



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“Then God remembered Noah...”
--Genesis 8:1a

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 111:1-2, 9

Leader: Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation.

All: *The works of the LORD are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them.*

Leader: He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome *is* His name.

GLORIA PATRI*

*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*

*Hymn of Praise**

TUNE: NICEA 11.11.12.10.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: 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! The score includes a guitar chord chart above the staff: G D Bm A D G D 7.

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!

CONFESION 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 Lord, we openly admit that You know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before You. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from You. Therefore, we ask that You discover unto us our sins so that we may humble ourselves again in Your presence and seek Your forgiveness and grace. We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, malice and other things that grieve Your heart. We have committed sins of omission and commission. But we seek Your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ. And we thank You for Your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Give us the grace to please You this day and forever. 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. 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 25:1-7

TUNE: TRENTHAM SM

"Breathe on Me, Breathe of God"

To Thee I lift my soul, O LORD ; I trust in Thee,
My God; let me not be ashamed Nor foes exult o'er me.

Yea, none that wait on Thee Shall be ashamed at all;
But those that wantonly transgress, Upon them shame shall fall.

Show me Thy ways, O LORD ; Thy paths, O teach Thou me,
And do Thou lead me in Thy truth; Therein my teacher be.

For Thou art God that dost To me salvation send,
And I upon Thee all the day Expecting do attend.

Thy tender mercies, LORD , To mind do Thou recall,
And lovingkindnesses, for they Have been through ages all.

My sins of youth, my faults, Do Thou, O LORD , forget;
In lovingkindness think on me And for Thy goodness great.

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 105:1-8

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

All: *Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!*

Leader: Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

All: *Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!*

Leader: Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

All: *O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!*

Leader: He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

All: *He remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-24

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. ³So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. ⁴Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. ⁶So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. ⁷And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹”For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²”And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and

saying: ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" ¹⁵So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. ²¹And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. ²²Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 6:1-20

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ²of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³And this we will do if God permits. ⁴For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame. ⁷For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; ⁸but if it bears thorns and briars, *it is* rejected and near to being cursed, whose end *is* to be burned. ⁹But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. ¹⁰For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. ¹¹And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹²that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. ¹³For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, ¹⁴saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." ¹⁵And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. ¹⁶For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation *is* for them an end of all dispute. ¹⁷Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath, ¹⁸that by two immutable things, in which *it is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*. ¹⁹This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence *behind* the veil, ²⁰where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: PENITENCE 11.11.11.11.

"Psalm 4"

"In the Hour of Trial"

1. An - swer when I call, O God who just - i - fies.
2. Know the LORD His saints has set a - part in grace,
3. May you sa - cri - fice now sa - cri - fi - ces just.
4. You have giv - en my heart great - er joy by far

5
In my stress You freed me; hear in grace my cries.
And the LORD will hear me when I seek His face.
In Je - ho - vah on - ly plac - ing all your trust.
Than when grain and new wine most a - bund - ant are.

9
Sons of men, how long will you my glor - y shame? ____
Trem - ble in your an - ger, yet from sin de - part. ____
"Who will show us good - ness?" ma - ny peo - ple say; ____
So in peace I lie down; I will rest and sleep, ____

13
Will you love what's worth - less? Will lies be your aim?
On your bed in si - lence speak with - in your heart.
The light of Your face, LORD, lift on us, we pray.
For, O LORD, You on - ly will me safe - ly keep.

SERMON

Genesis 8:1-19

"God Remembered"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.
- 2 The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were also stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.
- 3 And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased.
- 4 Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.
- 5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.
- 6 So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.
- 7 Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth.
- 8 He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground.
- 9 But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself.
- 10 And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark.
- 11 Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth.
- 12 So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.
- 13 And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry.
- 14 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.
- 15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying,
- 16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.
- 17 "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."
- 18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.
- 19 Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark.

Sermon Notes

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response (next pg.)*

TUNE: CONSTANCE 8.7.8.7.D

“Who Trusts in God, A Strong Abode”

St. 1, Joachim Magdeburg, 1572; st 2-3, anon.; 1597

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer Requests

- This week’s WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family

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.

1. Who trusts in God, a strong a-bode in heav'n and earth pos - sess-es;
 2. Though Sa - tan's wrath be - set our path, and world - ly scorn as - sail us,
 3. In all the strife of mor - tal life our feet shall stand se - cure - ly;

who looks in love to Christ a - bove, no fear his heart op - press - es.
 while you are near we will not fear, your strength shall nev - er fail us;
 temp - ta - tion's hour shall lose its pow'r, for you shall guard us sure - ly.

In you a - lone, dear Lord, we own sweet hope and con - so - la - tion:
 your rod and staff shall keep us safe, and guide our steps for - ev - er;
 O God, re - new, with heav'n - ly dew, our bod - y, soul, and spir - it,

our shield from foes, our balm for woes, our great and sure sal - va - tion.
 nor shades of death, nor hell be - neath, our souls from you shall sev - er.
 un - til we stand at your right hand, through Je - sus' sav - ing mer - it.

- The next men’s Bible study will be on Saturday, November 6, at 8 a.m. We will be working through the book of Philippians using Sinclair Ferguson’s “Let’s Study Philippians” book. Please read chapter 5 and 6.
- 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.
- The next women’s book study will be on Monday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. The book study is titled “In All Things” by Mellissa Kruger. It is a study on the book of Philippians. For more information, please see Mary Moser.
- Please mark your calendars for a Fall clean up event at the church. It will be held on Saturday, November 13, starting at 9 am. All are welcome and encouraged to help!
- We will be having our annual congregational meeting after church on Sunday, November 7.
- We will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper next week. Please take some time this week to prepare your hearts through prayer and the reading of Scripture.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

Date: _____



As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Who is speaking?



Words you heard but don't know...

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Verse: _____

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:

How does today's message apply to your life?



Favorite song today was:

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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