



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“THESE ALL CONTINUED WITH ONE
ACCORD IN PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION...”

-ACTS 1:14A

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 47:8-9

Leader: God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

*All: The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.*

*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*

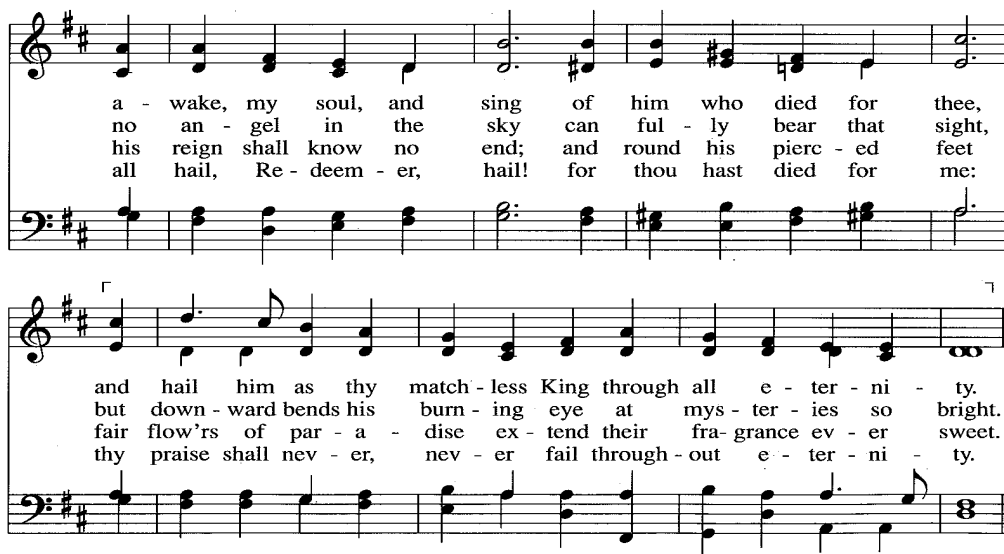
*Hymn of Praise**

TUNE: DIADEMATA S.M.D.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Mathew Bridges, 1851

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final two lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, and the piano accompaniment is shown on the bottom staff of each system. The lyrics are: 1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side, 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time; hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own: rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied: from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise: Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 82-83

Leader: What is the communion in glory which the members of the invisible church have with Christ?

All: The communion in glory which the members of the visible church have with Christ, is in this life, immediately after death, and at last perfected at the resurrection and day of judgment.

Leader: What is the communion in glory with Christ which the members of the invisible church enjoy in this life?

All: The members of the invisible church have communicated to them in this life the first-fruits of glory with Christ, as they are members of him their head, and so in him are interested in that glory which he is fully possessed of; and, as an earnest thereof, enjoy the sense of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, and hope of glory; as, on the contrary, sense of God's revenging wrath, horror of conscience, and a fearful expectation of judgment, are to the wicked the beginning of their torments which they shall endure after death.

CONFESSION OF SIN

PSALM 39:4-8

All: "LORD, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my age is as nothing before You; Certainly, every man at his best state is but vapor. Surely

every man walks about like a shadow; Surely, they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up riches, and does not know who will gather them. And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16-17

Leader: Hear the good news! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"Psalm 103:1-13"

"Elements from the Psalter, 1912"

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.

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 110:1-7

Leader: The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

All: *The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!*

Leader: Your people *shall be* volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

All: *The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."*

Leader: The Lord *is* at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

All: *He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.*

Leader: He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezra 2:36-70

The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred and seventy-three; ³⁷the sons of Immer, one thousand and fifty-two; ³⁸the sons of Pashhur, one thousand two hundred and forty-seven; ³⁹the sons of Harim, one thousand and seventeen. ⁴⁰The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah, seventy-four. ⁴¹The singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred and twenty-eight. ⁴²The sons of the gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, and the sons of Shobai, one hundred and thirty-nine *in all*. ⁴³The Nethinim: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth, ⁴⁴the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padon, ⁴⁵the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub, ⁴⁶the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmi, the sons of Hanan, ⁴⁷the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah, ⁴⁸the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam, ⁴⁹the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai, ⁵⁰the sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephusim, ⁵¹the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur, ⁵²the sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha, ⁵³the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Tamah, ⁵⁴the sons of Nezhiah, and the sons of Hatipha. ⁵⁵The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Peruda, ⁵⁶the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel, ⁷the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, and the sons of Ami. ⁵⁸All the Nethinim and the children of Solomon's servants were three hundred and ninety-two. ⁵⁹And these *were* the ones who came up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer; but they could not identify their father's house or their genealogy, whether they *were* of Israel: ⁶⁰the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, and the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two; ⁶¹and of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, and the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name. ⁶²These sought

