



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“Now the sons of Jacob were twelve...”

– Genesis 35:22b

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 66:1-3a

Leader: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

All: *Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.*

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are Your works!

*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*

*Psalm of Praise**

TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.

"Psalm 100"

William Kethe, 1561

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system includes four vocal parts and their lyrics. The second system includes four vocal parts and their lyrics. The lyrics are: 1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing 2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with - 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - 4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

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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

Psalms 25:4-7, 11

All: *"Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD. For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my iniquity, for it is great." 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. ⁹If 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 3

TUNE: NEW BRITAIN CM

“Amazing Grace”

O LORD, how are my foes increased! Against me many rise.
How many say, “In vain for help He on his God relies!”

You are my shield and glory, LORD; You lifted up my head.
I cried out, “LORD!” and from His hill To me His answer sped.

I lay down, slept, and woke again The LORD is keeping me.
I will not fear ten thousand men Entrenched surrounding me.

Arise, O LORD! Save me, my God! You punish all my foes.
You smite the face of wicked men, Their teeth break with your blows.

Deliverance is from the LORD, Salvation His alone!
O let Your blessing evermore Be on Your people shown!

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 34:15-22

Leader: The eyes of the LORD *are* on the righteous, And His ears *are open* to their cry.

All: The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

Leader: *The righteous* cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles.

All: The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

Leader: Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

All: He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.

Leader: Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.

All: The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:18-38

While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live." ¹⁹So Jesus arose and followed him, and so *did* His disciples. ²⁰And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. ²¹For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." ²²But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour. ²³When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, ²⁴He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. ²⁵But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶And the report of this went out into all that land. ²⁷When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" ²⁸And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." ²⁹Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." ³⁰And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See *that* no one knows *it*." ³¹But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. ³²As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. ³³And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" ³⁴But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." ³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. ³⁶But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few." ³⁸Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17:16-34

Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. ¹⁷Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the *Gentile* worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine *is* of which you speak? ²⁰"For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean." ²¹For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing. ²²Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³"for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this

inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴“God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵“Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶“And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷“so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸“for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ ²⁹“Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising. ³⁰“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹“because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” ³²And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this matter.” ³³So Paul departed from among them. ³⁴However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: JOANNA 11.11.11.11.

“Thou Troubles Assail Us”

John Newton, 1779

1. Though trou - bles as - sail us and dan - gers af - fright,
 2. The birds, with - out gar - ner or store - house, are fed;
 3. When Sa - tan as - sails us to stop up our path,
 4. No strength of our own and no good - ness we claim;

though friends should all fail us and foes all u - nite,
 from them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
 and cour - age all fails us, we tri - umph by faith.
 yet, since we have known of the Sav - ior's great name,

C Am D Em G D⁷ G

yet one thing se - cures us, what - ev - er be - tide,
 His saints what is fit - ting shall ne'er be de - nied
 He can - not take from us, though oft he has tried,
 in this our strong tow - er for safe - ty we hide:

the prom - ise as - sures us, "The Lord will pro - vide."
 so long as 'tis writ - ten, "The Lord will pro - vide."
 this heart - cheer - ing prom - ise, "The Lord will pro - vide."
 the Lord is our pow - er, "The Lord will pro - vide."

Chords: C, Am, D, Em, G, D7, G 7

SERMON

Genesis 35:16- 29

"Hard Things and Hope"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 16 Then they journeyed from Bethel. And when there was but a little distance to go to Ephrath, Rachel labored *in childbirth*, and she had hard labor.
- 17 Now it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, "Do not fear; you will have this son also."
- 18 And so it was, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name Ben-Oni; but his father called him Benjamin.
- 19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that *is*, Bethlehem).
- 20 And Jacob set a pillar on her grave, which *is* the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day.
- 21 Then Israel journeyed and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder.
- 22 And it happened, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard *about it*. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:
- 23 the sons of Leah *were* Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun;
- 24 the sons of Rachel *were* Joseph and Benjamin;
- 25 the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's maidservant, *were* Dan and Naphtali;
- 26 and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's maidservant, *were* Gad and Asher. These *were* the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Padan Aram.

- 27 Then Jacob came to his father Isaac at Mamre, or Kirjath Arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had dwelt.
- 28 Now the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty years.
- 29 So Isaac breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people, *being* old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Hymn of Preparation**

TUNE: JESUS MEINE ZUVERSICHT 7.8.7.8.7.7.

"Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"

Greek Hymn. Tr. by John Brownlie, 1907

1. Let thy blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
2. Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
3. By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear wound
4. Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

bod - y bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give,
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

REFRAIN

of thy bound - less love the to - ken.
 Je - sus by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match - less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

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: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9.ref.

"It is Well with My Soul"

Horatio G. Spafford, 1973

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
 4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

“It is well, it is well with my soul.”
 and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 “E - ven so”— it is well with my soul.

REFRAIN

with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
 with my soul;

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Spenser E and Carmen 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
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.
- Pray for our Church remodel/expansion planning

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, May 6, at 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM. Please read chapter 3 in the 1st Samuel study book.
- 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 a Ligonier DVD on the New Testament Canon.
- **Pease note there will be no Sunday School on Sunday, April 9.**
- Good Friday Service: Friday, April 7 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!

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 are Community Oriented.***
- ***We are Confessional.***

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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