



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND
FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS:
-PSALM 103:2

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 149:1-2

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, *And* His praise in the assembly of saints.

All: Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

*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 Neandar, 1680.

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 - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - 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 116

Leader: What is required in the fourth commandment?

All: The fourth commandment requires of all men the sanctifying or keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his word, expressly one whole day in seven; which was the seventh from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, and the first day of the week ever since, and so to continue to the end of the world; which is the Christian sabbath, and in the New Testament called The Lord's day.

CONFESSION OF SIN

FROM JOHN CALVIN'S GENEVA LITURGY OF 1543

All: O Lord our God, we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil. We are unable on our own to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and all our evil ways. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant to us your grace, that we might do your will. Accept us now through Jesus Christ. Remove our guilt and send to us your Holy Spirit. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1st John 2:12

Leader: Hear the good news! "I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"Psalm 130"

"Alas and Did My Savior Bleed"

LORD, from the depths to Thee I cried.
My Lord, give ear to me.
O hear my voice and hearken to
My supplicating plea.

LORD, who shall stand if Thou, my Lord,
Shouldst mark iniquity?
But yet with Thee forgiveness is,
That men may rev'ence Thee.

I wait, my soul awaits the LORD;
My hope is in His word.
More than the watchmen wait for morn
My soul waits for my Lord.

O Is-ra-el, hope in the LORD;
The LORD saves graciously.
And He shall Is-ra-el redeem
From all iniquity

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 5:1-12

Leader: Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation.

All: Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray.

Leader: My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.

All: *For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You.*

Leader: The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.

All: *You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.*

Leader: 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.

All: *Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face.*

Leader: For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part *is* destruction; Their throat *is* an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue.

All: *Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You.*

Leader: But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You.

All: *For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Esther 1:1-22

Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus (this *was* the Ahasuerus who reigned over one hundred and twenty-seven provinces, from India to Ethiopia), ²in those days when King Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in Shushan the citadel, ³*that* in the third year of his reign he made a feast for all his officials and servants -- the powers of Persia and Media, the nobles, and the princes of the provinces *being* before him -- ⁴when he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the splendor of his excellent majesty for many days, one hundred and eighty days *in all*. ⁵And when these days were completed, the king made a feast lasting seven days for all the people who were present in Shushan the citadel, from great to small, in the court of the garden of the king's palace. ⁶*There were* white and blue linen *curtains* fastened with cords of fine linen and purple on silver rods and marble pillars; *and the couches were* of gold and silver on a *mosaic* pavement of alabaster, turquoise, and white and black marble. ⁷And they served drinks in golden vessels, each vessel being different from the other, with royal wine in abundance, according to the generosity of the king. ⁸In accordance with the law, the drinking was not compulsory; for so the king had ordered all the officers of his household, that they should do according to each man's pleasure. ⁹Queen Vashti also made a feast for the women *in* the royal palace which *belonged* to King Ahasuerus. ¹⁰On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, seven eunuchs who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus, ¹¹to bring Queen Vashti before the king, *wearing* her royal crown, in order to show her beauty to the people and the officials, for she *was* beautiful to behold. ¹²But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command *brought* by *his* eunuchs; therefore the king was

furious, and his anger burned within him. ¹³Then the king said to the wise men who understood the times (for this *was* the king's manner toward all who knew law and justice, ¹⁴those closest to him *being* Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who had access to the king's presence, *and* who ranked highest in the kingdom): ¹⁵"What *shall we* do to Queen Vashti, according to law, because she did not obey the command of King Ahasuerus *brought to her* by the eunuchs?" ¹⁶And Memucan answered before the king and the princes: "Queen Vashti has not only wronged the king, but also all the princes, and all the people who *are* in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. ¹⁷"For the queen's behavior will become known to all women, so that they will despise their husbands in their eyes, when they report, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought in before him, but she did not come.' ¹⁸"This very day the *noble* ladies of Persia and Media will say to all the king's officials that they have heard of the behavior of the queen. Thus *there will be* excessive contempt and wrath. ¹⁹"If it pleases the king, let a royal decree go out from him, and let it be recorded in the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it will not be altered, that Vashti shall come no more before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she. ²⁰"When the king's decree which he will make is proclaimed throughout all his empire (for it is great), all wives will honor their husbands, both great and small." ²¹And the reply pleased the king and the princes, and the king did according to the word of Memucan. ²²Then he sent letters to all the king's provinces, to each province in its own script, and to every people in their own language, that each man should be master in his own house, and speak in the language of his own people.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-14

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²"In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴"And where I go you know, and the way you know." ⁵Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷"If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." ⁸Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹"Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. ¹²"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. ¹³"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴"If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: BEECHER 87.87.D.

"Psalm 103:1-13"

"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

Bless the LORD, my soul; my whole heart
Ever bless His holy name.

Bless the LORD, my soul; forget not
All His mercies to proclaim.

Who forgives all thy transgressions,
Thy diseases all Who heals;

Who redeems thee from destruction,
Who with thee so kindly deals.

Who with love and mercy crowns thee,
Satisfies thy mouth with good,

So that even like the eagle

Thou art blessed with youth renewed.

In His righteousness Jehovah

Will deliver those distressed;

He will execute just judgment

In the cause of all oppressed.

He made known His ways to Moses,

And His acts to Isr'el's race;

Tender, loving is Jehovah

Slow to anger, rich in grace.

