



WEST ERIE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“I have set before you life and death,  
blessing and cursing; therefore choose life,  
that both you and your descendants may  
live.” - Deuteronomy 30:19b*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 106:1*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!*

*All: For His mercy endures forever.*

## *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 87.87.D

### *“Psalm 146”*

Based on the Book of Psalms, 1871, and the Psalter, 1912; altered 1993.

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.

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\*

*Apostles' Creed*

**All:** *We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*We 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.*

*We 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 130:1-8*

**All:** *"Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning -- yes, more than those who*

*watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 6:5-6*

Leader: Hear the good news! "For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection, <sup>6</sup>knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### *Psalm 3*

TUNE: NEW BRITIAN CM

"Amazing Grace"

1. O LORD, how are my foes increased; Against me  
 2. You are my shield and glory, You lift ed  
 3. I lay down, slept, and woke a gain The LORD is  
 4. A rise, O LORD: Save me, my God; You pu nish  
 5. De li ver ance is from the LORD, Sal va tion

ma ny rise. How ma ny say, "In vain for  
 up my head. I cried out, "LORD!" and from His  
 keep ing me. You will not fear ten thou sand  
 all my foes. You smite the face of wick ed  
 His a lone! O let Your bles sing ev er

help hill men men, more He To En - trenched their Be on me His sur - teeth on his His sur - break Your God an - round with peo - re - swer - ing your ple - lies, sped. me. blows, shown:

### 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 27:1-14*

**Leader:** The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

**All:** *When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.*

**Leader:** Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me, In this I will be confident.

**All:** *One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.*

**Leader:** For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

**All:** *And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.*

**Leader:** Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

**All:** *When You said, “Seek My face,” My heart said to You, “Your face, LORD, I will seek.”*

Leader: Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

*All: When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me.*

Leader: Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

*All: Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence.*

Leader: I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.

*All: Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!*

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28-44

<sup>28</sup>Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>30</sup> And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. <sup>31</sup>" And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup>So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. <sup>33</sup>" And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup>Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him. <sup>35</sup>Then Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, "How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David? <sup>36</sup>" For David himself said by the Holy Spirit: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."' <sup>37</sup>" Therefore David himself calls Him 'Lord'; how is He then his Son?" And the common people heard Him gladly. <sup>38</sup>Then He said to them in His teaching, "Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, <sup>40</sup> who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation." <sup>41</sup>Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. <sup>42</sup>Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. <sup>43</sup>So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; <sup>44</sup> for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup>But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup>For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup>traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! <sup>6</sup>For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, <sup>7</sup>always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup>Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; <sup>9</sup>but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was. <sup>10</sup>But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, <sup>11</sup>persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra -- what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. <sup>12</sup>Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup>But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup>But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup>and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

*Hymn of Preparation\** (next pg.)

TUNE: ALL SAINTS OLD 8.7.8.7.7.7

*"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"*

John Newton, 1774

## SERMON

*Deuteronomy 30:11-20*

*"To Life"*

*Pastor Ric Raines*

- <sup>11</sup> "For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off.
- <sup>12</sup> "It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'
- <sup>13</sup> "Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'
- <sup>14</sup> "But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.
- <sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil,
- <sup>16</sup> "in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.

- 17 "But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away,  
and worship other gods and serve them,
- 18 "I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong  
your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess.
- 19 "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before  
you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you  
and your descendants may live;
- 20 "that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that  
you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that  
you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to  
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

1. Let us love and sing and won-der, let us praise the Sav-ior's name!  
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit-ied us when en-e-mies,  
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp-ta-tion threat-en hard to bear us down!  
4. Let us won-der; grace and jus-tice join and point to mer-cy's store;  
5. Let us praise, and join the cho-rus of the saints en-throned on high;

He has hushed the law's loud thun-der, he has quenched Mount Si-nai's flame:  
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
• For the Lord, our strong sal-va-tion, holds in view the con-qu'ror's crown:  
when through grace in Christ our trust is, jus-tice smiles and asks no more:  
here they trust-ed him be-fore us, now their prais-es fill the sky:

he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.  
he has washed us with his blood, he pre-sents our souls to God.  
• he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.  
he who washed us with his blood has se-cured our way to God.  
"You have washed us with your blood; you are wor- thy, Lamb of God!"



1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems  
3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
4. I love to tell the sto - ry; for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for me;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.  
and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
'twill be the old, old sto - ry, that I have loved so long.

REFRAIN

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

### Announ. Cont.

- We will be starting a monthly men's Bible study on Saturday, September 11, at 8 a.m. We will be working through the book of Philippians using Sinclair Ferguson's "Let's Study Philippians" book. There is sign up sheet in the back of church, so we know how many books to order.
- The women of the church are invited to attend a book study meeting on Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m. at the church. For more information, please see Mary Moser.
- We are making plans for Sunday School in the fall and are still in need of a teacher for our middle school class. We would ask you to prayerfully consider serving the church in this way. For more information, please talk to Pastor Miller.
- Please mark your calendars for a picnic to be held at the church on Sunday, August 22, starting at 5 p.m. The church will be providing the main dish. We ask that you bring bag chairs and a dish to pass. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church to help us with planning. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- We welcome Rev. Ric Raines to the pulpit this morning. Rev. Raines is Pastor Emeritus at Fairview Reformed Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Industry, PA.

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

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