



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“Now it came to pass after these things
that God tested Abraham, and said to him,
‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’”*

– Genesis 22:1

WORSHIP LEADERS:

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 134:1-3

Leader: Behold, bless the LORD, All *you* servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

All: *Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And bless the LORD.*

Leader: The LORD who made heaven and earth Bless you from Zion!

*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: JOANNA 11.11.11.11.

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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 106:3-6

All: *"Blessed are those who keep justice, and he who does righteousness at all times! Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people; Oh, visit me with Your salvation, that I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance. We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly." 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 121

TUNE: DUNDEE CM

Based on Scottish Psalter, 1615

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

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 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 22:1-23

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover. ²And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people. ³Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. ⁴So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. ⁵And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude. ⁷Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. ⁸And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." ⁹So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?" ¹⁰And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. ¹¹"Then you shall say to the master of the house, "The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" ' ¹²"Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready." ¹³So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. ¹⁵Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶' for I say to

you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”¹⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”²⁰ Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. ²¹But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. ²²And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!”²³ Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 6:1-15

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. ²Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. ³Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; ⁴but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, ⁶whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. ⁷Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. ¹⁰And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. ¹¹Then they secretly induced men to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” ¹²And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council. ¹³They also set up false witnesses who said, “This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law; ¹⁴for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us.” ¹⁵And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel.

Psalm of Preparation next pg.*

TUNE: TERRA BEATA SMD

“Psalm 11”

“This is My Father’s World”

SERMON

Genesis 22:1-24

“Put to the Test”

Pastor Marc Miller

1. My trust is in the LORD; How can you say to me, "Now
 2. "Foundations are destroyed! What can the righteous try?" The
 3. Up on all wicked men He'll rain entangling snares. Brim -

5
 like a bird from peril haste And to your mountain flee!
 LORD is in His holy place; The LORD'S throne is on high.
 stone and fire and burning wind He for their cup prepares.

9
 The wicked bend the bow With arrow fixed for flight, And
 His eyes will surely see, His eye-lids try men's sons. The
 For righteous is the LORD, And He loves righteousness; And

14
 steal - thily in dark - ness go The true in heart to smite.
 LORD tries just and wicked men; His soul hates cruel ones.
 ev - ery one who up - right is Will see His gracious face.

- 1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."
- 2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me."

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him was* a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said *to this day*, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided."

15 Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only *son* --

17 "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

20 Now it came to pass after these things that it was told Abraham, saying, "Indeed Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor:

21 "Huz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram,

22 "Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel."

23 And Bethuel begot Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

²⁴ His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also bore Tebah, Gaham, Thahash, and Maachah.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

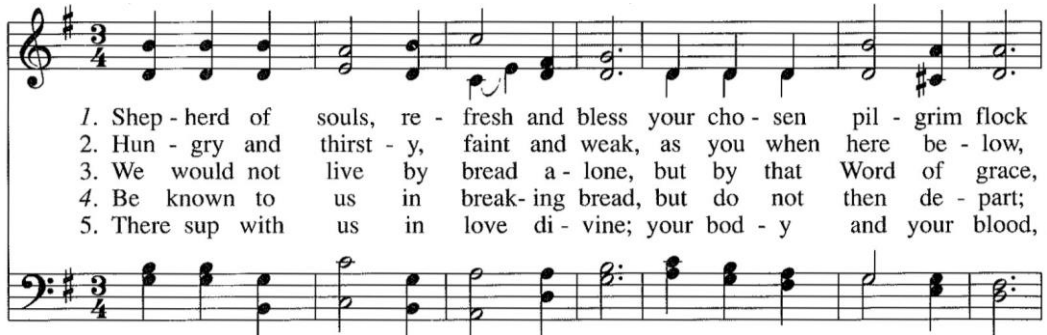
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Hymn of Preparation**

