



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“HIM, BEING DELIVERED BY THE
DETERMINED PURPOSE AND
FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD, YOU HAVE
TAKEN BY LAWLESS HANDS, HAVE
CRUCIFIED, AND PUT TO DEATH;”

-ACTS 2:23

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 57:9-10

Leader: I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations.

All: For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds.

*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: NICEA 11.12.12.10,

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system contains the lyrics for the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the lyrics for the remaining lines. Chord symbols are placed above the notes in the vocal line.

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 87

Leader: What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

All: *We are to believe, that at the last day there shall be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust: when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the self-same bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ. The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body; and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in dishonour by him, as an offended judge.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

PSALM 6:1-4

All: *“O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure. Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled; But You, O LORD -- how long? Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake!” Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:4-5

Leader: Hear the good news! "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"Psalm 113"

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Praise Jehovah; praise the LORD;
Ye His servants, praise accord;
Bless-ed be Jehovah's name;
Evermore His praise proclaim.
Evermore His praise proclaim.

From the dawn to setting sun,
Praise the LORD, the Mighty One.
O'er all nations He is high;
Yea, His glory crowns the sky.
Yea, His glory crowns the sky.

Who is like the LORD our God?
High in heav'n is His abode,
Who Himself doth humble low
Things in heav'n and earth to know.
Things in heav'n and earth to know.

He the lowly makes to rise
From the dust in which he lies,
That exalted he may stand
With the princes of the land.
With the princes of the land.

He the childless woman takes
And a joyful mother makes;
Keeping house she finds reward.
Praise Jehovah; praise the LORD.
Praise Jehovah; praise the LORD.

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 110:1-7

Leader: The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

All: *The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!*

Leader: Your people *shall be* volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

All: *The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."*

Leader: The Lord *is* at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

All: *He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.*

Leader: He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezra 5:1-17

Then the prophet Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophets, prophesied to the Jews who *were* in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel, *who was* over them. ²So Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak rose up and began to build the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem; and the prophets of God *were* with them, helping them. ³At the same time Tattenai the governor of *the region* beyond the River and Shethar-Boznai and their companions came to them and spoke thus to them: "Who has commanded you to build this temple and finish this wall?" ⁴Then, accordingly, we told them the names of the men who were constructing this building. ⁵But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, so that they could not make them cease till a report could go to Darius. Then a written answer was returned concerning this *matter*. ⁶This is a copy of the letter that Tattenai sent: The governor of *the region* beyond the River, and Shethar-Boznai, and his companions, the Persians who *were in the region* beyond the River, to Darius the king. ⁷They sent a letter to him, in which was written thus -- To Darius the king: All peace. ⁸Let it be known to the king that we went into the province of Judea, to the temple of the great God, which is being built with heavy stones, and timber is being laid in the walls; and this work goes on diligently and prospers in their hands. ⁹Then we

asked those elders, *and* spoke thus to them: "Who commanded you to build this temple and to finish these walls?" ¹⁰We also asked them their names to inform you, that we might write the names of the men who *were* chief among them. ¹¹And thus they returned us an answer, saying: "We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and we are rebuilding the temple that was built many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and completed. ¹²"But because our fathers provoked the God of heaven to wrath, He gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, *who* destroyed this temple and carried the people away to Babylon. ¹³"However, in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, King Cyrus issued a decree to build this house of God. ¹⁴"Also, the gold and silver articles of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple that *was* in Jerusalem and carried into the temple of Babylon -- those King Cyrus took from the temple of Babylon, and they were given to one named Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor. ¹⁵"And he said to him, 'Take these articles; go, carry them to the temple *site* that *is* in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be rebuilt on its former site.' ¹⁶"Then the same Sheshbazzar came *and* laid the foundation of the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem; but from that time even until now it has been under construction, and it is not finished." ¹⁷Now therefore, if *it seems* good to the king, let a search be made in the king's treasure house, which *is* there in Babylon, whether it is *so* that a decree was issued by King Cyrus to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send us his pleasure concerning this *matter*.

GOSPEL READING

John 4:27-54

And at this *point* His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?" ²⁸The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, ²⁹"Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" ³⁰Then they went out of the city and came to Him. ³¹In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." ³²But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." ³³Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him *anything* to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. ³⁵"Do you not say, 'There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! ³⁶"And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷"For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸"I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." ³⁹And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I *ever* did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of His own word. ⁴²Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." ⁴³Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee. ⁴⁴For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. ⁴⁵So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast. ⁴⁶So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. ⁴⁷When he heard that Jesus had come out

of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe." ⁴⁹The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!" ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. ⁵¹And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, "Your son lives!" ⁵²Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." ⁵³So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household. ⁵⁴This again *is* the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: LEOMINSTER S.M.D.

"Psalm 16"

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

Preserve me, O my God; I put my trust in You.
LORD, I confess, You are my Lord; No good have I but You.
The godly ones on earth, Those holy in Your sight,
The noble and majestic ones, Fill me with great delight.

Their sorrows multiply Who after idols seek.
To them I'll no blood off' rings make; Their names I'll never speak.
The LORD the portion is Of my inheritance.
He fills my cup, my lot prepares, Secures to me His grants.

The lines that fell to me Enclose a pleasant site.
The heritage that I received To me is a delight.
I bless the LORD Who guides With counsel that is right.
My heart within me He directs To teach me in the night.

I always keep the LORD Before me, Him to see.
Because He is at my right hand I never moved shall be.
Thus gladness fills my soul; My joy must be expressed
With my whole being, for my flesh Securely finds its rest.

My soul You will not leave In death's dark pit to be.
Corruption You will not permit Your Holy One to see.
The path of life You'll show; Of joy You hold great store.
Before Your face, at Your right hand, Are pleasures evermore

SERMON

Acts 2:22-31

"Peter's Sermon-Part 2"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know --
- 23 "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;
- 24 "whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.
- 25 "For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.
- 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.
- 27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
- 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'
- 29 "Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
- 30 "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,
- 31 "he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.
- 32 "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.
- 33 "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10.ref.

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

REFRAIN
 Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

vid - ed — Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The 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.

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 4 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 ladies of the church will be hosting a shower for Miss Emily Kline today following the worship service.
- 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.

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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