



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.”

– 1 Timothy 1:15

WORSHIP LEADERS:

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 95:1-3

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Leader: For the LORD is the great God, And the great King above all gods.

*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: RIPLEY 8.7.8.7.D

“Psalm 146”

The Psalter, 1912.

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;
2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo-ri-ous prais-es of my God through all my days.
 he is blessed whose hope of bless-ing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 rais-es those bowed down with an-guish, makes the sight-less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo-ri-ous prais-es of my God through all my days.

Put no con-fi-dence in princ-es, nor for help on man de-pend;
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre-at-ed, seas and all that they con-tain;
 Well Je-ho-vah loves the righ-teous, and the strang-er he be-friends,
 O-ver all God reigns for-ev-er, through all a-ges he is King;

he shall die, to dust re-turn-ing, and his pur-pos-es shall end.
 he de-liv-ers from op-pres-sion, righ-teous-ness he will main-tain.
 helps the fa-ther-less and wid-ow, judg-ment on the wick-ed sends.
 un-to him, your God, O Zi-on, joy-ful hal-le-lu-jahs sing.

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 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

Psalm 32:3-5

Leader: Hear the good news! When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. ⁴For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. ⁵I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 90:1-9

TUNE: ST. CATHERINE 88.88.88

'Faith of Our Fathers'

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place Through all the ages of our race.
Before the mountains had their birth, Or ever Thou hadst formed the earth,
From years which no beginning had To years unending, Thou art God.

Thou turnest man to dust again, And say'st, "Return, ye sons of men. "
As yesterday when past appears, So are to Thee a thousand years;
They like a day are in Thy sight, Yes, like a passing watch by night.

Thou with a flood hast swept men on; They like a sleep are quickly gone.
They are like grass which grows each morn; Its blades of green the fields adorn.
At morn its sprouts and blossoms rise; At eve, cut down, it withered lies.

For by Thine anger we're consumed, And by Thy wrath to terror doomed.
Our sins Thou in Thy sight dost place, Our secret faults before Thy face;
So in Thy wrath our days we end, And like a sigh our years we spend.

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 51:1-13

Leader: Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

All: *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.*

Leader: For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.

All: *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.*

Leader: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

All: *Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.*

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

All: *Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice.*

Leader: Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.

All: *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

Leader: Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

All: *Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.*

Leader: *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53:1-12

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. ³He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But 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. ⁷He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened

not His mouth. ⁸He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. ⁹And they made His grave with the wicked -- But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. ¹⁰Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:17-32

Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. ¹⁸Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. ¹⁹And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²²But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? ²³"Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'? ²⁴"But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" -- He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." ²⁵Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. ²⁶And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!" ²⁷After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." ²⁸So he left all, rose up, and followed Him. ²⁹Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. ³⁰And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³²"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

*Hymn of Preparation**

TUNE: ST. ANNE C.M.

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Isaac Watts, 1719.

♯ C F C Am Dm G C ♯ Am Em Am D G

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

C F Dm G C F E ♯ C F C Dm G C ♯

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

SERMON

Romans 3:23

“Knowing the Gospel for 2023”

Pastor Marc Miller

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

1 Timothy 1:15

¹⁵ This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1
- Point 2
- Point 3

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Hymn of Preparation**

Vicki Cook and Charlie L. Bancroft Worship

"Before the Throne of God Above"

1997

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea.
 A great high Priest whose Name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me.
 My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.
 I know that while in Heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within,
 Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin.
 Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free.
 For God the just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, My perfect spotless righteousness,
 The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace,
 One in Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood,
 My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God!

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* next pg.

TUNE: JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7. ref.

"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

Anna B, Warner, 1859

C G C F F/C C

1. Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2. Je - sus loves me, he who died, heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3. Je - sus loves me, loves me still, though I'm ver - y weak and ill;
 4. Je - sus loves me, he will stay close be - side me all the way;

G C F C C/G G⁷ C

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 from his shin - ing throne on high comes to watch me where I lie.
 if I love him, when I die he will take me home on high.

REFRAIN F C G

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

C F C/G G⁷ C 7

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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
- 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, 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. **Sunday School will resume next week.**
- Please mark your calendars for a family movie night to be held at church on Friday, January 27, at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

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

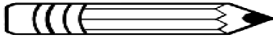
proclaiming church?

- 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.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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.

Date: _____



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: _____

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:



Favorite song today 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 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).

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