



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“AND THAT HE WAS BURIED, AND THAT HE
ROSE AGAIN THE THIRD DAY ACCORDING TO
THE SCRIPTURES,”

-1 CORINTHIANS 15:4

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Apostles 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

PSALM 130:1-8

All: "Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications. If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning -- Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16-17

Leader: Hear the good news! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"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

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 118:19-29

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, *And I will praise the LORD.*

All: *This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter.*

Leader: I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation.

All: *The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.*

Leader: This was the LORD's doing; *It is marvelous in our eyes.*

All: *This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Leader: Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.

All: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.*

Leader: God *is* the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

All: *You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.*

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Hosea 6:1-11

Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. ²After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. ³Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth. ⁴O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you?

For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And like the early dew it goes away. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And your judgments are like light that goes forth. ⁶For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. ⁷But like men they transgressed the covenant; There they dealt treacherously with Me. ⁸Gilead is a city of evildoers, And defiled with blood. ⁹As bands of robbers lie in wait for a man, So the company of priests murder on the way to Shechem; Surely they commit lewdness. ¹⁰I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel: There is the harlotry of Ephraim; Israel is defiled. ¹¹Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed for you, When I return the captives of My people.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-20

Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. ³His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*. ⁵But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." ⁸So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. ⁹And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go *and* tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." ¹¹Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. ¹²When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, ¹³saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him *away* while we slept.'" ¹⁴And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." ¹⁵So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. ¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. ¹⁷When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: ANGEL'S STORY 76.76.D.

"Psalm 30"

"O Jesus I Have Promised"

O LORD, I will exalt You, For You have lifted me;
My foes You have allowed not To glory over me.
O LORD my God, I pleaded That You might heal and save;
LORD, You from death have ransomed And kept me from the grave.

His saints, O praise Jehovah And thank His holy name.
His anger lasts a moment, His grace a whole life time.
For sorrow, like a pilgrim, May tarry all the night,
But then a shout of joy comes When dawns the morning light.

In prosp'rous days I boasted, "Unmoved I shall remain."
O LORD, You by Your favor My mount in strength maintain;
For when Your face was hidden, I soon was troubled sore.
I'll cry to You, Jehovah; The LORD I will implore.

Is there in my blood profit When in the grave I dwell?
Will dust proclaim Your praises, Your truth and glory tell?
O hear me now, Jehovah! Be gracious unto me!
To You I cry, Jehovah! O now my helper be!

You now have turned my sorrow To dancing full of joy;
You loosened all my sackcloth And girded me with joy.
To You sing psalms, my glory, And never silent be!
O LORD my God, I'll thank You Through all eternity

SERMON

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

"Resurrection Benefits"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you,
which also you received and in which you stand,
- 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to
you -- unless you believed in vain.
- 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died
for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to
the Scriptures,
- 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.
- 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the
greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.
- 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.
- 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1
- Point 2
- Point 3

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Hymn of Preparation**

TUNE: HAMBURG L.M.

"Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands"

Charles Spurgeon, 1866.

Capo 3: ♮ (D) (A) (D) (Em) (B) (Em) (D) (A) (D) ♮

1. A - midst us our Be - lov - ed stands, and bids us
 2. What food lux - u - rious loads the board, when at his
 3. If now, with eyes de - filed and dim, we see the
 4. O glo - rious Bride - groom of our hearts, your pres - ent

(G) (D) (A⁷) (D) (A⁷) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D) (Em) (B)

view his pierc - ed hands; points to the wound - ed
 ta - ble sits the Lord! The wine how rich, the
 signs, but see not him; O may his love the
 smile a heav'n im - parts! O lift the veil, if

(Em) (D) (A) (D) ♮ (A⁷) (Bm) (Em⁷) (A⁷) (D) ♮

feet and side, blest em - blems of the Cru - ci - fied.
 bread how sweet, when Je - sus deigns the guests to meet!
 scales dis - place, and bid us see him face to face!
 veil there be, let ev - ery saint your glo - ry see!

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*

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

"In Christ Alone"

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"In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all –
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid –
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death –
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home –
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand."

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, 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.
- After Church Fellowship: Sunday, April 12. Light refreshments will be provided.

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

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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