He will not forever chide us

Nor will keep His anger still,

Has not dealt as we offended

Nor requited us our ill.

For as high as is the heaven,

Far above the earth below,

Ever great to them that fear Him

Is the mercy He will show.

Far as east from west is distant

He has put away our sin;

Like the pity of a father

Has Jehovah's pity been

SERMON

Psalm 103

"Preaching To Yourself"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name! 2
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:
3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,
4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with
lovingkindness and tender mercies,
5 Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*, *So that* your youth is renewed
like the eagle's.
6 The LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed.
7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.
8 The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.
9 He will not always strive *with us*, Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.
10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to
our iniquities.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *So great* is His mercy toward
those who fear Him;
12 As far as the east is from the west, *So far* has He removed our transgressions
from us.
13 As a father pities *his* children, *So* the LORD pities those who fear Him.
14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we *are* dust.
15 *As for* man, his days *are* like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.
16 For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no
more.
17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting On those who
fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children,
18 To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His
commandments to do them.
19 The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules
over all.
20 Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.
21 Bless the LORD, all *you* His hosts, *You* ministers of His, who do His pleasure.
22 Bless the LORD, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Bless the
LORD, O my soul!

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7.

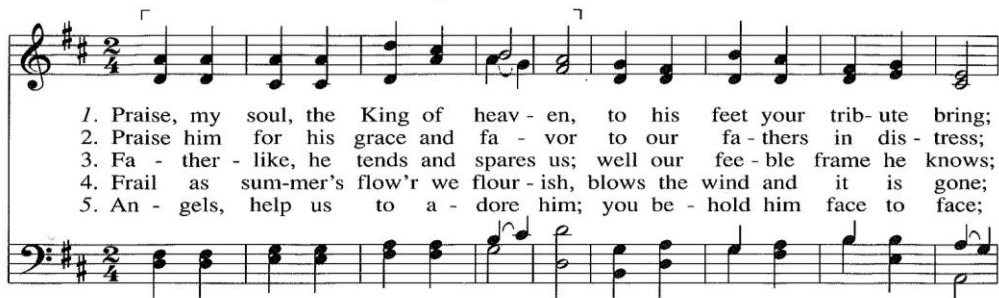
"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

From Psalm 103. Henry F. Lyte, 1834

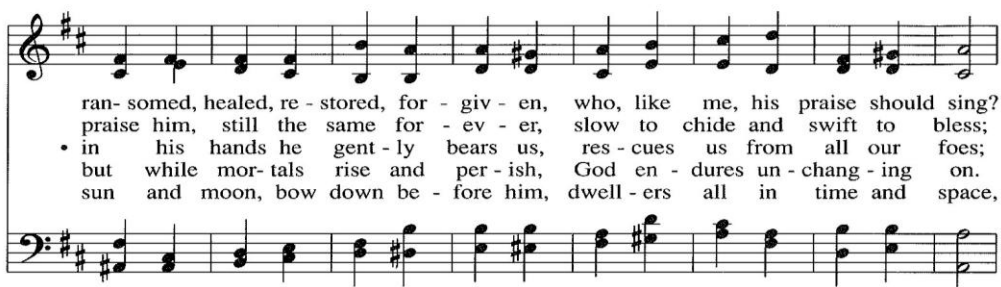
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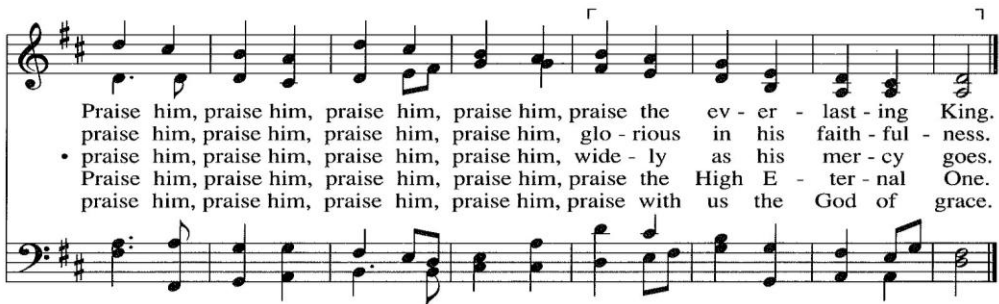
*Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD,
O my soul. Ps. 103:22*



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
• in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,



Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
• praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Spencer and Carmen 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, September 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. Please Invite your friends!
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, September 12, at 8 am. Please read Lesson 6 in the "Let's Study Romans" book.
- Sunday School: Resumes on Sunday, September 13. The Adults will be studying the creeds and confessions of the church.
- Ascension Presbytery Women's Conference: "Gospel Transformation: In the Hands of the Potter." Saturday, October 24 at Hillcrest PCA in Volant from 9am to 3pm. There is a QR code to sign-up for the event on the back bulletin board.
- Church Picnic: We will be having a picnic today 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. There is a sign-up for the picnic in the back of church. All are welcome!
- Fellowship Time: Sunday, September 20 following the morning worship service.
- Women's Care Center Banquet: The church will be sponsoring a table at the Celebrate Life Banquet. It will be on Saturday September 26th starting at 6:15 p.m. at the Ambassador Center on Upper Peach Street. There is a sign-up sheet in the back if you would like to attend.
- 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.
- We will be welcoming Pastor David Hills to fill the pulpit next week.

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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