



# WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“REPENT THEREFORE AND BE CONVERTED,  
THAT YOUR SINS MAY BE BLOTTED OUT...”

-ACTS 3:19A

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 92:1-2*

Leader: *It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;*

*All: To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night*

## ***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\****

TUNR: TRINITY 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.

## ***“Come, Thou Almighty King”***

Anon, ca. 1757

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,  
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,  
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in  
hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

### CONFESSION OF FAITH\*

*Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 91-92*

Leader: What is the duty which God requireth of man?

*All: The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will.*

Leader: What did God at first reveal unto man as the rule of his obedience?

*All: The rule of obedience revealed to Adam in the estate of innocence, and to all mankind in him, besides a special command not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was the moral law.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*All: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we humbly confess our sins and seek Your forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude; our pride and willfulness; and all our other failures and short comings toward You and toward our fellowmen. Have mercy upon us, Father, and by Your great goodness grant that we may possess the fullness of the Spirit of adoption, freeing us from guilt, and causing us to pursue holiness. By Your gospel, encourage us and save sinners today. We ask expectantly through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

### SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Hebrews 7:23-25*

Leader: Hear the good news! "Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. <sup>24</sup>But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. <sup>25</sup>Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

**“Psalm 139:13-20”**

“O Master, Let me Walk”

“My inward parts were formed by Thee;  
Within the womb, Thou fashioned me;  
And I Thy praises will proclaim,  
For strange and wondrous is my frame.

Thy wondrous works I surely know;  
When as in depths of earth below  
My frame in secret first was made,  
’Twas all before Thine eyes displayed.

Mine unformed substance Thou didst see;  
The days that were ordained to me  
Were written in Thy book, each one,  
When as of them there yet was none.

Thy thoughts, O God, to me are dear;  
How great their sum! They more appear  
In number than the sand to me.  
When I awake, I’m still with Thee.

The wicked Thou wilt slay, O God;  
Depart from me, ye men of blood,  
They speak of Thee in words profane,  
The foes who take Thy name in vain.

## 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 1:1-6*

**Leader:** Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

**All:** *But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.*

Leader: He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

**All:** *The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.*

Leader: Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

**All:** *For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezra 9:1-15*

When these things were done, the leaders came to me, saying, "The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, with respect to the abominations of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. <sup>2</sup>"For they have taken some of their daughters *as wives* for themselves and their sons, so that the holy seed is mixed with the peoples of *those* lands. Indeed, the hand of the leaders and rulers has been foremost in this trespass." <sup>3</sup>So when I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my robe, and plucked out some of the hair of my head and beard, and sat down astonished. <sup>4</sup>Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel assembled to me, because of the transgression of those who had been carried away captive, and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice. <sup>5</sup>At the evening sacrifice I arose from my fasting; and having torn my garment and my robe, I fell on my knees and spread out my hands to the LORD my God. <sup>6</sup>And I said: "O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God; for our iniquities have risen higher than *our* heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens. <sup>7</sup>"Since the days of our fathers to this day we *have been* very guilty, and for our iniquities we, our kings, *and* our priests have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plunder, and to humiliation, as *it is* this day. <sup>8</sup>"And now for a little while grace has been *shown* from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage. <sup>9</sup>"For we *were* slaves. Yet our God did not forsake us in our bondage; but He extended mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to revive us, to repair the house of our God, to rebuild its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>"And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Your commandments, <sup>11</sup>"which You commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, 'The land which you are entering to possess is an unclean land, with the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, with their abominations which have filled it from one end to another with their impurity. <sup>12</sup>'Now therefore, do not give your daughters as wives for their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons; and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land, and leave *it* as an inheritance to your children forever.' <sup>13</sup>"And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, since You our God have punished us less than our iniquities *deserve*, and have given us *such* deliverance as this, <sup>14</sup>"should we again break Your commandments, and join in marriage with the people *committing* these abominations? Would You not be angry with us until You had consumed *us*, so that *there would be* no remnant or survivor? <sup>15</sup>"O LORD God of Israel, You *are* righteous, for

we are left as a remnant, as *it is* this day. Here we *are* before You, in our guilt, though no one can stand before You because of this!"

## GOSPEL READING

*John 6:22-40*

"On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone --<sup>23</sup>however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks --<sup>24</sup>when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup>And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. <sup>27</sup>"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." <sup>30</sup>Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? <sup>31</sup>"Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup>And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup>"But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. <sup>38</sup>"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup>"This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. <sup>40</sup>"And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

### *Psalm of Preparation\**

TUNE: ST. ELIZABETH 669.668

### *"Psalm 143:1-8"*

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

LORD, hearken to my prayer; My supplication hear.  
Reply in truth and in righteousness.  
And with Your servant now To judgment do not come,  
For in Your sight no man is just.

The foe has hounded me; My life to earth he crushed.  
Entombed he kept me as those long dead.  
My spirit therefore faints, Within me overwhelmed.  
My heart in me is desolate.

I days of old recall; I muse on all Your deeds;  
I ponder long what Your hands have wrought.  
I stretch my hands to You; My soul longs after You  
As thirsts a dry and desert land.

Haste, LORD, to answer me! O how my spirit fails!  
Hide not the light of Your face from me,  
Lest I become like those Who to the pit go down.  
O let me not with them descend.

