



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“But the children struggled together
within her...”*

– Genesis 25:22a

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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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 Neander, 1680

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano, Alto, and Bass. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line.

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.

CONFESSON 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.

CONFESSON OF SIN

Psalm 51:1-9

All: *"Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight -- That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived*

me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 53:5-6

Leader: Hear the good news! "But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 3, next pg.

TUNE: NEW BRITAN CM

"Amazing Grace"

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 46:1-11

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Leader: *Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah*

All: There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

Leader: God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.

All: The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

1. O LORD, how are my foes in-creased; A- gainst me
 2. You are my shield and glo-ry, LORD; You lift-ed
 3. I lay down, slept, and awoke a gain; The LORD is
 4. A rise, O LORD; Save me, my God; You pu-nish
 5. De-li-ver-ance is from the LORD, Sal-va-tion

6
 ma-ny rise, How ma-ny say, "In vain for
 up my head. I cried out, "LORD;" and from His
 keep-ing me. I will not fear ten thou-sand
 all my foes. You O smite the face of wick-ed
 His a-lone! let Your bles-sing ev-er

12
 help He on his God re- lies"
 hill To me His an- swer- sped.
 men En- trench- ed sur- round- ing me.
 men, their teeth break with your blows.
 more Be on Your peo- ple shown;

Leader: The LORD of hosts *is* with us; The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah

All: *Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has made desolations in the earth.*

Leader: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.

All: *Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!*

Leader: The LORD of hosts *is* with us; The God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:26-43

Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus. ²⁷And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. ²⁸But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹"For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!' ³⁰"Then they will begin 'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" ' ³¹"For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?" ³²There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. ³³And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. ³⁵And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." ³⁶The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." ³⁸And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." ⁴⁰But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹"And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." ⁴³And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 8:1-25

Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ²And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him. ³As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing *them* to prison. ⁴Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. ⁵Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. ⁶And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. ⁷For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸And there was great joy in that city. ⁹But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, ¹⁰to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God." ¹¹And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. ¹²But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. ¹³Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done. ¹⁴Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent

Peter and John to them, ¹⁵who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, ¹⁹saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." ²⁰But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! ²¹"You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. ²²"Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³"For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity." ²⁴Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me." ²⁵So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: DUNDEE CM

"Psalm 121"

Based on the Scottish Psalter, 1615

The image shows a musical score for two stanzas of a psalm. The first stanza is on a single system with a treble and bass staff. The second stanza is on a separate system, also with a treble and bass staff. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the notes.

I to the hills will lift my eyes. From whence shall come my aid?
 My safe - ty com-eth from the LORD Who heav'n and earth has made.

Thy foot He'll not let slide, nor will He slumber that thee keeps.
 Lo, He that keepeth Is-ra-el, He slumbers not nor sleeps.

The LORD thee keeps; the LORD thy shade On thy right hand doth stay;
 The moon by night thee shall not smite, Nor yet the sun by day.

The LORD shall keep thee from all ill; He shall preserve thy soul.
 The LORD as thou shalt go and come Forever keeps thee whole.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn of Preparation*

"Nothing But the Blood"

TUNE: PLAINFIELD 7.8.7.8.ref.

Robert Lowry, 1876

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand. Chord symbols G, D, G, D7, and G are placed above the first system. The lyrics are arranged in five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 1. What can wash a - way my sin? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus; 2. For my cleans - ing this I see— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus; 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus; 4. This is all my hope and peace— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus; 5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus; what can make me whole a - gain? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus. for my par - don this my plea— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus. • naught of good that I have done— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus. this is all my righ - teous - ness— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus. now by this I'll reach my home— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus. O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

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: LEOMINSTER S.M.D.

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

Horatius Bonar, 1861, alt.

1. Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y soul;
2. Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
3. Thy grace a - lone, O God, to me can par - don speak;
4. I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine;
5. I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;

not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.
thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in.
• thy pow'r a - lone, O Son of God, can this sore bond - age break.
and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart, I call this Sav - ior mine.
he calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.

Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,
• No oth - er work, save thine, no oth - er blood will do;
His cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in his tomb
'Tis he who sav - eth me, and free - ly par - don gives;

not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 can rid me of this dark un - rest, and set my spir - it free.
 • no strength, save that which is di - vine, can bear me safe - ly through.
 each thought of un - be - lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
 I love be - cause he lov - eth me, I live be - cause he lives.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Spencer E. and Carmen Family
- Pray for our country's leaders, our covenant children, our Elders and Deacons, our Sunday School Teachers and Students, for outreach and evangelism, and for the ongoing church plant in Cranberry Township, PA.

Announcements

- Prayer meeting: Wednesday Evenings at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom.
- Sunday School Starts at 10 a.m.
- Please mark your calendars for our annual congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, November 13, following the morning worship service.

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 Apos 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).