

WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb.”

– Genesis 30:22

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Malachi 1:11

Leader: For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name *shall be* great among the Gentiles; In every place incense *shall be* offered to My name, And a pure offering;

All: *For My name shall be great among the nations," Says the LORD of hosts.*

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: CONSTANCE 87.87.D

"Psalm 136:1-16"

"I've Found a Friend"

O thank the LORD, for good is He; His mercy lasts forever.
Thanks to the God of gods give ye; His mercy lasts forever.
O praises give the King of kings; His mercy lasts forever;
For He alone does wondrous things; His mercy lasts forever;
Who in His wisdom framed the skies; His mercy lasts forever;
Who made the earth from waters rise; His mercy lasts forever;
Who placed the great lights on display; His mercy lasts forever;
The sun to rule the sky by day; His mercy lasts forever;
The moon and stars to rule the night; His mercy lasts forever;
Who Egypt's firstborn all did smite; His mercy lasts forever;
Who freed all Isr'el from their charm; His mercy lasts forever;
With mighty hand and out- stretched arm; His mercy lasts forever;
Who by His wind the Red Sea clave; His mercy lasts forever;
Led Isr'el through the parted wave; His mercy lasts forever;
O'er Pharaoh He the Red Sea spread; His mercy lasts forever;
Through desert wastes His people led; His mercy lasts forever

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 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

Romans 5:1

Leader: Hear the good news! "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 141:1-5

TUNE: CAONOBURY LM

"Lord, Speak to Me That I may Speak"

O LORD, My God, to Thee I cry; Swift to my aid in mercy fly;
And when to Thee my cries ascend, In pity to my voice attend.

As fragrant incense on the air, So mount to heav'n my early prayer;
And let my hands uplifted be, As evening sacrifice to Thee.

Set, LORD, a watch my mouth before, And of my lips keep Thou the door;
Nor leave my sinful heart to stray Where evil footsteps lead the way.

Let me not of the feast partake Which wicked men delight to make;
Let righteous men in mercy smite, In their reproofs I'll take delight.

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 122:1-9

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."

All: *Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Jerusalem!*

Leader: Jerusalem is built As a city that is compact together,

All: *Where the tribes go up, The tribes of the LORD, To the Testimony of Israel, To give thanks to the name of the LORD.*

Leader: For thrones are set there for judgment, The thrones of the house of David.

All: *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.*

Leader: Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces."

All: *For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within you."*

Leader: Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:17-32

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. ¹⁸For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. ¹⁹Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. ²¹You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' ²²But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. ²³Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. ²⁶Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till

you have paid the last penny. ²⁷“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸“But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹“If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. ³⁰“And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. ³¹“Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²“But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 12:25-13:12

And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark. Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ²As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. ⁴So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant. ⁶Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, ⁷who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰and said, “O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? ¹¹“And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.” And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. ¹²Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

Hymn of Preparation next pg.*

TUNE: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.

“O Father, You Are Sovereign”

Margret Clarkson, 1982.

1. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made;
 2. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man;
 3. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain,
 4. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now,

your might - y word was spo - ken and light and life o - beyed.
 no pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan.
 trans - mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain.
 but soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow.

Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and bounds the o - cean's shore,
 All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space,
 All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con - qu'ror could,
 With this glad hope be - fore us our faith springs up a - new:

sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.
 you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.
 your love pur - sues its pur - pose—our souls' e - ter - nal good.
 our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

SERMON

Genesis 29:31-30:24

“Covenant Strong”

Pastor Marc Miller

- 31 When the LORD saw that Leah *was* unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel *was* barren.
- 32 So Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben; for she said, “The LORD has surely looked on my affliction. Now therefore, my husband will love me.”
- 33 Then she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Because the LORD has heard that I *am* unloved, He has therefore given me this *son* also.” And she called his name Simeon.
- 34 She conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.” Therefore his name was called Levi.
- 35 And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Now I will praise the LORD.” Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she stopped bearing.
- 1 Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said to Jacob, “Give me children, or else I die!”
- 2 And Jacob’s anger was aroused against Rachel, and he said, “*Am* I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?”
- 3 So she said, “Here is my maid Bilhah; go in to her, and she will bear a *child* on my knees, that I also may have children by her.”
- 4 Then she gave him Bilhah her maid as wife, and Jacob went in to her.
- 5 And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son.
- 6 Then Rachel said, “God has judged my case; and He has also heard my voice and given me a son.” Therefore she called his name Dan.
- 7 And Rachel’s maid Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son.
- 8 Then Rachel said, “With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, *and* indeed I have prevailed.” So she called his name Naphtali.
- 9 When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took Zilpah her maid and gave her to Jacob as wife.
- 10 And Leah’s maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son.
- 11 Then Leah said, “A troop comes!” So she called his name Gad.
- 12 And Leah’s maid Zilpah bore Jacob a second son.
- 13 Then Leah said, “I am happy, for the daughters will call me blessed.” So she called his name Asher.
- 14 Now Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, “Please give me *some* of your son’s mandrakes.”
- 15 But she said to her, “*Is it* a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son’s mandrakes also?” And Rachel said, “Therefore he will lie with you tonight for your son’s mandrakes.”
- 16 When Jacob came out of the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, “You must come in to me, for I have surely hired you with my son’s mandrakes.” And he lay with her that night.

- 17 And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.
18 Leah said, "God has given me my wages, because I have given my maid to my husband." So she called his name Issachar.
19 Then Leah conceived again and bore Jacob a sixth son.
20 And Leah said, "God has endowed me *with* a good endowment; now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name Zebulun.
21 Afterward she bore a daughter, and called her name Dinah.
22 Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb.
23 And she conceived and bore a son, and said, "God has taken away my reproach."
24 So she called his name Joseph, and said, "The LORD shall add to me another son."

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11.

"To God Be the Glory"

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt.

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: "Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!". Above the treble staff, there are chord symbols: D, G, C, G, D7, and G7. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams 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

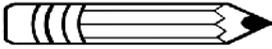
Announcements

- 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, February 4, at 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM. Please take a study book on 1st Samuel from the back of church if you plan to attend.
- 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.
- We will be having a fellowship luncheon following the morning worship service on Sunday, February 19. The church will be providing the main dish of ox roast. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church so we know how many will be attending. Please refrain, if possible, from using tree nuts or peanuts in your dish. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend! **There will be no Sunday School on February 19.**

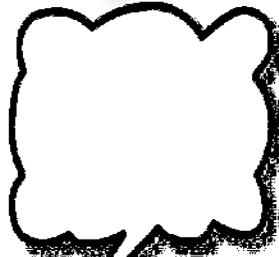
- The session is looking to form a Women’s Ministry Committee to focus on the areas of discipleship, fellowship, and service. We are seeking 3 or more female members to prayerfully consider serving the church in this way. If you are interested or have further questions, please talk to Pastor Miller.
- We will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper next week. Please take some time this week to prepare your hearts through prayer and the reading of Scripture.

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...

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Verse: _____

Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:

What are we learning about God from this passage?

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 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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