



WEST ERIE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

"LORD, HOW LONG WILL THE WICKED,  
HOW LONG WILL THE WICKED TRIUMPH?

-PSALM 94:3

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 106:1*

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

## *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: LYONS 10.10.11.11.

## *“O Worship the King”*

Based on Psalm 104. Robert Grant, 1833.

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly  
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the  
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your  
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the  
sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the  
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a  
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 change-less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
 While angels delight to hymn you above,  
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

### CONFESSION OF FAITH\*

*Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 100-101*

Leader: What special things are we to consider in the ten commandments?

*All: We are to consider, in the ten commandments, the preface, the substance of the commandments themselves, and several reasons annexed to some of them, the more to enforce them.*

Leader: What is the preface to the ten commandments?

*All: The preface to the ten commandments is contained in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Wherein God manifesteth his sovereignty, as being JEHOVAH, the eternal, immutable, and almighty God; having his being in and of himself, and giving being to all his words and works: and that he is a God in covenant, as with Israel of old, so with all his people; who, as he brought them out of their bondage in Egypt, so he delivereth us from our spiritual thralldom; and that therefore we are bound to take him for our God alone, and to keep all his commandments.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*All: O Lord, we openly admit that You know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before You. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from You. Therefore, we ask that You discover unto us our sins so that we may humble ourselves again in Your presence and seek Your forgiveness and grace. We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, malice and other things that grieve Your heart. We have committed sins of omission and*

*commission. But we seek Your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ. And we thank You for Your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Give us the grace to please You this day and forever. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Psalm 51:16-17*

Leader: Hear the good news! "For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. <sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart -- These, O God, You will not despise."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### **"Psalm 11"**

"This is My Father's World"

My trust is in the LORD; How can you say to me,  
"Now like a bird from peril haste And to your mountain flee!  
The wicked bend the bow With arrow fixed for flight,  
And stealthily in darkness go The true in heart to smite.

"Foundations are destroyed! What can the righteous try?"  
The LORD is in His holy place; The LORD'S throne is on high.  
His eyes will surely see, His eyelids try men's sons.  
The LORD tries just and wicked men; His soul hates cruel ones.

Upon all wicked men He'll rain entangling snares.  
Brimstone and fire and burning wind He for their cup prepares.  
For righteous is the LORD, And He loves righteousness;  
And every one who upright is Will see His gracious face.

## 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 119:61-72*

Leader: You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD, according to Your word.

*All: Teach me good judgment and knowledge, For I believe Your commandments.*

Leader: Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word.

**All:** *You are good, and do good; Teach me Your statutes.*

Leader: The proud have forged a lie against me, *But* I will keep Your precepts with *my* whole heart.

**All:** *Their heart is as fat as grease, But I delight in Your law.*

Leader: *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.

**All:** *The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Nehemiah 5:1-19*

And there was a great outcry of the people and their wives against their Jewish brethren. <sup>2</sup>For there were those who said, "We, our sons, and our daughters *are* many; therefore let us get grain, that we may eat and live." <sup>3</sup>There were also *some* who said, "We have mortgaged our lands and vineyards and houses, that we might buy grain because of the famine." <sup>4</sup>There were also those who said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tax *on* our lands and vineyards. <sup>5</sup>Yet now our flesh *is* as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children; and indeed we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and *some* of our daughters have been brought into slavery. *It is* not in our power to *redeem* them, for other men have our lands and vineyards." <sup>6</sup>And I became very angry when I heard their outcry and these words. <sup>7</sup>After serious thought, I rebuked the nobles and rulers, and said to them, "Each of you is exacting usury from his brother." So I called a great assembly against them. <sup>8</sup>And I said to them, "According to our ability we have redeemed our Jewish brethren who were sold to the nations. Now indeed, will you even sell your brethren? Or should they be sold to us?" Then they were silenced and found nothing *to say*. <sup>9</sup>Then I said, "What you are doing *is* not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations, our enemies?" <sup>10</sup>I also, *with* my brethren and my servants, am lending them money and grain. Please, let us stop this usury! <sup>11</sup>"Restore now to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, also a hundredth of the money and the grain, the new wine and the oil, that you have charged them." <sup>12</sup>So they said, "We will restore *it*, and will require nothing from them; we will do as you say." Then I called the priests, and required an oath from them that they would do according to this promise. <sup>13</sup>Then I shook out the fold of my garment and said, "So may God shake out each man from his house, and from his property, who does not perform this promise. Even thus may he be shaken out and emptied." And all the assembly said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD. Then the people did according to this promise. <sup>14</sup>Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year until the thirty-second year of King Artaxerxes, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the governor's provisions. <sup>15</sup>But the former governors who *were* before me laid burdens on the people, and took from them bread and wine, besides forty shekels of silver. Yes, even their servants bore rule over the people, but I did not do so, because of the fear of God. <sup>16</sup>Indeed, I also continued the work on this wall, and we did not buy any land. All my servants *were* gathered there for the work. <sup>17</sup>And at my table *were* one hundred and fifty Jews and rulers,

