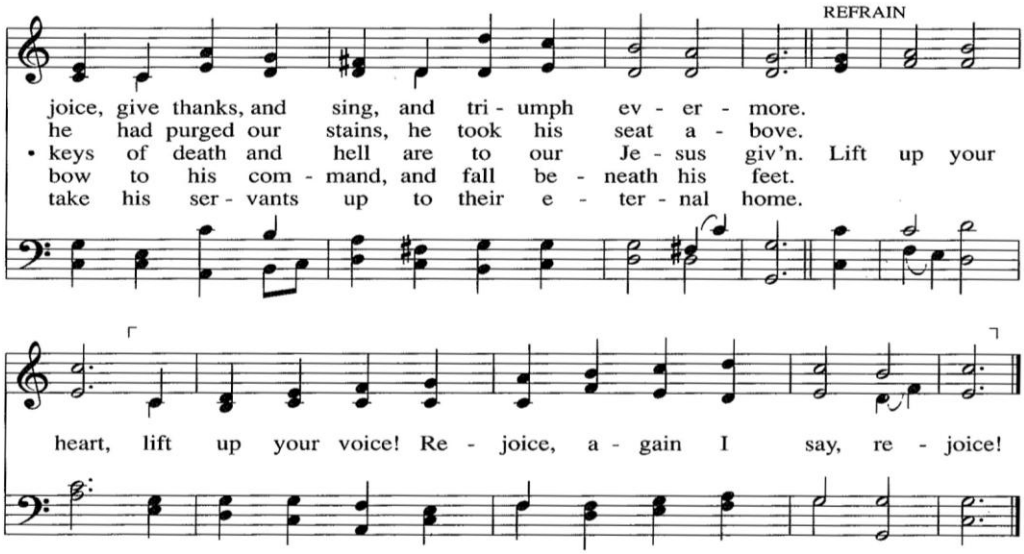
John 5:1-23

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [2]Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep *Gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. [3]In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. [4]For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. [5]Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. [6]When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" [7]The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." [8]Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." [9]And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. [10]The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry *your* bed." [11]He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.' " [12]Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" [13]But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in *that* place. [14]Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." [15]The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. [16]For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. [17]But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." [18]Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. [19]Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. [20]"For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. [21]"For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them,* even so the Son gives life to whom He will. [22]"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, [23]"that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

Hymn of Preparation* ***"Rejoice the Lord is King"***

TUNE: DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8. Charles Wesley, 1746.





SERMON

Acts 2:34-39 ***"Peter's Sermon-Part 3"*** ***Pastor Marc Miller***

34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,
35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." '
36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."
37 Now when they heard *this,* they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?"
38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
39 "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

