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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*But God had come to Laban the Syrian  
in a dream by night, and said to him,  
“Be careful that you speak to Jacob  
neither good nor bad.*

*– Genesis 31:24*

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 117:1-2*

Leader: Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!

*All: For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!*

## *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: PARK STREET L.M. rep.

## *“All You That Fear Jehovah’s Name”*

The Psalter 1912; alt. 1990. mod.

The musical score is written for a 3/4 time signature in a key with one flat (B-flat). It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The melody is marked with a '1' above the first measure and a '2' above the second measure. The accompaniment is marked with a '1' above the first measure and a '2' above the second measure. The lyrics are written below the melody staff.

1. All you that fear Je - ho - vah's name, his glo - ry tell, his  
2. The suf - f'ring One he has not spurned, who un - to him for  
3. O Lord, your good - ness makes me raise a - mid your peo - ple  
4. For all the meek you will pro - vide; they shall be fed and  
5. The Lord's un - fail - ing righ - teous - ness all gen - er - a - tions

praise pro - claim; you chil - dren of his cho - sen race, stand . . . in  
 help has turned; from him he has not hid his face, but an - swered  
 • songs of praise; be - fore all them that fear you, now I wor - ship  
 sat - is - fied; all they that seek the Lord shall live and nev - er -  
 shall con - fess; from age to age shall men be taught what won - drous

awe be - fore his face, stand . . . in awe be - fore his face.  
 his re - quest in grace, but an - swered his re - quest in grace.  
 • you and pay my vow, I wor - ship you and pay my vow.  
 end - ing prais - es give, and nev - er - end - ing prais - es give.  
 works the Lord has wrought, what won - drous works the Lord has wrought.

### 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

**All:** *O our God! We are often ashamed to lift up our faces before You; for our iniquities are higher than our heads, and our guilt has reached unto the heavens. We were sinful at birth, even from the time our mothers conceived us. We are by nature children of wrath; we have corrupted our way and turned aside from Your holy laws. You are not in all*

*our thoughts; we have often forgotten You, the God who formed us, and have lived for ourselves, indulging the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. But O our Father, we repent. We grieve over ourselves and turn from our sins, calling on You to forgive us and to renew a clear heart and mind within us, through the merit and mediation of Your sinless Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Psalm 51:16-17*

Leader: Hear the good news! "For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. <sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart -- These, O God, You will not despise."

## 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 safety cometh 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 61:1-8*

Leader: HEAR my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer.

**All:** *From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*

Leader: For You have been a shelter for me, A strong tower from the enemy.

**All:** *I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah*

Leader: For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given *me* the heritage of those who fear Your name.

**All:** *You will prolong the king's life, His years as many generations.*

Leader: He shall abide before God forever. Oh, prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him!

**All:** *So I will sing praise to Your name forever, That I may daily perform my vows.*

## GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 6:19-34*

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>22</sup>The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup>But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! <sup>24</sup>No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. <sup>25</sup>Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? <sup>28</sup>So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; <sup>29</sup>and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Acts 14:8-28*

And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. <sup>9</sup>This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, <sup>10</sup>said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked. <sup>11</sup>Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" <sup>12</sup>And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup>Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes. <sup>14</sup>But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out <sup>15</sup>and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, <sup>16</sup>"who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. <sup>17</sup>"Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." <sup>18</sup>And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them. <sup>19</sup>Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. <sup>20</sup>However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. <sup>21</sup>And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, <sup>22</sup>strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God." <sup>23</sup>So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed. <sup>24</sup>And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. <sup>25</sup>Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. <sup>26</sup>From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed. <sup>27</sup>Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. <sup>28</sup>So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

## *Psalm of Preparation\**

TUNE: ST. AGNES CM

## *"Psalm 43"*

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Defend me, God, and plead my case  
Against a godless clan;  
Deliver me from fraudulent,  
Unjust and wicked man.

O God in Whom I refuge take,  
Why have You cast me off?  
Why must I grieving walk about  
While foes oppress and scoff?

O send Your light forth and Your truth;  
O let them lead me well  
And bring me to Your holy hill,  
The place You choose to dwell.

Then I will to God's altar go,  
To God, my boundless joy.  
To render thanks to God, my God,  
The harp I will employ.

O why, my soul, are you bowed down?  
Why so discouraged be?  
Hope now in God! I'll praise Him still!  
My Help, my God is He!

