



# WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“AND WHEN THEY HAD PRAYED, THE PLACE WHERE THEY WERE ASSEMBLED TOGETHER WAS SHAKEN; AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND THEY SPOKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH BOLDNESS.”

-ACTS 4:31

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 9:1-2*

Leader: I will praise *You*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

*All: I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.*

## *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\**

TUNR: CORONATION C.M.

## *“Psalm 96”*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

O sing a new song to the LORD; All earth sing to the LORD.  
Sing to the LORD, and bless His name; “He saves!” each day proclaim.  
His glory to all nations show; His deeds let peoples know.

The LORD is great. How great His praise! Above all gods He’s feared.  
For heathen gods are idols vain; The LORD the heavens made.  
Before Him honor, majesty, And strength and splendor be!

O families of earth, ascribe All glory to the LORD!  
All strength ascribe unto the LORD; The glory of His name  
Give to the LORD. To His courts come And bring an offering.

In beautiful and holy robes Bring worship to the LORD.  
All earth, before Him stand in awe; Proclaim, “The LORD is King!”  
Controlled by Him, the world stands firm; His judgments justice bless.

Let heav’ns be glad and earth rejoice. In vast expanse untold  
Let seas speak out with endless roar. Let fields and all they hold  
Their glory give; let trees and woods With rustling boughs give praise.

Let all prepare to greet the LORD, Because He coming is.  
He surely comes to judge the earth. And righteousness is His.  
He'll nations judge with faithfulness, The world with justice bless

### CONFESSION OF FAITH\*

*Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 97*

Leader: What special use is there of the moral law to the regenerate?

*All: Although they that are regenerate, and believe in Christ, be delivered from the moral law as a covenant of works, so as thereby they are neither justified nor condemned; yet, besides the general uses thereof common to them with all men, it is of special use, to show them how much they are bound to Christ for his fulfilling it, and enduring the curse thereof in their stead, and for their good; and thereby to provoke them to more thankfulness, and to express the same in their greater care to conform themselves thereunto as the rule of their obedience.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

PSALM 5:1-5, 7

*All: "Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

### SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Proverbs 28:13*

Leader: Hear the good news! "He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy."

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

**"Psalm 2"**

"How I Love Thy Law, O Lord"

Why do heathen nations rage? Why do peoples folly mind?  
Kings of earth in plots engage, Rulers are in league combined;  
Then against Jehovah high, And against Messiah's sway,  
"Let us break their bands," they cry, "Let us cast their cords away."

But the Lord will scorn them all; He will laugh Who sits on high,  
Then His wrath will on them fall; Sore displeased He will reply:  
"Yet according to My will I have set My King to reign,  
And on Zion's holy hill My Anointed I'll maintain."

His decree I will make known: Unto Me the LORD did say,  
"Thou art My be-lov-ed Son; I've begotten Thee this day.  
Ask of Me, and Thee I'll make Heir to earth and nations all;  
Them with iron Thou shalt break, Dashing them in pieces small."

Therefore, kings, be wise, give ear; Hearken, judges of the earth;  
Serve the LORD with godly fear; Mingle trembling with your mirth.  
Kiss the Son, His wrath to turn, Lest ye perish in the way,  
For His anger soon will burn. Blessed are all that on Him stay

### 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 4:1-8*

Leader: Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in *my* distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

*All: How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness And seek falsehood? Selah*

Leader: But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him.

*All: Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah*

Leader: Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD.

*All: There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.*

Leader: You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

*All: I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Nehemiah 3:1-16*

Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests and built the Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and hung its doors. They built as far as the Tower of the Hundred, *and* consecrated it, then as far as the Tower of Hananel. <sup>2</sup>Next to *Eliashib* the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built. <sup>3</sup>Also the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts and bars. <sup>4</sup>And next to them Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz, made repairs. Next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel, made repairs. Next to them Zadok the son of Baana made repairs. <sup>5</sup>Next to them the Tekoites made repairs; but their nobles did not put their shoulders to the work of their Lord. <sup>6</sup>Moreover Jehoiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors, with its bolts and bars. <sup>7</sup>And next to them Melatiah the Gibeonite, Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and Mizpah, repaired the residence of the governor *of the region* beyond the River. <sup>8</sup>Next to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs. Also next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, made repairs; and they fortified Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. <sup>9</sup>And next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, leader of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs. <sup>10</sup>Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph made repairs in front of his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabniah made repairs. <sup>11</sup>Malchijah the son of Harim and Hashub the son of Pahath-Moab repaired another section, as well as the Tower of the Ovens. <sup>12</sup>And next to him was Shallum the son of Hallohesh, leader of half the district of Jerusalem; he and his daughters made repairs. <sup>13</sup>Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They built it, hung its doors with its bolts and bars, *and repaired* a thousand cubits of the wall as far as the Refuse Gate. <sup>14</sup>Malchijah the son of Rechab, leader of the district of Beth Haccerem, repaired the Refuse Gate; he built it and hung its doors with its bolts and bars. <sup>15</sup>Shallun the son of Col-Hozeh, leader of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate; he built it, covered it, hung its doors with its bolts and bars, and repaired the wall of the Pool of Shelah by the King's Garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the City of David. <sup>16</sup>After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, leader of half the district of Beth Zur, made repairs as far as *the place* in front of the tombs of David, to the man-made pool, and as far as the House of the Mighty.

