



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD,
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.”

-PSALM 124:8

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalms 92:1-2

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

All: To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night

*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*

*Psalm of Praise**

TUNE: ANGEL'S STORY 76.76.D.

“Psalm 30”

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

O LORD, I will exalt You, For You have lifted me;
My foes You have allowed not To glory over me.
O LORD my God, I pleaded That You might heal and save;
LORD, You from death have ransomed And kept me from the grave.

His saints, O praise Jehovah And thank His holy name.
His anger lasts a moment, His grace a whole life time.
For sorrow, like a pilgrim, May tarry all the night,
But then a shout of joy comes When dawns the morning light.

In prosp'rous days I boasted, “Unmoved I shall remain.”
O LORD, You by Your favor My mount in strength maintain;
For when Your face was hidden, I soon was troubled sore.
I'll cry to You, Jehovah; The LORD I will implore.

Is there in my blood profit When in the grave I dwell?
Will dust proclaim Your praises, Your truth and glory tell?
O hear me now, Jehovah! Be gracious unto me!
To You I cry, Jehovah! O now my helper be!

You now have turned my sorrow To dancing full of joy;
You loosened all my sackcloth And girded me with joy.
To You sing psalms, my glory, And never silent be!
O LORD my God, I'll thank You Through all eternity.

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A

Leader: *What are the sins forbidden in the third commandment?*

All: The sins forbidden in the third commandments are, the not using of God's name as is required; and the abuse of it in an ignorant, vain, irreverent, profane, superstitious, or wicked mentioning, or otherwise using his titles, attributes, ordinances, or works, by blasphemy, perjury; all sinful cursings, oaths, vows, and lots; violating of our oaths and vows, if lawful; and fulfilling them, if of things unlawful; murmuring and quarrelling at, curious prying into, and misapplying of God's decrees and providences, misinterpreting, misapplying, or any way perverting the word, or any part of it, to profane jests, curious or unprofitable questions, vain janglings, or the maintaining of false doctrines; abusing it, the creatures, or any thing contained under the name of God, to charms, or sinful lusts and practices; the maligning, scorning, reviling, or any wise opposing of God's truth, grace, and ways; making profession of religion in hypocrisy, or for sinister ends; being ashamed of it, or a shame to it, by unconformable, unwise, unfruitful, and offensive walking, or backsliding from it.

CONFESSION 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. Here now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalms 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 56:1-9”

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

Be gracious unto me, O God;
The man of earth would me devour.
He fights against me all day long,
Oppressing me with all his power.

My foes are watching day and night;
They many fight from places high.
The day I fear I’ll trust in You.
The word of God I’ll magnify.

In God I trust; I will not fear,
For what can mere flesh do to me?
All day they twist my words; their thoughts
Are all of schemes to injure me.

They meet, they lurk, they mark my steps;
They’re waiting for my soul to fall.
For their iniquity, O God,
In wrath bring down the nations all.

You count my wan-der-ings; my tears
You keep in precious mem-o-ry.
My foes shall, when I call, turn back;
Long I have known God is for me.

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 56:1-13

Leader: Be merciful to me, O God, for man would swallow me up; Fighting all day he oppresses me.

All: *My enemies would hound me all day, For there are many who fight against me, O Most High.*

Leader: Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

All: *In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?*

Leader: All day they twist my words; All their thoughts *are* against me for evil.

All: *They gather together, They hide, they mark my steps, When they lie in wait for my life.*

Leader: Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger cast down the peoples, O God!

All: *You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?*

Leader: When I cry out *to You*, Then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God *is* for me.

All: *In God (I will praise His word), In the LORD (I will praise His word),*

Leader: In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

All: *Vows made to You are binding upon me, O God; I will render praises to You,*

Leader: For You have delivered my soul from death. *Have You* not kept my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God In the light of the living?