Let me Your mercy hear When morning light appears;  
I flee to You for my hiding place.  
Teach me to know the way; Show me how I should walk,  
For I lift up my soul to You

### SERMON

*Acts 3:11-26*

*"Peter's Second Sermon"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 11 Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.
- 12 So when Peter saw *it*, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"
- 13 "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go.
- 14 "But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,
- 15 "and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.
- 16 "And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.
- 17 "Yet now, brethren, I know that you did *it* in ignorance, as *did* also your rulers.
- 18 "But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.
- 19 "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,
- 20 "and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,
- 21 "whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

- 22 "For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.
- 23 'And it shall be *that* every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'
- 24 "Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days.
- 25 "You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'
- 26 "To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one *of you* from your iniquities."

### Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

# Hymn of Response\*

TUNE: EL NATHAN C.M.ref.

# "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

Daniel W. Whittle, 1863.

1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he has made known,  
2. I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he did im-part,  
3. I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing men of sin,  
4. I know not what of good or ill may be re-served for me,  
5. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,

nor why, un-wor-ty, Christ in love re-deemed me for his own.  
nor how be-liev-ing in his Word wrought peace with-in my heart.  
• re-veal-ing Je-sus through the Word, cre-at-ing faith in him.  
of wea-ry ways or gold-en days, be-fore his face I see.  
nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air."

REFRAIN  
But "I know whom I have be-liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is

a-ble to keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day."

BENEDICTION\*

## **Prayer requests**

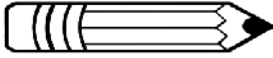
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for our country's leaders and those who serve us.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for our covenant children.

## **Announcements**

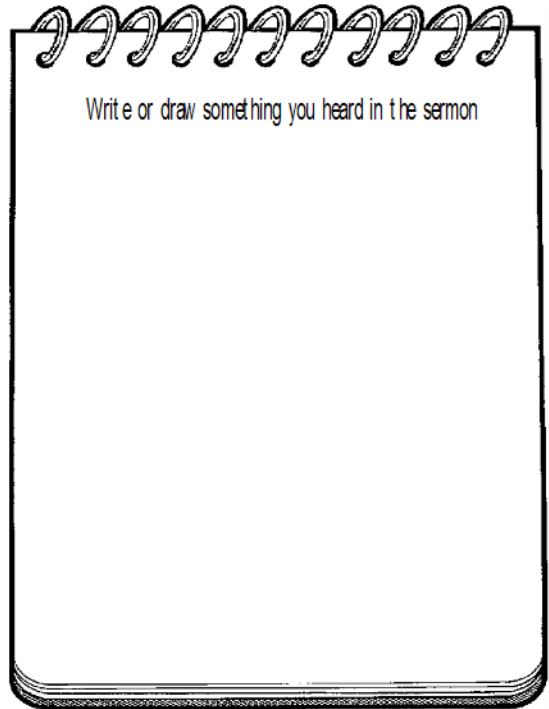
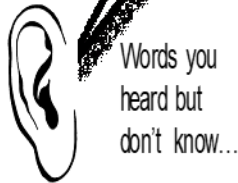
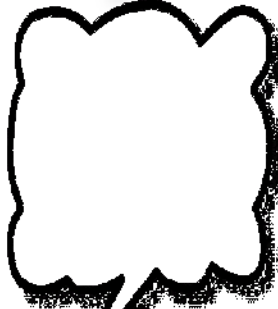
- Prayer meeting: Wednesdays, at 8:30 p.m. over zoom. If you have any questions or want to join us, please see Pastor Miller.
- Youth Group for Grades 6-12: Tonight from 6-7:30 pm at church.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, May 2 at 8 a.m. Please read chapter 4 in the Romans study book.
- Sunday School: Sunday at 10 am. We have classes for ages 4 to adults. Please talk to Pastor Miller if you have any questions.
- After Church Fellowship: Today after the morning worship service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- We will be welcoming Rev. David Hills to our pulpit next week.

# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

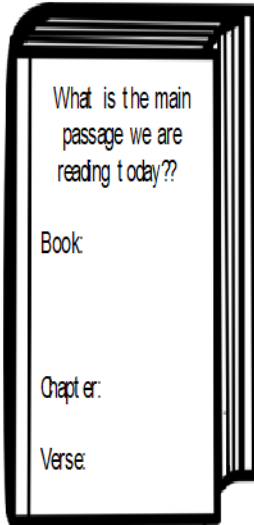
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

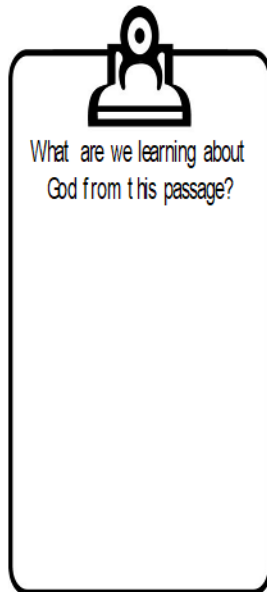


What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book:

Chapter:

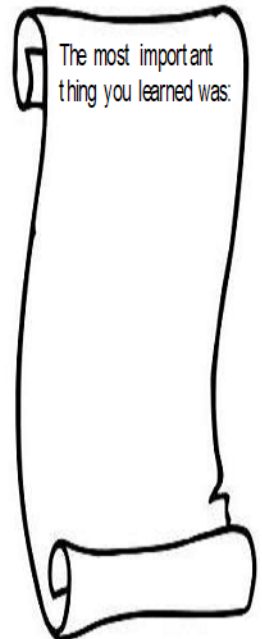
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What are we learning about God from this passage?



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](http://www.pcanet.org)).

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