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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“THEREFORE BECAUSE OF YOU ZION SHALL
BE PLOWED *LIKE* A FIELD, JERUSALEM
SHALL BECOME HEAPS OF RUINS...”

-MICAH 3:12A

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 136:1-3

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever.

All: Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy *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: MADRID 6.6.6.6.D.

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

Christian H. Bateman, 1843

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains three verses of the hymn 'Come Christians, Join to Sing'. The second system contains the hymn 'Hymn of Praise'. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, and the melody is indicated by the notes on the staves. The score is arranged in a traditional hymn book format, with the lyrics centered under the corresponding musical lines.

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

CONFESSIO OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 60-61

Leader: Can they who have never heard the gospel, and so know not Jesus Christ, nor believe in him, be saved by their living according to the light of nature?

All: *They who, having never heard the gospel, know not Jesus Christ, and believe not in him, cannot be saved, be they never so diligent to frame their lives according to the light of nature, or the laws of that religion which they profess; neither is there salvation in any other, but in Christ alone, who is the Savior only of his body the church.*

Leader: Are all they saved who hear the gospel, and live in the church?

All: *All that hear the gospel, and live in the visible church, are not saved; but they only who are true members of the church invisible.*

CONFESSIO 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

Romans 6:22-23

Leader: Hear the good news! "But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"Psalm 94:1-19"

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

God of vengeance, O Jehovah, God of vengeance, O shine forth!
Rise up, O You Judge of Nations! Render to the proud their worth.
O LORD, how long shall the wicked, How long shall the wicked boast?
Arrogant the words they pour out, Ill men all, a taunting host.

They, Jehovah, crush Your people And Your heritage distress;
They kill sojourner and widow, Murder they the fatherless.
And they say, "Jehovah sees not; Jacob's God does not have eyes."
Understand, O foolish people! When, O fools, will you be wise?

Who the ear made, does He hear not? Who formed eyes, does He not see?
Who warns nations, does He smite not? Who men teaches, knows not He?
All the thoughts of men the LORD sees, Knows that but a breath are they.
Bless'd the man whom You chastise, LORD, Whom You teach to know Your Way.

Give him rest from days of trouble, Till the wicked be o'erthrown.
Our LORD will not leave His people, Will abandon not His own.
When to every verdict given Justice shall come back again,
Everyone whose heart is upright Will see righteous judgment then.

Who for me withstands the wicked? Who against wrong pleads for me?
If the LORD were not my helper, Soon my soul would silent be.
If I say, "My foot is slipping!" LORD, Your mercy will uphold.
When my anxious thoughts are many, How Your comforts cheer my soul!

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 79:1-9

Leader: O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance; Your holy temple they have defiled; They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.

All: *The dead bodies of Your servants They have given as food for the birds of the heavens, The flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth.*

Leader: Their blood they have shed like water all around Jerusalem, And *there was* no one to bury *them*.

All: *We have become a reproach to our neighbors, A scorn and derision to those who are around us.*

Leader: How long, LORD? Will You be angry forever? Will Your jealousy burn like fire?

All: *Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You, And on the kingdoms that do not call on Your name.*

Leader: For they have devoured Jacob, And laid waste his dwelling place.

All: *Oh, do not remember former iniquities against us! Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, For we have been brought very low.*

Leader: Help us, O God of our salvation, For the glory of Your name; And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, For Your name's sake!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:1-27

Then *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho. ²Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³And he sought to see who *Jesus* was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that *way*. ⁵And when *Jesus* came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." ⁶So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. ⁷But when they saw *it*, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." ⁸Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." ⁹And *Jesus* said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; ¹⁰for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." ¹¹Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. ¹²Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. ¹³So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' ¹⁴But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this *man* to reign over us.' ¹⁵And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had

given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. ¹⁶"Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' ¹⁷"And he said to him, 'Well *done*, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' ¹⁸"And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' ¹⁹"Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.' ²⁰"Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. ²¹ For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' ²²"And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, *you* wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. ²³Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' ²⁴"And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give *it* to him who has ten minas.' ²⁵("But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')

²⁶For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ²⁷But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay *them* before me.' "

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 1:1-18

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as *my* forefathers *did*, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, ⁴greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, ⁵when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. ⁶Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, ¹⁰but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, *who* has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. ¹²For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. ¹³Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. ¹⁵This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; ¹⁷but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found *me*. ¹⁸The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day -- and you know very well how many ways he ministered *to me* at Ephesus

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: PENITENCE 11.11.11.11

"Psalm 4"

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

Micah 3:1-12

"The Hits Keep Coming"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ¹ And I said: "Hear now, O heads of Jacob, And you rulers of the house of Israel: *Is it* not for you to know justice?
- ² You who hate good and love evil; Who strip the skin from My people, And the flesh from their bones;
- ³ Who also eat the flesh of My people, Flay their skin from them, Break their bones, And chop *them* in pieces Like *meat* for the pot, Like flesh in the caldron."
- ⁴ Then they will cry to the LORD, But He will not hear them; He will even hide His face from them at that time, Because they have been evil in their deeds.
- ⁵ Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets Who make my people stray; Who chant "Peace" While they chew with their teeth, But who prepare war against him Who puts nothing into their mouths:
- ⁶ "Therefore you shall have night without vision, And you shall have darkness without divination; The sun shall go down on the prophets, And the day shall be dark for them.
- ⁷ So the seers shall be ashamed, And the diviners abashed; Indeed they shall all cover their lips; For *there is* no answer from God."

- ⁸ But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, And of justice and might, To declare to Jacob his transgression And to Israel his sin.
- ⁹ Now hear this, You heads of the house of Jacob And rulers of the house of Israel, Who abhor justice And pervert all equity,
- ¹⁰ Who build up Zion with bloodshed And Jerusalem with iniquity:
- ¹¹ Her heads judge for a bribe, Her priests teach for pay, And her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the LORD, and say, "Is not the LORD among us? No harm can come upon us."
- ¹² Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed *like* a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, And the mountain of the temple Like the bare hills of the forest.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

Stuart Townend

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

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How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

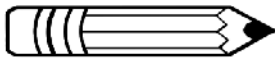
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Nachtergaele Family
- Pray for our country's leaders and those who serve in the military.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for our covenant children.

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, November 2 from 6-7:30 at church.
- Men's Bible Study: **Saturday, November 8**, at 8 am. Please read Chapter 12 in the James 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.
- New Member/communicant class: Read Chapters 6-7 in the book Confessing Christ.
- After Church fellowship: Sunday, November 16, after the morning worship service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- Reformation Day Evening Service: Tonight at 6 pm. Dr T. David Gordon will be filling the pulpit. There will be refreshments to follow.
- Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 9, after the morning worship service.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

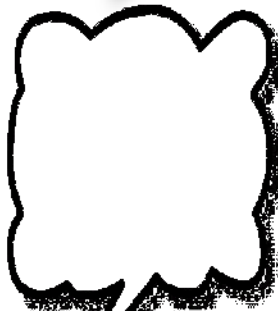
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



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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