



WEST ERIE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people.”*

*– Genesis 25:8*

WORSHIP LEADERS:

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 139:14*

Leader: I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

All: *Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.*

## *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.”

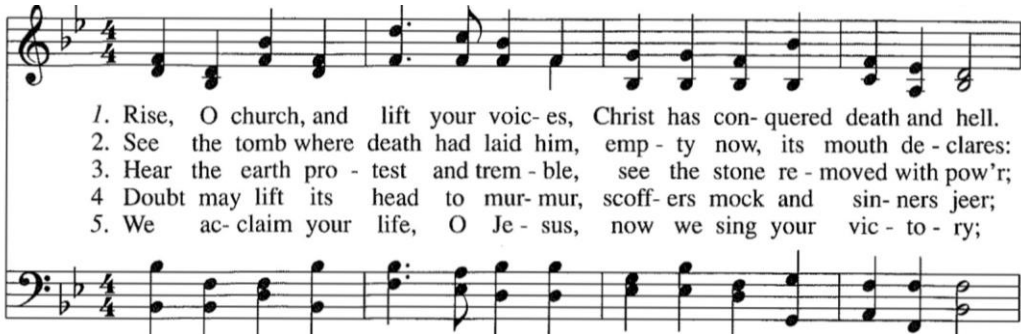
## PRAYER OF INVOCATION\*

## *Hymn of Praise\**

TUNE: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.

## *“Worship Christ, The Risen King”*

Jack W. Hayford, 1986



1. Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.  
2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:  
3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;  
4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;  
5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

Sing as all the earth re-joice; res-ur-rec-tion an-thems swell.  
 "Death and I could not con-tain him, for the throne of life he shares."  
 • all hell's min-ions may as-sem-ble, but can-not with-stand his hour.  
 but the truth pro-claims a won-der thought-ful hearts re-ceive with cheer.  
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your con-quest keeps us free.

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the ris-en King!  
 Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the ris-en King!  
 • He has con-quered, he has con-quered, Christ the Lord, the ris-en King!  
 He is ris-en, he is ris-en, now re-ceive the ris-en King!  
 Stand in tri-umph, stand in tri-umph, wor-ship Christ, the ris-en King!

### 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

*Psalm 5:1-5, 7*

**All:** *"Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. For You*

*are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:8-9

Leader: Hear the good news! "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### Psalm 23

TUNE: CRIMOND CM

'The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want'

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he  
 2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and  
 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet  
 4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - ni - shèd in  
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

4  
 makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he  
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of  
 will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,  
 pre - sence of my foes; my head thou dost with  
 sure - ly fol - low me; and in God's house for -

lea - deth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 e - ver - more my dwel - ling place shall be.

### 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

*THE PARKIN FAMILY*

### RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

*Psalms 16:1-11*

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

*All: O my soul, you have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You."*

Leader: As for the saints who *are* on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."

*All: Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips.*

Leader: O LORD, *You are* the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.

*All: The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.*

Leader: I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

*All: I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.*

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.

**All:** *For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*

Leader: You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

## GOSPEL READING

*Luke 23:1-25*

Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." <sup>3</sup>Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered him and said, "It is as you say." <sup>4</sup>So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man." <sup>5</sup>But they were the more fierce, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place." <sup>6</sup>When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. <sup>7</sup>And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup>Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him. <sup>9</sup>Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing. <sup>10</sup>And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. <sup>11</sup>Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, <sup>14</sup>said to them, "You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; <sup>15</sup>no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him. <sup>16</sup>"I will therefore chastise Him and release Him" <sup>17</sup>(for it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast). <sup>18</sup>And they all cried out at once, saying, "Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas" -- <sup>19</sup>who had been thrown into prison for a certain rebellion made in the city, and for murder. <sup>20</sup>Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. <sup>21</sup>But they shouted, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" <sup>22</sup>Then he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go." <sup>23</sup>But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. <sup>25</sup>And he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Acts 7:44-60*

“Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Moses to make it according to the pattern that he had seen, <sup>45</sup>”which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Joshua into the land possessed by the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of David, <sup>46</sup>”who found favor before God and asked to find a dwelling for the God of Jacob. <sup>47</sup>”But Solomon built Him a house. <sup>48</sup>”However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says: <sup>49</sup> ‘Heaven *is* My throne, And earth *is* My footstool. What house will you build for Me? says the LORD, Or what *is* the place of My rest? <sup>50</sup>Has My hand not made all these things?’ <sup>51</sup>”*You* stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so *do* you. <sup>52</sup>”Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, <sup>53</sup>”who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept *it*.” <sup>54</sup>When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth. <sup>55</sup>But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, <sup>56</sup>and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; <sup>58</sup>and they cast *him* out of the city and stoned *him*. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

## Psalm of Preparation\*

TUNE: ST. FLAVIAN CM

## “Psalm 62:1-7”

“In Sweet Communion, Lord”

1. My soul in si - lence waits for God; He's my sal - va - tion proved.  
 2. How long will ye a man a - ssail And seek to make him fall  
 3. *They plot to bring his glo - ry down; In lies they take de - light;*  
 4. My soul, in si - lence wait for God, For He my hope has proved.  
 5. In God a - lone my glo - ry is And my sal - va - tion sure;

He is my strong - hold and my rock; I'll not be great - ly moved.  
 As though he were a tott - 'ring fence Or like a lean - ing wall?  
*And while they bless him with their mouth, They curse with in - ward spite.*  
 He's my sal - va - tion, strong - hold, rock, And I shall not be moved.  
 My rock of strength is found in God, My ref - uge most se - cure.

## SERMON

*Genesis 25:1-18*

*"The Death of Abraham"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 1 Abraham again took a wife, and her name *was* Keturah.
- 2 And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.
- 3 Jokshan begot Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim.
- 4 And the sons of Midian *were* Ephah, Ephher, Hanoch, Abidah, and Eldaah. All these *were* the children of Keturah.
- 5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.
- 6 But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.
- 7 This *is* the sum of the years of Abraham's life which he lived: one hundred and seventy-five years.
- 8 Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full *of years*, and was gathered to his people.
- 9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, the field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth. There Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife.
- 11 And it came to pass, after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac dwelt at Beer Lahai Roi.
- 12 Now this *is* the genealogy of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maidservant, bore to Abraham.
- 13 And these *were* the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,
- 14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa,
- 15 Hadar, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.
- 16 These *were* the sons of Ishmael and these *were* their names, by their towns and their settlements, twelve princes according to their nations.
- 17 These *were* the years of the life of Ishmael: one hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.
- 18 (They dwelt from Havilah as far as Shur, which *is* east of Egypt as you go toward Assyria.) He died in the presence of all his brethren.

### Sermon Notes:

- Point 1



- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response\* next pg.*

TUNE: FAITHFULLNESS 11.10.11.10.ref.

*“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

### BENEDICTION\*

\* --Please stand if able

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### Prayer requests

- This week’s WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi Family
- Pray for our country’s leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray our Sunday School Teachers and Students
- Pray for outreach and evangelism
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.

## 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, November 5, 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Let's Study Philippians" Chapter 24-25
- Sunday School Starts at 10 a.m. We have a class for Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and an adult class. The Adults will be studying Assurance of Faith using a Ligonier DVD.
- Please mark your calendars for our annual congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, November 13, following the morning worship service.

1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the  
2. Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing he passed, and we  
3. His Word shall not fail you—he prom - ised; be - lieve him and

Am C7 F Bb F  
dark - ness you see? There's light for a look at the  
fol - low him there; o - ver us sin no more hath do -  
all will be well: then go to a world that is

G7 C F G7 B7 C G7 C  
Sav - ior, and life more a - bun - dant and free!  
min - ion— for more than con - qu'rors we are!  
dy - ing, his per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

REFRAIN

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in his

won - der - ful face; and the things of earth will grow

strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

# 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](http://www.pcanet.org)).

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