



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“Then God said to Jacob, “Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there; and make an altar there to God“

– Genesis 35:1a

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 67:1-2

Leader: God be merciful to us and bless us, *And* cause His face to shine upon us. Selah

All: That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

*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: HENDON 77.77

“Psalm 113”

“Take My Life and Let Be”

Praise Jehovah; praise the LORD; Ye His servants, praise accord;
Bless-ed be Jehovah’s name; Evermore His praise proclaim.
Evermore His Praise proclaim.

From the dawn to setting sun, Praise the LORD, the Mighty One.
O’er all nations He is high; Yea, His glory crowns the sky.
Yea, His glory crowns the sky.

Who is like the LORD our God? High in heav’n is His abode,
Who Himself doth humble low Things in heav’n and earth to know.
Things in heav’n and earth to know.

He the lowly makes to rise From the dust in which he lies,
That exalted he may stand With the princes of the land.
With the princes of the Land.

He the childless woman takes And a joyful mother makes;
Keeping house she finds reward. Praise Jehovah; praise the LORD.
Praise Jehovah; praise the LORD.

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 86:8-6, 11-13

All: *"Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me. Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works. Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore. For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:8-9

Leader: Hear the good news! "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 42:1-5

TUNE: ST. AGNES CM

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

As in its thirst a fainting heart To water brooks doth flee,
So pants my longing soul, O God, That I may come to Thee.

My soul for God, the living God, Is thirsting; shall I near
Before the face of God approach And in His sight appear?

My tears have unto me been food Both in the night and day,
While unto me continu'ly, "Where is your God?" they say.

Poured out within me is my soul When this I think upon:
How often with the eager throng I rev'rently had gone,
How to the house of God I went With voice of joy and praise,
Yea, with the multitude that kept The solemn holy days.
O why, my soul, art thou bowed down? Why so discouraged be?
Hope now in God! I'll praise Him still! My help, my God is He!

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 87:1-7

Leader: His foundation *is* in the holy mountains.

All: *The LORD loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob.*

Leader: Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! Selah

All: *"I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me; Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: 'This one was born there.' "*

Leader: And of Zion it will be said, "This *one* and that *one* were born in her; And the Most High Himself shall establish her."

All: *The LORD will record, When He registers the peoples: "This one was born there." Selah*

Leader: Both the singers and the players on instruments *say*, "All my springs *are* in you."

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:1-17

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. ²Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." ³And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" ⁴But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk?' ⁶"But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" -- then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." ⁷And he

arose and departed to his house. ⁸Now when the multitudes saw *it*, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men. ⁹As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. ¹⁰Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³"But go and learn what *this* means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." ¹⁴Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁵And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. ¹⁶"No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. ¹⁷"Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17:1-15

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying*, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ." ⁴And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas. ⁵But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. ⁶But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. ⁷"Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king -- Jesus." ⁸And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things. ⁹So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. ¹⁰Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. ¹¹These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so. ¹²Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men. ¹³But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came there also and stirred up the crowds. ¹⁴Then immediately the brethren sent Paul away, to go to the sea; but both Silas and Timothy remained there. ¹⁵So those who conducted Paul brought him to Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.rep.

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

William Williams, 1745

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

SERMON

Genesis 35:1-15

"Jacob at Bethel-Part 2"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 Then God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there; and make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother."
- 2 And Jacob said to his household and to all who *were* with him, "Put away the foreign gods that *are* among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments.
- 3 "Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me in the way which I have gone."
- 4 So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods which *were* in their hands, and the earrings which *were* in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree which *was* by Shechem.
- 5 And they journeyed, and the terror of God was upon the cities that *were* all around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.
- 6 So Jacob came to Luz (that *is*, Bethel), which *is* in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who *were* with him.
- 7 And he built an altar there and called the place El Bethel, because there God appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother.
- 8 Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the terebinth tree. So the name of it was called Allon Bachuth.
- 9 Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and blessed him.
- 10 And God said to him, "Your name *is* Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your name." So He called his name Israel.
- 11 Also God said to him: "I *am* God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body.
- 12 "The land which I gave Abraham and Isaac I give to you; and to your descendants after you I give this land."
- 13 Then God went up from him in the place where He talked with him.
- 14 So Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it.
- 15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: NETTELTON 8.7.8.7.D

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Robert Robinson, 1758.

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is written in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett 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

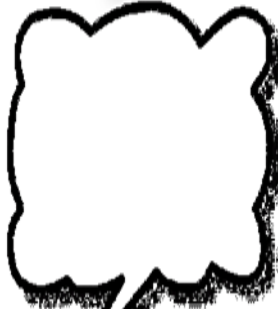
- Prayer meeting: Wednesday Evenings at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom. All are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Miller if you would like to attend and are not already on the email list.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, April 1, at 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM. Please read chapter 2 in the 1st Samuel study book.
- 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.
- Good Friday Service: Friday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m.
- We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next week. Please take some time this week through prayer and the reading of Scripture to prepare your hearts to come to the Lord's table.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

Date: _____



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.



Words you heard but don't know...

What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Verse: _____

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:

How does today's message apply to your life?



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 Apostles 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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