



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“I WILL SING OF MERCY AND JUSTICE; TO
YOU, O LORD, I WILL SING PRAISES.”

-PSALM 101:1

WORSHIP LEADERS:

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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)

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"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**

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

"Speak O Lord"

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us –
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 114

Leader: What reasons are annexed to the third commandment?

All: The reasons annexed to the third commandment, in these words, [The Lord thy God], and, [For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain], are because he is the Lord and our God, therefore his name is not to be profaned, or any way abused by us; especially because he will be so far from acquitting and sparing the transgressors of this commandment, as that he will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment, albeit many such escape the censures and punishments of men.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we humbly confess our sins and seek Your forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude; our pride and willfulness; and all our other failures and short comings toward You and toward our fellowmen. Have mercy upon us, Father, and by Your great goodness grant that we may possess the fullness of the Spirit of adoption, freeing us from guilt, and causing us to pursue holiness. By Your gospel, encourage us and save sinners today. We ask expectantly through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Chronicles 7:14

Leader: Hear the good news! “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"Psalm 50:1-6"

"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"

The mighty God the LORD
Has spoken and did call
The earth from rising of the sun
To where it has its fall.

From Zion's holy hill,
Perfection's high abode
Of matchless beauty, even thence
In glory shineth God.

Our God shall surely come;
Keep silence shall not He;
Before Him fire shall waste;
great storms
Shall round about Him be.

And to the heav'ns above
He sendeth forth His call,
And also to the earth, that He
May judge His people all.

"Together let My saints
Before Me gathered be;
Those that by sacrifice have made
A covenant with Me."

Then shall the heav'ns declare
His righteousness abroad,
Because He only is the judge;
Yea, none is judge but God.

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

Psalms 75:1-10

Leader: We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare *that* Your name is near.

All: "When I choose the proper time, I will judge uprightly.

Leader: The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved; I set up its pillars firmly. Selah

All: I said to the boastful, 'Do not deal boastfully,' And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn.

Leader: Do not lift up your horn on high; Do *not* speak with a stiff neck.' "

All: For exaltation comes neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south.

Leader: But God *is* the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.

All: For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, And the wine is red; It is fully mixed, and He pours it out; Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth Drain and drink down.

Leader: But I will declare forever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

All: 'All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, But the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.'

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 12:26-47

Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings and singing, *with* cymbals and stringed instruments and harps. ²⁸And the sons of the singers gathered together from the countryside around Jerusalem, from the villages of the Netophathites, ²⁹from the house of Gilgal, and from the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built themselves villages all around Jerusalem. ³⁰Then the priests and Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, the gates, and the wall. ³¹So I brought the leaders of Judah up on the wall, and appointed two large thanksgiving choirs. *One* went to the right hand on the wall toward the Refuse Gate. ³²After them went Hoshaiiah and half of the leaders of Judah, ³³and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, ³⁴Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah, ³⁵and some of the priests' sons with trumpets -- Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph, ³⁶and his brethren, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, *and* Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God. Ezra the scribe *went* before them. ³⁷By the Fountain Gate, in front of them, they went up the stairs of the City of David, on the stairway of the wall, beyond the house of David, as far as the Water Gate eastward. ³⁸The other thanksgiving choir went the opposite *way*, and I *was* behind them with half of the people on the wall, going past the Tower of the Ovens as far as the Broad Wall, ³⁹and above the Gate of Ephraim, above the Old Gate, above the Fish Gate, the Tower of Hananel, the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate; and they stopped by the Gate of the Prison. ⁴⁰So the two thanksgiving choirs stood in the house of God, likewise I and the half of the rulers with me; ⁴¹and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah,

Minjamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah, with trumpets; ⁴²also Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. The singers sang loudly with Jezrahiah the director. ⁴³Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and the children also rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard afar off. ⁴⁴And at the same time some were appointed over the rooms of the storehouse for the offerings, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions specified by the Law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who ministered. ⁴⁵Both the singers and the gatekeepers kept the charge of their God and the charge of the purification, according to the command of David *and* Solomon his son. ⁴⁶For in the days of David and Asaph of old *there were* chiefs of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. ⁴⁷In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, a portion for each day. They also consecrated *holy things* for the Levites, and the Levites consecrated *them* for the children of Aaron.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17

Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. ²And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray Him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, ⁴rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. ⁵After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. ⁶Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." ⁸Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." ⁹Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash *his* feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean." ¹²So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³"You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. ¹⁴"If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵"For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶"Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. ¹⁷"If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: AURELIA 76.76.D.

"Psalm 101"

"The Church's One Foundation"

Of mercy and of justice, O LORD, I'll sing to Thee.
In uprightness and wisdom Shall my behavior be.
O when in lovingkindness Wilt Thou to me come near?
I'll walk within my dwelling With heart and life sincere.

I will permit no base thing Before my eyes to be.
I hate unfaithful doing; It shall not cleave to me.
The man whose heart is forward Shall from my presence go;
And nothing that is evil Will I consent to know.

I'll cut him off that slanders His neighbor secretly;
I'll not endure the proud heart Nor eyes that haughty be.
My eyes are with the faithful That he may dwell with me;
The man whose walk is upright My minister shall be.

No man of works deceitful Within my house shall dwell;
Nor in my sight shall tarry A man who lies will tell.
Each morning with destruction The wicked I'll reward,
To free from evildoers The city of the LORD.

SERMON

Psalm 101

"The Ideal"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ¹ I will sing of mercy and justice; To You, O LORD, I will sing praises.
- ² I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
- ³ I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.
- ⁴ A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness.
- ⁵ Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure.
- ⁶ My eyes *shall be* on the faithful of the land, That they may dwell with me; He who walks in a perfect way, He shall serve me.
- ⁷ He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence.
- ⁸ Early I will destroy all the wicked of the land, That I may cut off all the evildoers from the city of the LORD.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: EL NATHAN C.M.ref

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

Daniel W. Whittle, 1883.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains five verses of lyrics. The second system continues the verses. The third system is the refrain, marked with a 'REFRAIN' symbol. The fourth system concludes the piece. Chord symbols (D, G, A7) are placed above the vocal lines to indicate the harmonic structure. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he has made known,
2. I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he did im-part,
3. I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing men of sin,
4. I know not what of good or ill may be re-served for me,
5. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,

nor why, un-wor-thy, Christ in love re-deemed me for his own.
nor how be-liev-ing in his Word wrought peace with-in my heart.
• re-veal-ing Je-sus through the Word, cre-at-ing faith in him.
of wea-ry ways or gold-en days, be-fore his face I see.
nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air."

REFRAIN
But "I know whom I have be-liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is

a-ble to keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day."

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

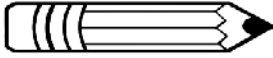
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi Family
- Pray for our country's leaders and those who serve us.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for our covenant children.
- Pray for the purchase of a new church property

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.
- Ascension Presbytery Women's Conference: "Gospel Transformation: In the Hands of the Potter." Saturday, October 24 at Hillcrest PCA in Volant from 9am to 3 pm. There is QR code to a signup on the back bulletin board.
- Church Picnic: We will be having a picnic on Sunday, August 30 at church starting at 5 p.m. The church will provide the main dish. We ask you to bring a dish or two to pass.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

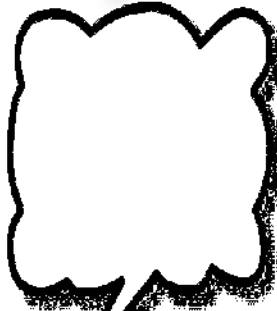
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



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:



Favorite song today was:

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Questions?

How does today's message apply to your life?

The most important thing you learned was:

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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