



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“LET THE ELDERS WHO RULE WELL BE
COUNTED WORTHY OF DOUBLE HONOR,
ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO LABOR IN THE
WORD AND DOCTRINE.”

-1 TIMOTHY 5:17

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalms 113:1-2

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD!

All: Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forevermore!

*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: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”

Based on Psalm 103. Joachim Neander, 1860.

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a reign - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
• dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
• might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 107

Leader: Which is the second commandment?

All: The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, not serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

CONFESSION OF SIN

PSALM 123:1-4

All: "Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the LORD our God, Until He has mercy on us. Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us! For we are exceedingly filled with contempt. Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorn of those who are at ease, With the contempt of the proud." Hear now our silent confession sin 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 1"

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made"

O greatly bless-ed is the man Who walketh not astray
In counsel of ungodly men, Nor stands in sinners' way,

Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair, But placeth his delight
Upon GOD'S law, and meditates On His law day and night.

He shall be like a tree that grows Set by the water side,
Which in its season yields its fruit, And green its leaves abide;

And all he does shall prosper well. The wicked are not so,
But are like chaff which by the wind Is driven to and fro.

In judgment, therefore, shall not stand Such as ungodly are,
Nor in th'assembly of the just Shall wicked men appear.

Because the way of godly men Is to Jehovah known,
Whereas the way of wicked men Shall quite be overthrown.

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 11:1-7

Leader: In the LORD I put my trust; How can you say to my soul, "Flee *as* a bird to your mountain"?

All: For look! The wicked bend their bow, They make ready their arrow on the string, That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart.

Leader: If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?

All: *The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.*

Leader: The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.

All: *Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind Shall be the portion of their cup.*

Leader: For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1-18

Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that *was* in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who *could* hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month. ³Then he read from it in the open square that *was* in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people *were attentive* to the Book of the Law. ⁴So Ezra the scribe stood on a platform of wood which they had made for the purpose; and beside him, at his right hand, stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Urijah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah; and at his left hand Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was *standing* above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. Then all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground. ⁷Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law; and the people *stood* in their place. ⁸So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped *them* to understand the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who *was* the governor, Ezra the priest *and* scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day *is* holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for *this* day *is* holy to our LORD. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." ¹¹So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day *is* holy; do not be grieved." ¹²And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them. ¹³Now on the second day the heads of the fathers' *houses* of all the people, with the priests and Levites, were gathered to Ezra the scribe, in order to understand the words of the Law. ¹⁴And they found written in the Law, which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month, ¹⁵and that they should announce and proclaim in all their cities and in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the mountain, and bring olive branches, branches of oil trees, myrtle branches, palm branches, and branches of leafy

trees, to make booths, as *it is* written." ¹⁶Then the people went out and brought *them* and made themselves booths, each one on the roof of his house, or in their courtyards or the courts of the house of God, and in the open square of the Water Gate and in the open square of the Gate of Ephraim. ¹⁷So the whole assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and sat under the booths; for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness. ¹⁸Also day by day, from the first day until the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day *there was* a sacred assembly, according to the *prescribed* manner.

GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-27

"Now a certain *man* was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was *that* Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. ³Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." ⁴When Jesus heard *that*, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. ⁷Then after this He said to *the* disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸*The* disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰"But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." ¹²Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." ¹³However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵"And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him." ¹⁶Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." ¹⁷So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²"But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶"And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: ST. CHRISTOPHER 76.86.86.86

"Psalm 71:1-12"

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

O LORD, in Thee I'm trusting; Ashamed let me not be;
O save me in Thy righteousness, Give ear, and rescue me.
Be Thou my rock, my dwelling place, My constant safe resort.
Thou my salvation hast ordained; Thou art my rock and fort.

From wicked hands, God, free me, Hands cru-el and unjust;
Thou, Lord Jehovah, art my hope; From youth Thou art my trust.
For I have been sustained by Thee Through birth and early days;
Brought from my mother's womb by Thee, I'll give Thee constant praise.

To many I'm a wonder; Thou art my refuge strong.
My mouth is brimming with Thy praise And honor all day long.
Do not reject me in the time When old age I shall see;
And in my days of failing strength Do not abandon me.

My enemies with hatred Against me evil speak;
Those who are watching for my life United counsel seek.
They say, "God has forsaken him! Pursue him! None will save!"
O God, do not be far from me; My God, Thy help I crave

SERMON

1 Timothy 5:17-18

"Worthy of Double Honor"

Dr. T. David Gordon

- ¹⁷ Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.
- ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer *is* worthy of his wages."

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Latin Hymn, 6th cent.

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, pow'rs of hell be - neath thee lie;

who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe;
death is con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light;

praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to thee we raise;

gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

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: HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR 7.7.7.8.

"Man of Sorrows! What a Name"

Philip P. Bliss, 1875.

1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,
3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;
4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;
5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,

ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
• full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

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: Please mark your calendars for our fall Kick off and beach night on Saturday, August 29, from 5-8 pm at beach 6 on Presque Isle.

- Men's Bible Study: We will be pausing for the summer. It will start again on Saturday, September 12 with Lesson 6.
- Sunday School: Resumes on Sunday, September 13.
- We will be welcoming Dr T. David Gordon to fill the pulpit again next week.
- Our church will be hosting presbytery on Saturday, July 25 starting at 9 am. All are welcome to attend.

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?

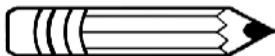
Are you pursuing a life of obedience by forsaking sin and striving, by grace and help of the Holy Spirit, to glorify God with your entire life?

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

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

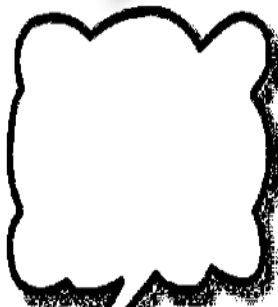
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Who is speaking?



Words you heard but don't know...



What are we learning about God from this passage?

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Verse: _____



Favorite song today was:

Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:

How does today's message apply to your life?

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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