



*“Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline
your ears to the words of my mouth.”
– Psalm 78:1*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 18:1-3

Leader: I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

All: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Leader: I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

*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: ST. ANNE C.M.

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

From Psalm 90. Isaac Watts, 1719.

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with four verses numbered 1 through 4. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody.

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

CONFESSON 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.

CONFESSON OF SIN

All: *Almighty God, I am a sinner. Your Word and my heart confirm that to me. I have done things You have forbidden and left undone things You have commanded. I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbor*

as myself. As judge of the whole earth You would be just to condemn me. Yet in Your love You sent Christ to bear the guilt of my sin and suffer my punishment. To Him now I flee; forgive me for His sake, and by Your Spirit help me to live in the light of His sacrifice, a life worthy of Your name. Judge me not according to my work but according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in Him I hope and in Him I come before You this day. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1st John 1:8-9

Leader: Hear the good news! "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 8

TUNE: AMSTERDAM 76.76.77.76

Element from the Psalter, 1912

LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How ex-cel-lent Your name!
You above the heav'ns have set The splendor of Your fame.
From the mouths of infants young You the pow'r of praise compose
In the face of enemies To stop avenging foes.

When I view the skies above Which Your own fingers made,
When I see the moon and stars Which You in order laid,
What is man so frail and weak That You should re-mem-ber him?
What can be the son of man That You should care for him?

Next to God You have made man, With light and honor crowned.
You placed him above Your works; Beneath him all is found:
Oxen, sheep, and all wild beasts, Birds, and fish the o-ceans claim.
LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How ex-cel-lent Your name!

CONGREGATIONAL 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 19:1-11

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

All: *Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.*

Leader: *There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.*

All: *Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world.
In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,*

Leader: Which *is* like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *And* rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

All: *Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.*

Leader: The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple;

All: *The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;*

Leader: The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

All: *More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*

Leader: Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:31-43

Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. ³²"For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. ³³"They will scourge *Him* and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." ³⁴But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken. ³⁵Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. ³⁶And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. ³⁷So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. ³⁸And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, ⁴¹saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." ⁴²Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." ⁴³ And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:1-28

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs -- we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." ¹²So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" ¹³Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. ²¹And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.' ²²Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know -- ²³Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. ²⁶Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. ²⁷For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: FOUNTAIN CMD

"Psalm 78:1-8"

"There is a Fountain"

O ye my people, to my law Attentively give ear;
 The words that from my mouth proceed Incline yourselves to hear.
 My mouth shall speak a parable, The sayings dark of old,
 Which we have listened to and known As by our fathers told.

We will not hide them from their sons But tell the race to come
 Jehovah' s praises and His strength, The wonders He has done.
 His word He unto Jacob gave, His law to Is -ra -el,
 And bade our fathers teach their sons The coming race to tell,

That children yet unborn might know And their descendants lead
 To trust in God, recall God ' s works, And His commandments heed,
 And not be like their fathers were, A race of stubborn mood,
 Which never would prepare its heart Nor keep its faith with God.

SERMON

Psalm 78:1-8

“The Mighty Works of The Lord”

Pastor Ric Raines

A Contemplation of Asaph

- 1 Give ear, O my people, *to* my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,
- 3 Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us.
- 4 We will not hide *them* from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.
- 5 For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children;
- 6 That the generation to come might know *them*, The children *who* would be born, *That* they may arise and declare *them* to their children,
- 7 That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;
- 8 And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation *that* did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Sermon Notes: (pg 9)

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: TRUST AND OBEY 6.6.9.D.ref

“Trust and Obey”

John H. Sammis, 1887.

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
 2. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
 3. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
 4. But we never can prove the delights of his love
 5. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,

what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will,
 but his smile quickly drives it away; not a doubt or a fear,
 • but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief nor a loss,
 un - til all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows,
 or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do,

Chord symbols: B^b(G), F(D), C(A), F(D), C⁷(A⁷), F(D)

he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.
 not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey.
 • not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.
 and the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey.
 where he sends we will go, never fear, on - ly trust and obey.

Chord symbols: C(A), F(D), B^b(G), F/C(D/A), C⁷(A⁷), F(D)

REFRAIN
 Trust and obey, for there's no other way

Chord symbols: C(A), F(D), D(B), Gm(Em)

to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
CCLI # 174248

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.
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.

Announcements

- Prayer meeting: We will pick back up on Wednesday, August 17 at 8:30 p.m. over zoom. For more information, please see Pastor Miller.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, September 10, 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Let's Study Philippians" chapter 21.
- Women's Bible Study: Please stay tuned for the restart.
- Please mark your calendars for a picnic to be held at the church on Sunday, August 28, starting at 4 p.m. The church will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs. We ask you to bring a dish or two to pass. If possible, please refrain from using peanuts and tree nuts. Please sign up on the back board so we know how many will be attending and if your side dish is known. All are welcome to attend!
- We will be starting another new members/inquirers/communicant class on Sunday, September 11, starting at 6 p.m. at the church with a zoom option. The class will run for 7 weeks, and materials will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the back board. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Miller.
- The women and girls of the church are invited to a wedding shower for Christina Fair on Sunday, August 21 following the morning worship service. Please RSVP to Natalie Miller.

Presbytery of the Ascension Missions Committee
MISSIONS EQUIP CONFERENCE

14-15 October 2022

3 Seminars in 3 Locations
Focused on Supporting Missions and Missionaries

FEATURED SPEAKER: TE Greg Hills, Northeast Regional Hub Director for MTW. An effective trainer and communicator, Greg has 5 years of cross-cultural missions and 18 years of pastoral experience with the OPC and PCA.

HOST CHURCH, DATE, AND TIME FOR YOUR LOCATION:

- Chapel PCA, Beaver, PA Friday, 6:00 – 9:30 pm October 14th
- Hillcrest PCA, Volant, PA Saturday, 8:30 – 12:00 am October 15th
- West Erie PCA, Erie, PA Saturday, 2:30 – 6:00 pm October 15th

TARGET AUDIENCE: This seminar is designed for anyone in your congregation interested in new or deeper understanding of missions: missions committees, pastors, elders, members

OVERVIEW OF CONTENT: Presentations and break-out sessions

- Casting a Vision: A “how to” for church missions
- Cultivating: Educating and engaging the congregation in missions
- Caring and Connecting: With missionaries your church supports

OTHER FEATURES: We would like to include one or two missionaries in each seminar. Please contact Bill or Scott if you know of missionaries who will be in the area.

FURTHER QUESTIONS? Contact Presbytery Missions Committee

TE Bill Johnson: 724-777-2555 Acting Chair

TE Scott Moreland: 724-910-1583 Chair, MTW Sub-Committee

“Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations. . . ” (Matt. 28:19-20 ESV)

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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