



# WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

BUT PETER AND JOHN ANSWERED AND SAID TO THEM, "WHETHER IT IS RIGHT IN THE SIGHT OF GOD TO LISTEN TO YOU MORE THAN TO GOD, YOU JUDGE."

-ACTS 4:19

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 115:1*

Leader: Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy,  
Because of Your truth.

## *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: CORONATION C.M.

## *“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”*

Edward Perronet, 1779. John Rippon, 1787.

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;  
3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,  
4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;  
ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;



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5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
 on this terrestrial ball,  
 to him all majesty ascribe,  
 and crown him Lord of all;  
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 and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng  
 we at his feet may fall;  
 we'll join the everlasting song,  
 and crown him Lord of all;  
 we'll join the everlasting song,  
 and crown him Lord of all.

### CONFESSION OF FAITH\*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 96

Leader: What particular use is there of the moral law to unregenerate men?

*All: The moral law is of use to unregenerate men, to awaken their consciences to flee from wrath to come, and to drive them to Christ, or, upon their continuance in the estate and way of sin, to leave them inexcusable, and under the curse thereof.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

PSALM 25:4-7, 11

*All: "Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD. For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my iniquity, for it is great." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

### SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

Leader: Hear the good news! "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

**“Psalm 115:1-13”**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Not to us, LORD, not to us, But to Your name glory give,  
For Your steadfast love and grace, For Your cov’nant faithfulness.  
Why should heathen nations say, “Where now is their mighty God?”

But our God in heaven is; He does all that pleases Him;  
Their gods are of silver, gold, Fashioned by the hands of men:  
They have mouths but do not speak; They have eyes but do not see;

They have ears but do not hear, Noses have but do not smell;  
They have hands but do not touch; They have feet but do not walk;  
In their throat they make no sound. Such, all who them make or trust.

Is-ra-el, trust in the LORD He’s their help and He’s their shield!  
Aaron’s house, trust in the LORD He’s their help and He’s their shield!  
Who the LORD fear, trust the LORD He’s their help and He’s their shield!

As the LORD has thought of us, Mindful still, He’ll bless us now,  
He will bless all Isr’el’s house; He will bless all Aaron’s house;  
He’ll bless all who fear the LORD Whether they be small or great.

## 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 96:1-13*

Leader: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

*All: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.*

Leader: Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

*All: For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.*

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.

*All: Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.*

Leader: Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength.

**All:** Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

Leader: Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.

**All:** Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously."

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

**All:** Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.

Leader: For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Nehemiah 2:1-20*

And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, *when wine was* before him, that I took the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad in his presence before. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the king said to me, "Why *is* your face sad, since you *are* not sick? This *is* nothing but sorrow of heart." So I became dreadfully afraid, <sup>3</sup>and said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, *lies* waste, and its gates are burned with fire?" <sup>4</sup>Then the king said to me, "What do you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup>And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it." <sup>6</sup>Then the king said to me (the queen also sitting beside him), "How long will your journey be? And when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. <sup>7</sup>Furthermore I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me for the governors *of the region* beyond the River, that they must permit me to pass through till I come to Judah, <sup>8</sup>and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he must give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel which *pertains* to the temple, for the city wall, and for the house that I will occupy." And the king granted *them* to me according to the good hand of my God upon me. <sup>9</sup>Then I went to the governors *in the region* beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me. <sup>10</sup>When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard *of it*, they were deeply disturbed that a man had come to seek the well-being of the children of Israel. <sup>11</sup>So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days. <sup>12</sup>Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem; nor was there any animal with me, except the one on which I rode. <sup>13</sup>And I went out by night through the Valley Gate to the Serpent Well and the Refuse Gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were burned with fire. <sup>14</sup>Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but *there was* no room for the animal under me to pass. <sup>15</sup>So I went up in the night by the valley, and viewed the wall; then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. <sup>16</sup>And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I had done; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the others who did the work. <sup>17</sup>Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lies*

waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach." <sup>18</sup>And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to *this good work*. <sup>19</sup>But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard *of it*, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, "What *is* this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?" <sup>20</sup>So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem."

## GOSPEL READING

*John 7:1-24*

"After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. <sup>2</sup>Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. <sup>3</sup>His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. <sup>4</sup>For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." <sup>5</sup> For even His brothers did not believe in Him. <sup>6</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. <sup>7</sup>"The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. <sup>8</sup>"You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come." <sup>9</sup>When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee. <sup>10</sup> But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. <sup>11</sup> Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" <sup>12</sup>And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people." <sup>13</sup>However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews. <sup>14</sup>Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. <sup>15</sup>And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?" <sup>16</sup>Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. <sup>17</sup>"If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own *authority*. <sup>18</sup>"He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. <sup>19</sup>"Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" <sup>20</sup>The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?" <sup>21</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. <sup>22</sup>"Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. <sup>23</sup>"If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? <sup>24</sup>"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

## *Psalm of Preparation\**

TUNE: QUEBEC LM

## *"Psalm 114"*

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

When Isr'el had from Egypt gone,  
Jacob from men of speech unknown;  
Then Judah was His holy place,  
And His dominion Isr'el's race.

The sea, affrighted, saw and fled;  
Back Jordan driven was with dread;  
The lofty mountains skipped like rams,  
And all the little hills like lambs.

What ailed thee, that thou fledd'st, O sea?  
Thou, Jordan, that thou back didst flee?  
Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams?  
And all ye little hills like lambs?

O tremble, earth! The Lord is near:  
Before the God of Jacob, fear;  
Who from the rock did water bring,  
And made the flint a waterspring

### SERMON

*Acts 4:13-22*

*"Whom to Obey?"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.
- 14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.
- 15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,
- 16 saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them *is* evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny *it*."
- 17 "But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name."
- 18 And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.
- 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.
- 20 "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

- 21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done.
- 22 For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

## Sermon Notes:

- Point 1
  
- Point 2
  
- Point 3

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### *Hymn of Preparation\**

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

### *"Behold the Lamb"*

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith Find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ Torn for you eat and remember  
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life Paid the price to make us one  
So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin shed for you drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God  
So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven Around the table of the King

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\**

TUNE: AMAZING GRACE C.M.

*"Amazing Grace"*

John Newton, 1779.

Amazing Grace!

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*Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?*  
1 Chron. 17:16

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 includes four verses of lyrics. The second system includes two verses of lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: G, D7, Em, C, G, D7, G in the first system; C, G, Em, G, D7, G in the second system.

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
  2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
  3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
  4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;
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5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.
  6. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.

BENEDICTION\*

## **Prayer requests**

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams 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: 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, 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 24 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.
- Spring Cleanup and mulch: Saturday, May 9 starting at 9 am.
- Informational meeting regarding potential new church property: Sunday, May 3 after the morning worship service.
- Called Congregational Meeting: 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.
- We are almost finished with a new church directory. If for some reason you would not like to be on it please let Pastor Miller know.

## ***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 necessary to enable you to openly enjoy Communion with Christ and his people through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

# 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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