## GOSPEL READING

*John 7:25-52*

"Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill? <sup>26</sup>"But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? <sup>27</sup>"However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. <sup>29</sup>"But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me."<sup>30</sup>Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. <sup>31</sup>And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this *Man* has done?" <sup>32</sup>The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers

to take Him. <sup>33</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and *then* I go to Him who sent Me. <sup>34</sup>"You will seek Me and not find *Me*, and where I am you cannot come."  
<sup>35</sup>Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? <sup>36</sup>"What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come?'"  
<sup>37</sup>On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup>"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." <sup>39</sup>But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified. <sup>40</sup>Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." <sup>41</sup>Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? <sup>42</sup>"Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" <sup>43</sup>So there was a division among the people because of Him. <sup>44</sup>Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. <sup>45</sup>Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" <sup>46</sup>The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" <sup>47</sup>Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? <sup>48</sup>"Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? <sup>49</sup>"But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." <sup>50</sup>Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, <sup>51</sup>"Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" <sup>52</sup>They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." <sup>53</sup> And everyone went to his *own* house.

### Hymn of Preparation\*

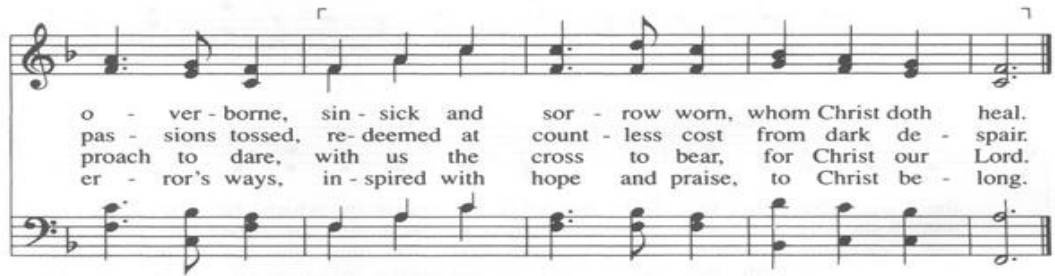
TUNE: ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.

### "Christ for the World We Sing"

Samuel Wolcott, 1869.

1. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring  
 2. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring  
 3. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring  
 4. Christ for the world we sing; the world to Christ we bring

with lov - ing zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and  
 with fer - vent pray'r; the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less  
 with one ac - cord; with us the work to share, with us re -  
 with joy - ful song; the new - born souls whose days, re - claimed from



SERMON

Acts 4:23-37

"A Picture of the Church"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 23 And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.
- 24 So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,
- 25 "who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things?
- 26 The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the LORD and against His Christ.'
- 27 "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together
- 28 "to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.
- 29 "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,
- 30 "by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."
- 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.
- 32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.
- 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.
- 34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,
- 35 and laid *them* at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

- <sup>36</sup> And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,  
<sup>37</sup> having land, sold *it*, and brought the money and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.

### Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

## *Hymn of Response\**

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

## *"O Church Arise"*

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O Church, arise, and put your armour on;  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
We will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,  
Give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory.

**BENEDICTION\***

## **Prayer requests**

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi 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 consideration of a new church property

## **Announcements**

- Prayer meeting: Will pause for the summer.
- Youth Group for Grades 6-12: Sunday June 7, at church from 6-7:30.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, June 6 at 8 a.m. Please read chapter 5 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. **Sunday, May 17 will be our last Sunday school before summer break.**
- After Church Fellowship: Sunday, May 17 after the morning worship service. Refreshments will be provided. We encourage all to attend!
- We will be having a "Sprinkle" for the Schaap family on Sunday, May 17. We ask, if able, that you bring diapers or other baby related gifts to bless them.
- Called Congregational Meeting to vote on purchase of a new church property: Sunday, May 17 after the morning worship service and fellowship time.
- Church Picnic: Sunday, June 14 starting at 4:30 p.m. at Mckean Park located at 8800 Main st. Mckean PA. The church will provide the main dish. We ask you to bring a dish or two to pass. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church to help us with planning.

# 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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