besides those who came to us from the nations around us. <sup>18</sup>Now *that* which was prepared daily *was* one ox *and* six choice sheep. Also fowl were prepared for me, and once every ten days an abundance of all kinds of wine. Yet in spite of this I did not demand the governor's provisions, because the bondage was heavy on this people. <sup>19</sup>Remember me, my God, for good, *according to* all that I have done for this people.

## GOSPEL READING

*John 8:37-59*

"I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. <sup>38</sup>"I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father." <sup>39</sup>They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. <sup>40</sup>"But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. <sup>41</sup>"You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father -- God." <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. <sup>43</sup>"Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. <sup>44</sup>"You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. <sup>45</sup>"But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. <sup>46</sup>"Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? <sup>47</sup>"He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God." <sup>48</sup>Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. <sup>50</sup>"And I do not seek My *own* glory; there is One who seeks and judges. <sup>51</sup>"Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death." <sup>52</sup>Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.' <sup>53</sup>"Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. <sup>55</sup>"Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. <sup>56</sup>"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad." <sup>57</sup>Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." <sup>59</sup>Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

### *Psalm of Preparation\**

TUNE: AUSTRIAN HYMN 87.87.D.

### *"Psalm 94:1-15, 20-23"*

*"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*

God of vengeance, O Jehovah, God of vengeance, O shine forth!  
Rise up, O You Judge of Nations! Render to the proud their worth.

O LORD, how long shall the wicked, How long shall the wicked boast?  
Arrogant the words they pour out, Ill men all, a taunting host.

They, Jehovah, crush Your people And Your heritage distress;  
They kill sojourner and widow, Murder they the fatherless.  
And they say, "Jehovah sees not; Jacob's God does not have eyes."  
Understand, O foolish people! When, O fools, will you be wise?

Who the ear made, does He hear not? Who formed eyes, does He not see?  
Who warns nations, does He smite not? Who men teaches, knows not He?  
All the thoughts of men the LORD sees, Knows that but a breath are they.  
Bless'd the man whom You chastise, LORD, Whom You teach to know Your Way.

Give him rest from days of trouble, Till the wicked be o'erthrown.  
Our LORD will not leave His people, Will abandon not His own.  
When to every verdict given Justice shall come back again,  
Everyone whose heart is upright Will see righteous judgment then.

Can destructive rulers join You And by law disorder build?  
They conspire against the righteous, Sentence just ones to be killed.  
But the LORD is still my stronghold; God, my Refuge, will repay.  
He'll for sin wipe out the wicked; Them the LORD our God will slay.

### SERMON

*Psalm 94*

*"How Long?"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 1 O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs -- O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!
- 2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to the proud.
- 3 LORD, how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph?
- 4 They utter speech, *and* speak insolent things; All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves.
- 5 They break in pieces Your people, O LORD, And afflict Your heritage.
- 6 They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless.
- 7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob understand."
- 8 Understand, you senseless among the people; And *you* fools, when will you be wise?
- 9 He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see?
- 10 He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge?
- 11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man, That they *are* futile.
- 12 Blessed *is* the man whom You instruct, O LORD, And teach out of Your law,



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

## BENEDICTION\*

### Prayer requests

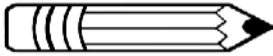
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our country's leaders and those who serve us.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for our covenant children.
- Pray for the purchase of a new church property

### Announcements

- 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: Resumes on Sunday, September 13.
- 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.
- We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next week. Please take some time to prepare your hearts through prayer and the reading of Scripture.

# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

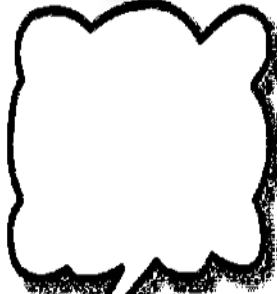
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Who is speaking?



Words you heard but don't know...

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

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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