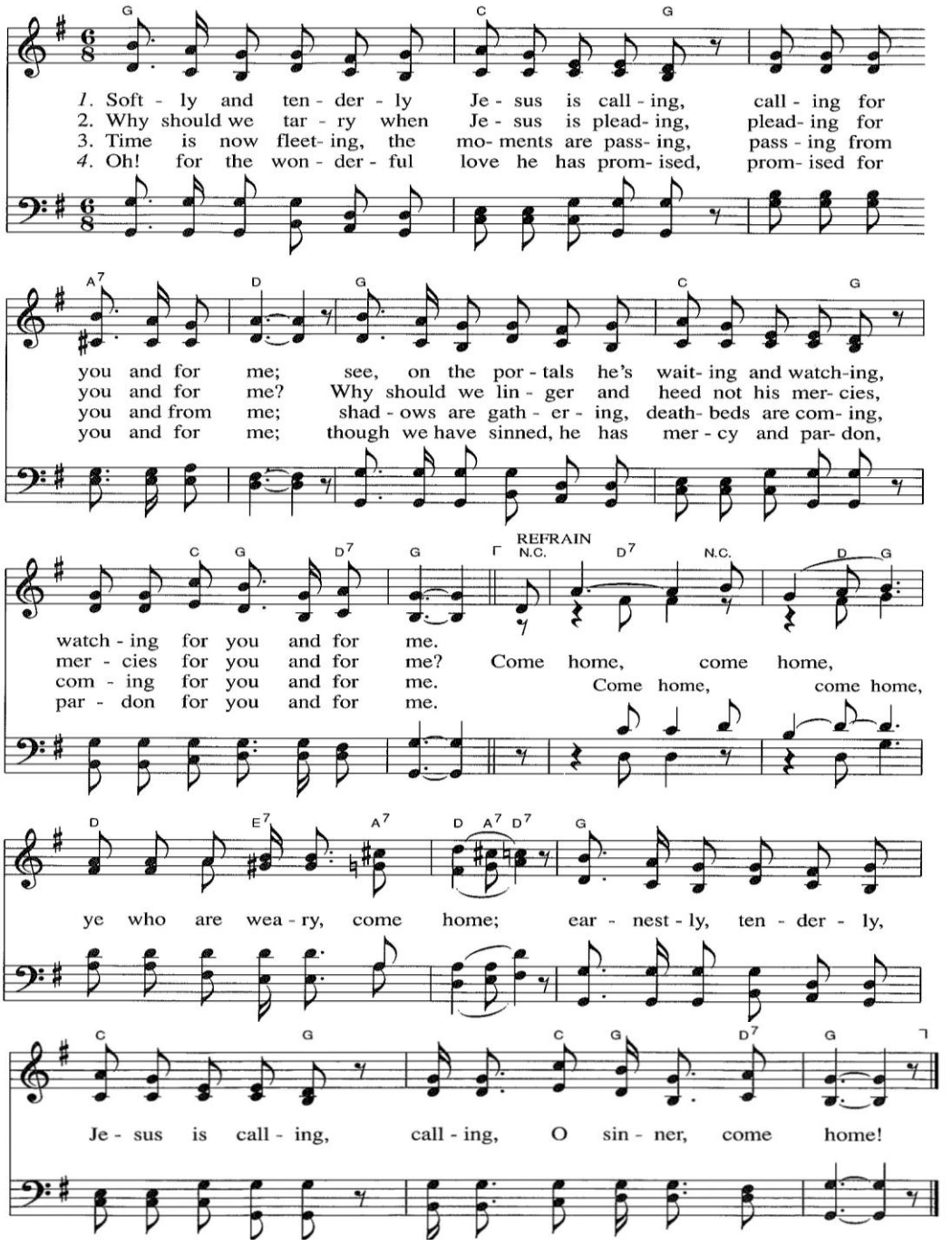
- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: THOMPSON 11.7.11.7.ref.

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

Will L. Thompson, 1880


G C G
1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead- ing, plead- ing for
3. Time is now fleet- ing, the mo- ments are pass- ing, pass - ing from
4. Oh! for the won - der - ful love he has prom- ised, prom- ised for
A7 D G C G
you and for me; see, on the por - tals he's wait- ing and watch-ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer- cies,
you and from me; shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death- beds are com- ing,
you and for me; though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par- don,
C G D7 G
watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me?
com - ing for you and for me.
par - don for you and for me.
REFRAIN
N.C. D7 N.C. D G
Come home, come home,
Come home, come home,
D E7 A7 D A7 D7 G
ye who are wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
C G C G D7 G
Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Nachtergaele 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, April 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. Invite your friends!
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, April 11 at 8 a.m. Please read chapter 3 in the Romans 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**. Please note we will not have Sunday School on Sunday, April 5**.
- The church is looking into getting new chairs to help with capacity along with getting the Bibles and hymnals out. There is a sample in the back of church.
- Good Friday Service of Scripture, Psalms and Hymns: Friday, April 3 at 6 p.m.
- There will be a fellowship committee meeting after church today in the big room.

Sermon Notes
FOR KIDS

Date: _____

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?

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

Words you heard but don't know...

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:

How does today's message apply to your life?

Favorite song today was:

_____

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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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