## SERMON

### **Genesis 31:22-55      “The Last Meeting of Jacob and Laban” Pastor Marc Miller**

- 22 And Laban was told on the third day that Jacob had fled.
- 23 Then he took his brethren with him and pursued him for seven days' journey, and he overtook him in the mountains of Gilead.
- 24 But God had come to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said to him, "Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad."
- 25 So Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountains, and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mountains of Gilead.
- 26 And Laban said to Jacob: "What have you done, that you have stolen away unknown to me, and carried away my daughters like captives *taken* with the sword?
- 27 "Why did you flee away secretly, and steal away from me, and not tell me; for I might have sent you away with joy and songs, with timbrel and harp?
- 28 "And you did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters. Now you have done foolishly in *so* doing.
- 29 "It is in my power to do you harm, but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, 'Be careful that you speak to Jacob neither good nor bad.'
- 30 "And now you have surely gone because you greatly long for your father's house, *but* why did you steal my gods?"
- 31 Then Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I said, 'Perhaps you would take your daughters from me by force.'
- 32 "With whomever you find your gods, do not let him live. In the presence of our brethren, identify what I have of yours and take *it* with you." For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.
- 33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, into Leah's tent, and into the two maids' tents, but he did not find *them*. Then he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's tent.
- 34 Now Rachel had taken the household idols, put them in the camel's saddle, and sat on them. And Laban searched all about the tent but did not find *them*.
- 35 And she said to her father, "Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise before you, for the manner of women *is* with me." And he searched but did not find the household idols.
- 36 Then Jacob was angry and rebuked Laban, and Jacob answered and said to Laban: "What *is* my trespass? What *is* my sin, that you have so hotly pursued me?
- 37 "Although you have searched all my things, what part of your household things have you found? Set *it* here before my brethren and your brethren, that they may judge between us both!
- 38 "These twenty years I *have been* with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your flock.
- 39 "That which was torn *by beasts* I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it. You required it from my hand, *whether* stolen by day or stolen by night.

- 40 “There I was! In the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night,  
and my sleep departed from my eyes.
- 41 “Thus I have been in your house twenty years; I served you fourteen years  
for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed  
my wages ten times.
- 42 “Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac,  
had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-  
handed. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked  
*you* last night.”
- 43 And Laban answered and said to Jacob, “*These* daughters *are* my daughters,  
and *these* children *are* my children, and *this* flock *is* my flock; all that you see  
*is* mine. But what can I do this day to these my daughters or to their children  
whom they have borne?
- 44 “Now therefore, come, let us make a covenant, you and I, and let it be a  
witness between you and me.”
- 45 So Jacob took a stone and set it up *as* a pillar.
- 46 Then Jacob said to his brethren, “Gather stones.” And they took stones and  
made a heap, and they ate there on the heap.
- 47 Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed.
- 48 And Laban said, “This heap *is* a witness between you and me this day.”  
Therefore its name was called Galeed,
- 49 also Mizpah, because he said, “May the LORD watch between you and me  
when we are absent one from another.
- 50 “If you afflict my daughters, or if you take *other* wives besides my daughters,  
*although* no man *is* with us -- see, God *is* witness between you and me!”
- 51 Then Laban said to Jacob, “Here is this heap and here is *this* pillar, which I  
have placed between you and me.
- 52 “This heap *is* a witness, and *this* pillar *is* a witness, that I will not pass  
beyond this heap to you, and you will not pass beyond this heap and this  
pillar to me, for harm.
- 53 “The God of Abraham, the God of Nahor, and the God of their father judge  
between us.” And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac.
- 54 Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his brethren to eat  
bread. And they ate bread and stayed all night on the mountain.
- 55 And early in the morning Laban arose, and kissed his sons and daughters  
and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned to his place.

## Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response\* next pg.*

TUNE: LEMMEL 9.8.9.8.ref.

*“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”*

Helen H. Lemmel, 1922.

### **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, March 4, at 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM. Please read chapter 2 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel study book.

F B $\flat$  F $^7$  B $\flat$  Gm B $\flat$  F C F

1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the  
 2. Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing he passed, and we  
 3. His Word shall not fail you— he prom - ised; be - lieve him and

Am C $^7$  F B $\flat$  F

dark - ness you see? There's light for a look at the  
 fol - low him there; o - ver us sin no more hath do -  
 all will be well: then go to a world that is

G $^7$  C F G $^7$  B $^7$  C G $^7$  C

Sav - ior, and life more a - bun - dant and free!  
 min - ion— for more than con - qu'rors we are!  
 dy - ing, his per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

REFRAIN C C $^7$  Dm F $^7$  B $\flat$  Gm

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in his

B $\flat$  Gm G $^7$  C F C $^7$  F C $\sharp$ dim $^7$   
 won - der - ful face; and the things of earth will grow  
 Dm F $^7$  B $\flat$  Dm F C F C $^7$  F 7  
 strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

**announcements cont:**

- Sunday School Starts at 10 a.m. We have a class for Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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 today. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- If you would like to be added to our Members and Friends church directory there is a signup sheet in the back of church for your information.

# 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](http://www.pcanet.org)).

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