



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him
no children.” -Genesis 16:1a*

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 148:1-5

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!

All: Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!

Leader: Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!

All: Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.

*Gloria Patri**

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Irreg. H.W. Greatorex, 1851

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*

*Hymn of Praise**

TUNE: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Based on Psalm 103, Joachim Neander, 1680

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. Below the treble staff, there are five lines of lyrics, each numbered 1 through 5. The lyrics are: 1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -; 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly; 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -; 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath; 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

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: "Almighty Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise Your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting Him up, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what You forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by Your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise You that He was born like us that we might become like Him. 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. ¹⁷The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart -- These, O God, You will not despise."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 39:7-13

TUNE: EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10.

"Abide with Me"

1. And now, O Lord, what wait I longer for?
2. Yes, I was dumb; I opened not my mouth,
3. Thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin;
4. LORD, hear my prayers; heed Thou my cry and tears;

My ex - pec - ta - tion ev - er is in Thee;
 Be - cause this work was done at Thy com - mand.
 His beau - ty fades be - neath the touch of death;
 A stran - ger here I pass as touch all be - fore.

8

De - li - ver me from all my sin - ful - ness;
 But now re - move Thy stroke a - way from me;
 It is con - sumed as by the fret - ting moth.
 O spare me that I may re - cov - er strength -

12

The scorn of foo - lish men O make not me.
 I am con - sumed be - neath Thy smit - ing hand.
 Oh, sure - ly ev - ery man is but a breath.
 Be - fore I go a - way and be no more.

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

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

Luke 9:18-36

And it happened, as He was alone praying, *that* His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" ¹⁹So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some *say* Elijah; and others *say* that one of the old prophets has risen again." ²⁰He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God." ²¹And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²²saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day." ²³Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. ²⁵"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? ²⁶"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His *own* glory, and *in His* Father's, and of the holy angels. ²⁷"But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God." ²⁸Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe *became* white *and* glistening. ³⁰And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. ³³Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, *that* Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" -- not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" ³⁶When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 3:1-22

Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, ²when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. ³Do not let your adornment be merely outward -- arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel -- ⁴rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. ⁵For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, ⁶as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror. ⁷Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. ⁸Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; ⁹not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. ¹¹Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹²For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil." ¹³And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." ¹⁵But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; ¹⁶having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. ²¹There is also an antitype which now saves us -- baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: MARTYDOM CM

Psalm 130"

"Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed"

1. LORD, from the depths to Thee I cried.
 2. LORD, who shall stand if Thou, my Lord,
 3. I wait, my soul a - waits, the LORD;
 4. O Is - ra - el, hope in the LORD;

4
 My Lord, give ear to me. O hear my voice
 Shouldst mark in - i - qui - ty? But yet with Thee
 My hope is in His word. More than the watch
 The LORD saves gra - cious - ly. And He shall Is

9
 and hear - en to My sup - pli - cat - ing plea.
 for - give - ness is, That men may rev' - rence Thee.
 men wait for morn My soul_ waits for my Lord.
 ra - el re - deem From all in - i - qui - ty.

SERMON

Genesis 16:1-16 "Faith and the Passage of Time" Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no *children*. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar.
- 2 So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing *children*. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai.
- 3 Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan.
- 4 So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes.

- 5 Then Sarai said to Abram, “My wrong *be* upon you! I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. The LORD judge between you and me.”
- 6 So Abram said to Sarai, “Indeed your maid *is* in your hand; do to her as you please.” And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence.
- 7 Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.
- 8 And He said, “Hagar, Sarai’s maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?” She said, “I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.”
- 9 The Angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand.”
- 10 Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, “I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude.”
- 11 And the Angel of the LORD said to her: “Behold, you *are* with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction.
- 12 He shall be a wild man; His hand *shall be* against every man, And every man’s hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.”
- 13 Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, “Have I also here seen Him who sees me?”
- 14 Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; observe, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.
- 15 So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.
- Abram *was* eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

Sermon Notes

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: FAITHFULLNESS 11.10.11.10.ref.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923.



1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove, join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

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Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Nachtergale's Family
- Pray for our elders, our deacons, our Sunday School teachers, and for our covenant children.
- Pray for the peace 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, April 2, 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 15 and 16.
- Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. We offer 3 elementary aged classes and an adult class. The adults are studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Please note there will be so Sunday School on Sunday, April 17.

- The next women's study is on Monday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. We are working on the details for the next study material.

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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