



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“Thus the man became
exceedingly prosperous, and had large
flocks, female and male servants,
and camels and donkeys.”
– Genesis 30:43*

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 24:1-2

Leader: The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.

All: For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters.

*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: NICEA 11.12.12.10

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the lyrics for the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the lyrics for the second part of the hymn. The third system contains the lyrics for the third part of the hymn. The score includes a treble clef and a bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has four lines of lyrics. The second system has three lines of lyrics. The third system has three lines of lyrics. The score includes a treble clef and a bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has four lines of lyrics. The second system has three lines of lyrics. The third system has three lines of lyrics. The score includes a treble clef and a bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has four lines of lyrics. The second system has three lines of lyrics. The third system has three lines of lyrics.

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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

Psalms 141:1-5

All: "LORD, I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You. Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips. Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work iniquity; and do not let me eat of their delicacies. Let the righteous strike

me; It shall be a kindness. And let him rebuke me; It shall be as excellent oil; let my head not refuse it. For still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ROMANS 8:1

Leader: Hear the good news! *"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."*

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 30

TUNE: ANGEL'S STORY 76.76.D

"O Jesus, I have promised"

O LORD, I will exalt You, For You have lifted me;
My foes You have allowed not To glory over me.
O LORD my God, I pleaded That You might heal and save;
LORD, You from death have ransomed And kept me from the grave.

His saints, O praise Jehovah And thank His holy name.
His anger lasts a moment, His grace a whole life time.
For sorrow, like a pilgrim, May tarry all the night,
But then a shout of joy comes When dawns the morning light.

In prosp'rous days I boasted, "Unmoved I shall remain."
O LORD, You by Your favor My mount in strength maintain;
For when Your face was hidden, I soon was troubled sore.
I'll cry to You, Jehovah; The LORD I will implore.

Is there in my blood profit When in the grave I dwell?
Will dust proclaim Your praises, Your truth and glory tell?
O hear me now, Jehovah! Be gracious unto me!
To You I cry, Jehovah! O now my helper be!

You now have turned my sorrow To dancing full of joy;
You loosened all my sackcloth And girded me with joy.
To You sing psalms, my glory, And never silent be!
O LORD my God, I'll thank You Through all eternity.

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 37:1-9

Leader: Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

All: *For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.*

Leader: Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

All: *Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.*

Leader: Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

All: *He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.*

Leader: Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

All: *Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret -- it only causes harm.*

Leader: For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:27-48

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.³³ Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.'³⁴ But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne;³⁵ nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.³⁶ Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black.³⁷ But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.³⁸ You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'³⁹ But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.⁴⁰ If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also.⁴¹ And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him

two. ⁴²"Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away. ⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵"that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶"For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷"And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? ⁴⁸"Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 13:13-41

Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem. ¹⁴But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down. ¹⁵And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men and brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on." ¹⁶Then Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen: ¹⁷"The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He brought them out of it. ¹⁸"Now for a time of about forty years He put up with their ways in the wilderness. ¹⁹"And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment. ²⁰"After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. ²¹"And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²²"And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.' ²³"From this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior -- Jesus -- ²⁴"after John had first preached, before His coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵"And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.' ²⁶"Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. ²⁷"For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him. ²⁸"And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. ²⁹"Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. ³⁰"But God raised Him from the dead. ³¹"He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. ³²"And we declare to you glad tidings -- that promise which was made to the fathers. ³³"God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.' ³⁴"And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: 'I will give you the sure mercies of David.' ³⁵"Therefore He also says in another

Psalm: 'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.' ³⁶"For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; ³⁷"but He whom God raised up saw no corruption. ³⁸"Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; ³⁹"and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. ⁴⁰"Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you: ⁴¹"Behold, you despisers, Marvel and perish! For I work a work in your days, A work which you will by no means believe, Though one were to declare it to you.' "

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: NETTLETON 87.87.D.

"Psalm 128"

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Blessed the man that fears Jehovah And that walketh in His ways;
Thou shalt eat of thy hands' labor And be prospered all thy days.
Like a vine with fruit abounding In thy house thy wife is found,
And like olive plants thy children, Compassing thy table round.

Lo, on him that fears Jehovah Shall this blessedness attend;
For Jehovah out of Zion Shall to thee His blessing send.
Thou shalt see Jerus'lem prosper All thy days till life shall cease;
Thou shalt see thy children's children, Unto Is-ra-el be peace.

SERMON

Genesis 30:25-43

"The Secret to Jacob's Success"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ²⁵ And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my country.
- ²⁶ "Give *me* my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go; for you know my service which I have done for you."
- ²⁷ And Laban said to him, "Please *stay*, if I have found favor in your eyes, *for* I have learned by experience that the LORD has blessed me for your sake."
- ²⁸ Then he said, "Name me your wages, and I will give *it*."
- ²⁹ So *Jacob* said to him, "You know how I have served you and how your livestock has been with me.
- ³⁰ "For what you had before I *came was* little, and it has increased to a great amount; the LORD has blessed you since my coming. And now, when shall I also provide for my own house?"
- ³¹ So he said, "What shall I give you?" And Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep your flocks:
- ³² "Let me pass through all your flock today, removing from there all the speckled and spotted sheep, and all the brown ones among the lambs, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and *these* shall be my wages.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

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: SCHUMANN S.M.

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

William Walsham How, 1864

1. We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be:
2. May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3. Our hearts are bruised and dead, and homes are bare and cold,
4. And we be - lieve thy Word, though dim our faith may be,

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
and lambs for whom the Shep - herd bled are stray - ing from the fold.
what - e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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

- Men’s Bible Study: Saturday, March 4, at 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM.
- 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.

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.

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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