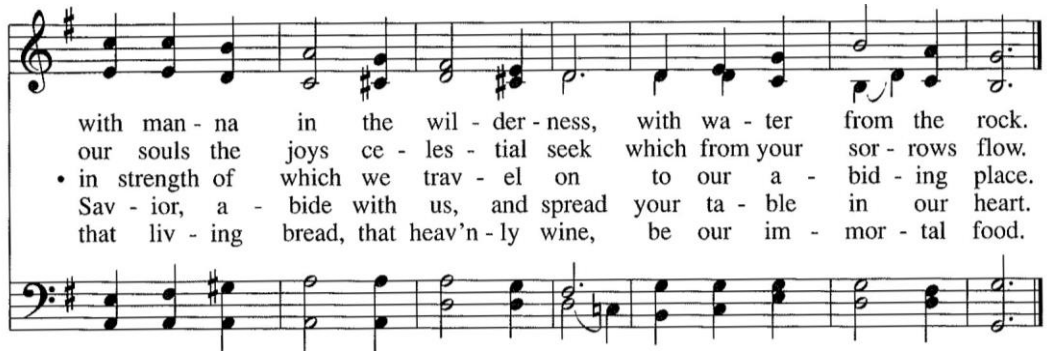
TUNE: ST. AGNES C.M.

"Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

St. 1-3 anon, St. 4-5, James Montgomery, 1824.



1. Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless your cho - sen pil - grim flock
2. Hun - gry and thirst - y, faint and weak, as you when here be - low,
3. We would not live by bread a - lone, but by that Word of grace,
4. Be known to us in break - ing bread, but do not then de - part;
5. There sup with us in love di - vine; your bod - y and your blood,



with man - na in the wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
our souls the joys ce - les - tial seek which from your sor - rows flow.
• in strength of which we trav - el on to our a - bid - ing place.
Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
that liv - ing bread, that heav'n - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.

"How Firm a Foundation "

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787.

1. How firm a founda - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

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faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

G D G C G D7 G 7

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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
- 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, November 5, 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Let's Study Philippians" Chapter 22-23
- 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 will be studying Assurance of Faith using a Ligonier DVD.
- We are in need of substitute teachers for Sunday School. If you have any interest in serving your church in this way please see Pastor Miller.

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.

Equip: Cultivating a Culture of Missions in Your Church | Oct 14, 15



OPPORTUNITY DETAILS

Friday, October 14, Saturday, October 15, 2022

Various Churches*

In-person

This seminar is designed for missions committees, pastors, and elders who lead their congregations in missions, and would like to educate in order to bring into new or deeper participation in the missions efforts of your local congregation. This conference will help you discern the next steps in creating a rich culture of missions at your church.

The conference will be led by MTW's Northeast Hub Director Rev. Greg Hills and include breakout sessions for practical application.

*This training will take place at one of the following locations. Please choose one that is most convenient for you:

1.) Chapel PCA (625 Barclay Hill Rd, Beaver, PA 15009): 10/14, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Tom Stein pastortomstein@gmail.com, Wendy Shidemantle wshide@geneva.edu

2.) Hillcrest PCA (5114 Perry Hwy, Volant, PA 16156): 10/15, 8:30–noon

Mark Miller mgmiller@zoominternet.net

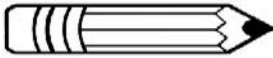
3.) West Erie PCA (621 W 2nd St, Erie, PA 16507): 10/15, 2:30–6 p.m.

Jonathan Moser jonvioling93@gmail.com

Let us know you are attending by emailing pastorscott@christpca.com or using the register button to email above.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

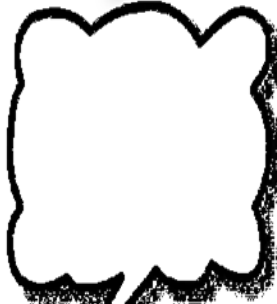
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Who is speaking?



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?



Favorite song today was:

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

Questions?

How does today's message apply to your life?

The most important thing you learned 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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