

WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land.” --
Genesis 12:10*

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 40:16

Leader: Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually,

All: *"The LORD be magnified!"*

*Gloria Patri**

GLORIA PATRI (MEINKE)

Irreg. Charles Meineke, 1844

"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 - rious 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 - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system contains four lines of lyrics with a treble and bass staff above. The second system contains three lines of lyrics with a treble and bass staff above. Chord markings G, D, Em7, A7, and D are placed above the treble staff of the second system.

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

From John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543

All: *O Lord our God, we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil. We are unable on our own to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and all our evil ways. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant to us your grace, that we*

might do your will. Accept us now through Jesus Christ. Remove our guilt and send to us your Holy Spirit. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Micah 7:18

Leader: Hear the good news! "Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights *in* mercy."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 91

TUNE: HYFRDOL 87.87.D

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners"

Who with God Most High finds shelter In th' Almighty's shadow hides.
To the LORD I'll say, "My Refuge!" In my God my trust abides.
From the fowler's snare He'll save you, From the deadly pestilence;
Cover you with outspread pinions, Make His wings your confidence.

God's own truth, your shield and buckler; You will fear no ill by night,
Nor the shafts in daylight flying, Nor disease that shuns the light,
Nor the plague that wastes at noonday. At your side ten thousand fall;
You will only see this judgment Which rewards the wicked all.

You have made the LORD your refuge, God Most High your dwelling-place;
Nothing evil shall befall you; In your tent no scourge you'll face.
He will angels charge to keep you, Guard you well in all your ways.
In their hands they will uphold you Lest your foot a stone should graze.

You shall trample serpents, lions, Tread on all your deadly foes.
For his love to Me I'll save him, Keep him, for My name he knows;
When he calls Me I will answer, Save and honor him will I.
I will show him my salvation, With long life will satisfy.

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 105:1-15

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

All: *Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!*

Leader: Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

All: *Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!*

Leader: Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

All: *O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!*

Leader: He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

All: *He remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,*

Leader: The covenant which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac,

All: *And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant,*

Leader: Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan As the allotment of your inheritance,"

All: *When they were few in number, Indeed very few, and strangers in it.*

Leader: When they went from one nation to another, From one kingdom to another people,

All: *He permitted no one to do them wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,*

Leader: Saying, "Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm."

GOSPEL READING

Luke 7:1-17

Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. ²And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. ³So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. ⁴And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, ⁵for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue. ⁶Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. ⁷"Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸"For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ⁹When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" ¹⁰And those

who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick. ¹¹Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. ¹²And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. ¹³When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. ¹⁶Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." ¹⁷And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 1:1-27

James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings. ²My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. ⁹Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, ¹⁰but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. ¹¹For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits. ¹²Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. ¹⁸Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. ¹⁹So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. ²⁶If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion

is useless. ²⁷Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: KRESMER 12.11.12.11.

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

Julia Cady Cory, 1902, Mod.

1. We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2. We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
 3. With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our tri - bute we bring.
 through life's storm and tem - pest our Guide you have been.
 to you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, es - cape you will make us,
 Your strong arm will guide us, our God is be - side us;

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise.

SERMON

Genesis 12:10-20

"Fear and Faith"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ¹⁰ Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land.
- ¹¹ And it came to pass, when he was close to entering Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance.
- ¹² "Therefore it will happen, when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.
- ¹³ "Please say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you."
- ¹⁴ So it was, when Abram came into Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the woman, that she was very beautiful.
- ¹⁵ The princes of Pharaoh also saw her and commended her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken to Pharaoh's house.
- ¹⁶ He treated Abram well for her sake. He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female servants, female donkeys, and camels.
- ¹⁷ But the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.
- ¹⁸ And Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?"
- ¹⁹ "Why did you say, 'She is my sister'? I might have taken her as my wife. Now therefore, here is your wife; take her and go your way."
- ²⁰ So Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they sent him away, with his wife and all that he had.

Sermon Notes

- Point 1

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TUNE: PROMISES 11.11.11.9.

“Standing on the Promises”

Text and Music by R. Kelso Carter

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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1. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King, Thro' e - ter - nal a - ges
2. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, When the howl - ing storms of
3. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal -
4. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall, Lis - t'ning ev - ery mo - ment



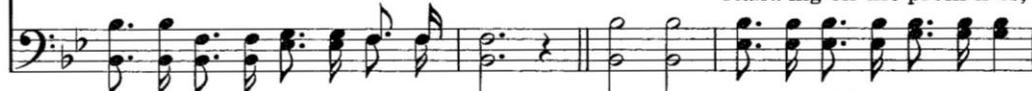
let His prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 ly by love's strong cord, O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 to the Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,



Refrain



Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es,



Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,



stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es,



Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Nagtergale Family
- Pray for country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray for our Sunday School teachers and students
- Pray for the peace and purity of our denomination.

Announcements

- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. If you need more information, please see Pastor Miller.
- The next men's Bible study will be on Saturday, February 5, at 8 a.m. We will be working through the book of Philippians using Sinclair Ferguson's "Let's Study Philippians" book. Please read chapters 11 and 12.
- Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. We offer 3 elementary aged classes and an adult class. The adults are studying "The Holiness of God" by R.C. Sproul.
- The next women's book study will be on Monday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. The book study is titled "In All Things" by Mellissa Kruger. It is a study on the book of Philippians. For more information, please see Mary Moser.
- We will be having a Family Movie night on Friday, February 4, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the church. We will be watching the Veggie Tales movie "The Pirates who Don't Do Anything". Drinks and snacks will be provided. All are encouraged to attend.
- 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.

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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