



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, “I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you.”

– Genesis 26:24a

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 113:1-2

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD!

All: Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forevermore!

*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: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

St 1-4, Charles Wesley, 1744. St. 2-3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep-herd, Friend.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Apostle's Creed

All: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: *O Holy Father, often do we approach You with our mouths and with our lips when our hearts are not in worship. We offer to You that which costs us little. Though You are a great King, we often bring to You the leftovers of our time, energy, and worship. We have neglected Your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored Your law where it causes us to lose our ease. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father have mercy on us! Forgive us our debts! Cleanse us and give to us the mind and*

heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 57:15

Leader: Hear the good news! For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy *place*, With him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 65:1-5

TUNE: WEBB 76.76.D

'Stand Up, Stand Up for Jeuss'

Praise waits for Thee in Zion! To Thee vows paid shall be.
O God, of prayer the hearer, All flesh shall come to Thee.
Iniquities are daily Prevailing over me,
But all of our transgressions Are covered o'er by Thee.

How blessed the man Thou choosest And bringest near to Thee,
That in Thy courts forever His dwelling place may be.
We shall within Thy temple Be wholly satisfied
And filled with all the goodness Thy sacred courts provide.

O God of our salvation, Thou in Thy righteousness
With awesome deeds and wonders Thine answer wilt express,
O Thou in Whom confiding All ends of earth agree,
And people who are sailing Upon the farthest sea

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."*

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

DALE & SUE JOHNSON

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 63:1-11

Leader: O God, You *are* my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.

All: *So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.*

Leader: Because Your lovingkindness *is* better than life, My lips shall praise You.

All: *Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.*

Leader: My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.

All: *When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches.*

Leader: Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

All: *My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.*

Leader: But those *who* seek my life, to destroy *it*, Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

All: *They shall fall by the sword; They shall be a portion for jackals.*

Leader: But the king shall rejoice in God; Everyone who swears by Him shall glory; But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:28-53

Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. ²⁹But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. ³⁰Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. ³²And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" ³³So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread. ³⁶Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." ³⁷But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. ³⁸And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹"Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have." ⁴⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" ⁴²So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³And He took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you

while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” ⁴⁵And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. ⁴⁶Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷” and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸” And you are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹” Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” ⁵⁰And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:26-43

And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. ²⁸So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. ²⁹And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. ³⁰When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus. ³¹Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied. ³²Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. ³³There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. ³⁴And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.” Then he arose immediately. ³⁵So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. ³⁶At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. ³⁷But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. ³⁹Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴²And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. ⁴³So it was that he stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner.

The fool in heart is saying, "There surely is no God."
 Corrupt and vile their deeds are; Not one of them does good.
 The LORD looks down from heaven On sons of men abroad
 To see which one has wisdom, If any seeks for God.

All far astray have wandered; They all to vileness run.
 Not one of them is righteous, No, not a single one.
 Have they of truth no knowledge, These evilworkers all,
 Who eat like bread my people And on GOD do not call?

There shall they be in terror For God is with the just;
 You would confound one struggling; Jehovah is his trust.
 Salvation out of Zion Who will to Isr'el bring?
 The LORD brings back His captives. Joy, Jacob! Isr'el, sing!

SERMON

Genesis 26:18-33

"Heading Back"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 18 And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them.
- 19 Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there.
- 20 But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water *is* ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they quarreled with him.
- 21 Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that *one* also. So he called its name Sitnah.
- 22 And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, because he said, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."
- 23 Then he went up from there to Beersheba.
- 24 And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I *am* the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I *am* with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake."
- 25 So he built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD, and he pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.
- 26 Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath, one of his friends, and Phichol the commander of his army.
- 27 And Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you?"
- 28 But they said, "We have certainly seen that the LORD is with you. So we said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a covenant with you,

- 29 'that you will do us no harm, since we have not touched you, and since we have done nothing to you but good and have sent you away in peace. You *are* now the blessed of the LORD.' "
- 30 So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank.
- 31 Then they arose early in the morning and swore an oath with one another; and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.
- 32 It came to pass the same day that Isaac's servants came and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water."
- 33 So he called it Shebah. Therefore the name of the city *is* Beersheba to this day.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Hymn of Preparation**

TUNE: FOUNTAIN 5.6.8.6.6.6.8.6.

"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

William Cowper, 1771

1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins;
 2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;
 3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply,
 4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
 5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains:
 and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way:
 • re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
 when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave:
 till all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more:

lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;
 washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;
 • and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
 lies si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the grave;
 be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.
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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**

TUNE: SURRENDER 8.7.8.7. ref.

"All to Jesus I Surrender"

Judson W. VanDeVenter, 1896.

C F C G⁷ Em G⁷ C F C G⁷ Em C

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;
2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow,
3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

F C G⁷ Em G⁷ C F C G⁷ Em C

may I ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence dai - ly live,
world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en, take me, Je - sus, take me now,
may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy pow'r di - vine.
fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless - ing fall on me.

REFRAIN

C F C G G G⁷ C

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all.



BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Announcements

- Prayer meeting: Wednesday Evenings at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom. All are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Miller if you would like to attend and are not already on the email list.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, January 7, at 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Let's Study Philippians" Wrap-up.
- Sunday School Starts at 10 a.m. We have a class for Pre-K to 1st Grade, 2nd to 4th grade, 5th to 8th grade, and an adult class. The Adults are studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Sunday School will resume next week. **Please note there will be no Sunday School on December 25 and January 1.**
- We will be having a fall cleanup at the church on Saturday, December 10, starting at 9 a.m. All are welcome and encouraged to help!
- Our Christmas Eve Service of Scriptures and Carols will be on Saturday Dec 24, at 6:30 p.m.

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!

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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