



**WEST ERIE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS *THAT*  
WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE  
LORD SHALL BE SAVED.’”

-ACTS 2:21

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 111:2-3*

Leader: The works of the LORD *are* great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.

*All: His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness 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: DIADEMATA S.M.D.

## *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

Mathew Bridges, 1851

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:

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. There are fermatas over the first and last notes of the first system.

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.

### CONFESSON OF FAITH\*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 86

Leader: What is the communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death?

All: *The communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death, is, in that their souls are then made perfect in holiness, and received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies, which even in death continue united to Christ, and rest in their graves as in their beds, till at the last day they be again united to their souls. Whereas the souls of the wicked are at their death cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, and their bodies kept in their graves, as in their prisons, till the resurrection and judgment of the great day.*

### CONFESSON OF SIN

PSALM 86:6-8, 11-13

All: *"Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me. Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works. Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore. For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 6:23*

Leader: Hear the good news! "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

## 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

*Psalms 93:1-5*

Leader: The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

*All: Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.*

Leader: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves.

**All:**     *The LORD on high is mightier Than the noise of many waters, Than the mighty waves of the sea.*

Leader: Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezra 4:1-24*

Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the descendants of the captivity were building the temple of the LORD God of Israel, <sup>2</sup>they came to Zerubbabel and the heads of the fathers' *houses*, and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we seek your God as you *do*; and we have sacrificed to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here." But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of the fathers' *houses* of Israel said to them, "You may do nothing with us to build a house for our God; but we alone will build to the LORD God of Israel, as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us." <sup>4</sup>Then the people of the land tried to discourage the people of Judah. They troubled them in building, <sup>5</sup> and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia. <sup>6</sup>In the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>7</sup>In the days of Artaxerxes also, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabel, and the rest of their companions wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the letter *was* written in Aramaic script, and translated into the Aramaic language. <sup>8</sup>Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes in this fashion: <sup>9</sup>From Rehum the commander, Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions -- *representatives* of the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the people of Persia and Erech and Babylon and Shushan, the Dehavites, the Elamites, <sup>10</sup>and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnapper took captive and settled in the cities of Samaria and the remainder beyond the River -- and so forth. <sup>11</sup>(*This is a copy of the letter that they sent him*) To King Artaxerxes from your servants, the men *of the region* beyond the River, and so forth: <sup>12</sup>Let it be known to the king that the Jews who came up from you have come to us at Jerusalem, and are building the rebellious and evil city, and are finishing *its* walls and repairing the foundations. <sup>13</sup>Let it now be known to the king that, if this city is built and the walls completed, they will not pay tax, tribute, or custom, and the king's treasury will be diminished. <sup>14</sup>Now because we receive support from the palace, it was not proper for us to see the king's dishonor; therefore we have sent and informed the king, <sup>15</sup>that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers. And you will find in the book of the records and know that this city *is* a rebellious city, harmful to kings and provinces, and that they have incited sedition within the city in former times, for which cause this city was destroyed. <sup>16</sup>We inform the king that if this city is rebuilt and its walls are completed, the result will be that you will have no dominion beyond the River. <sup>17</sup>The king sent an answer: To Rehum the commander, *to* Shimshai the scribe, *to* the rest of their companions who dwell in Samaria, and *to* the remainder beyond the River: Peace, and so forth. <sup>18</sup>The letter which you sent to us has been clearly read before me. <sup>19</sup>And I gave the command, and a search has been made, and it was found that this city in former times has revolted against kings, and rebellion and sedition have been fostered in it. <sup>20</sup>There have also been mighty kings over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all *the region* beyond the River; and tax, tribute, and custom were paid to them. <sup>21</sup>Now

give the command to make these men cease, that this city may not be built until the command is given by me. <sup>22</sup>Take heed now that you do not fail to do this. Why should damage increase to the hurt of the kings? <sup>23</sup>Now when the copy of King Artaxerxes' letter *was* read before Rehum, Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem against the Jews, and by force of arms made them cease. <sup>24</sup>Thus the work of the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem ceased, and it was discontinued until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

## GOSPEL READING

*John 4:1-26*

Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John <sup>2</sup>(though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), <sup>3</sup>He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. <sup>4</sup>But He needed to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup>A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." <sup>8</sup>For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup>Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? <sup>12</sup>"Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, <sup>14</sup>"but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." <sup>19</sup>The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>"Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>"You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup>"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup>"God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am *He*."

## *Psalm of Preparation\**

TUNE: PENITENCE 11.11.11.11.

## *"Psalm 4"*

"In the Hour of Trial"

Answer when I call, O God who justifies.  
In my stress You freed me; hear in grace my cries.  
Sons of men, how long will you my glory shame?  
Will you love what's worthless? Will lies be your aim?

Know the LORD His saints has set apart in grace,  
And the LORD will hear me when I seek His face.  
Tremble in your anger, yet from sin depart.  
On your bed in silence speak within your heart.

May you sacrifice now sacrifices just.  
In Jehovah only placing all your trust.  
"Who will show us goodness?" many people say;  
The light of Your face, LORD, lift on us, we pray.

You have given my heart greater joy by far  
Than when grain and new wine most abundant are.  
So in peace I lie down; I will rest and sleep,  
For, O LORD, You only will me safely keep.

### SERMON

*Acts 2:14-21*

*"Peter's Sermon-Par 1"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them,  
"Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and  
heed my words.  
15 "For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the  
day.  
16 "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:  
17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of  
My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your  
young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.  
18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit  
in those days; And they shall prophesy.  
19 I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood  
and fire and vapor of smoke.  
20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the  
coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.  
21 And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall  
be saved.'

## Sermon Notes:

- Point 1
- Point 2
- Point 3

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### *Hymn of Preparation\**

TUNE: HAMBURG L.M.

### *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Isaac Watts. The score is written in 4/4 time and features a treble and bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final four lines. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff at various points. The lyrics are: 1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I death of Christ my God: all the vain things that love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing, count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride. charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood. sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown? so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my crown? all.

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\**

Words and Music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

*“His Mercy is More”*

**Verse 1**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!

**REFRAIN**

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!

**Verse 2**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor,  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!

**Verse 3**

What riches of kindness Christ lavished on us,  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost!  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford,  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more!

**BENEDICTION\***

## **Prayer requests**

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett 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.
- The ladies of the church will be hosting a shower for Miss Emily Kline on Sunday, March 8, right after the worship service. Please RSVP with Denise Fair or Natalie Miller.
- 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.

## ***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 necessary to enable you to openly enjoy Communion with Christ and his people through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

# 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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