their listing *among* those who were registered by genealogy, but they were not found; therefore they *were excluded* from the priesthood as defiled. ⁶³And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things till a priest could consult with the Urim and Thummim. ⁶⁴The whole assembly together *was* forty-two thousand three hundred *and* sixty, ⁶⁵besides their male and female servants, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven; and they had two hundred men and women singers. ⁶⁶Their horses *were* seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five, ⁶⁷their camels four hundred and thirty-five, and *their* donkeys six thousand seven hundred and twenty. ⁶⁸*Some* of the heads of the fathers' *houses*, when they came to the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God, to erect it in its place: ⁶⁹According to their ability, they gave to the treasury for the work sixty-one thousand gold drachmas, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priestly garments. ⁷⁰So the priests and the Levites, *some* of the people, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-21

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷"Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹¹"Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹²"If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³"No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹"And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰"For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹"But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: I NEED THEE 66.66.D.

"Psalm 40"

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

I waited for the LORD; He stooped and heard my cry.
He brought me from the pit, Out of the dungeon mire,
My feet set on a rock, My footsteps made secure.
My lips He gave a song, A song to praise our God.

Many will see with awe, And so will trust the LORD.
Blessed he who trusts in GOD, And turns not to false men.
You have worked wonders, LORD; No one compares to You!
Should I declare each one, Their number is too great.

You want no offering, Nor ask a sacrifice,
But You have given me A ready ear to hear
You ask no off'rings burnt Nor sacrifice for sin.
So I say, "Here I come, As in the scroll inscribed.

"To do Your will, O God, To me is my delight.
Your law is part of me, Deep in my heart, O God."
In congregation great I told Your righteousness.
You know, LORD, I spoke out; I did not close my lips

SERMON

Acts 1:12-26

"Getting Ready"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.
- 13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James.
- 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.
- 15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said,
- 16 "Men *and* brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus;
- 17 "for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."
- 18 (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out.
- 19 And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.)

- 20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms: 'Let his dwelling place be desolate,
And let no one live in it'; and, 'Let another take his office.'
- 21 "Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord
Jesus went in and out among us,
- 22 "beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from
us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."
- 23 And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus,
and Matthias.
- 24 And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show
which of these two You have chosen
- 25 "to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by
transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."
- 26 And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered
with the eleven apostles.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

"O Church Arise"

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O Church, arise, and put your armour on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valour.
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

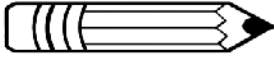
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our country's leaders and those who serve us.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for our covenant children.

Announcements

- Prayer meeting: Wednesdays, at 8:30 p.m. over zoom. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Miller.
- Youth Group for Grades 6-12: Sunday, March 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. Invite your friends!
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, March 7 at 8 a.m. Please read chapter 2 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.
- Fellowship Luncheon: Today after church at the LEAF center located at 1501 W 6th St, Erie, PA 16505. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- The ladies of the church will be hosting a shower for Miss Emily Kline on Sunday, March 8, right after the worship service. See Denise Fair or Natalie Miller for more details.
- Family Movie Night: Friday, March 6 at 6 p.m. The Church will provide some snacks.
- The church is looking into getting new chairs to help with capacity along with getting the Bibles and hymnals out. There is a sample in the back of church.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

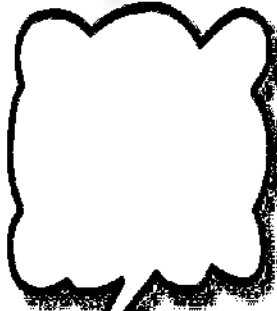
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



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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