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 12:1-26

Now these *are* the priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, ²Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, ³Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, ⁴Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah, ⁵Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, ⁶Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah, ⁷Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, *and* Jedaiah. These *were* the heads of the priests and their brethren in the days of Jeshua. ⁸Moreover the Levites *were* Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah *who led* the thanksgiving psalms, he and his brethren. ⁹Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, *stood* across from them in *their* duties. ¹⁰Jeshua begot Joiakim, Joiakim begot Eliashib, Eliashib begot Joiada, ¹¹Joiada begot Jonathan, and Jonathan begot Jaddua. ¹²Now in the days of Joiakim, the priests, the heads of the fathers' *houses were*: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; ¹³of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; ¹⁴of Melichu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; ¹⁵of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; ¹⁶of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; ¹⁷of Abijah, Zichri; *the son of* Minjamin; of Moadiah, Piltai; ¹⁸of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; ¹⁹of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; ²⁰of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; ²¹of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; *and* of Jedaiah, Nethanel. ²²During the reign of Darius the Persian, a record *was also kept* of the Levites and priests *who had been* heads of their fathers' *houses* in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua. ²³The sons of Levi, the heads of the fathers' *houses* until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib, *were* written in the book of the chronicles. ²⁴And the heads of the Levites *were* Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers across from them, to praise *and* give thanks, group alternating with group, according to the command of David the man of God. ²⁵Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub *were* gatekeepers keeping the watch at the storerooms of the gates. ²⁶These *lived* in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

GOSPEL READING

John 12:37-50

"But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, ³⁸that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?" ³⁹Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: ⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with *their* eyes, Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn, So that I should heal them." ⁴¹These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him. ⁴²Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *Him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. ⁴⁴Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. ⁴⁵"And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. ⁴⁶"I have come *as* a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. ⁴⁷"And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. ⁴⁸"He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him -- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. ⁴⁹"For I have not spoken on My own *authority*; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. ⁵⁰"And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: WEBB 7.6.7.6.D.

"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"

George Duffield, 1858.

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 2:3

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody and harmony with additional lyrics. The notation includes treble and bass staves with notes, rests, and bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding vocal parts.

1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol - diers of the cross;
2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;
3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:
forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
this day the noise of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song:

from vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
 ye that are men now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with pray'r;
 to him that o - ver - com - eth a crown of life shall be;

till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 he with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

SERMON

Psalm 124

"Had Not the Lord Been on Our Side" Pastor Bert Williams

- ¹ Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!
- ² Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.
- ³ Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- ⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.
- ⁵ For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, And His truth *endures* to all generations.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: ALL THE WAY 8.7.8.7.D.

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

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He goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.
John 10:4

1. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; what have I to ask be-side?
2. All the way my Sav-ior leads me, cheers each wind-ing path I tread,
3. All the way my Sav-ior leads me— O the ful-ness of his love!

Can I doubt his ten-der mer-cy, who through life has been my guide?
gives me grace for ev-'ry tri-al, feeds me with the liv-ing bread.
Per-fect rest to me is prom-ised in my Fa-ther's house a-bove:

Heav'n-ly peace, di-vin-est com-fort, here by faith in him to dwell;
Though my wea-ry steps may fal-ter, and my soul a-thirst may be,
when my spir-it, clothed, im-mor-tal, wings its flight to realms of day,

for I know, what-e'er be-fall me, Je-sus do-eth all things well; well.
gush-ing from the rock be-fore me, lo, a spring of joy I see; see!
this my song through end-less a-ges: Je-sus led me all the way; way!

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

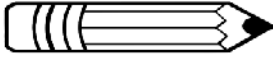
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our country's leaders and those who serve us.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for our covenant children.
- Pray for the purchase of a new church property

Announcements

- Youth Group for Grades 6-12: Please mark your calendars for our fall Kick off and beach night on Saturday, August 29, from 5-8 pm at beach 6 on Presque Isle.
- Men's Bible Study: We will be pausing for the summer. It will start again on Saturday, September 12 with Lesson 6.
- Sunday School: Resumes on Sunday, September 13.
- Missionary Visit: We welcome Bert and Nancy Williams today. They will be presenting at 10 a.m. Bert will be filling the pulpit this morning.
- Ascension Presbytery Women's Conference: "Gospel Transformation: In the Hands of the Potter." Saturday, October 24 at Hillcrest PCA in Volant.
- Church Picnic: We will be having a picnic on Sunday, August 30 at church starting at 5 p.m. The church will provide the main dish. We ask you to bring a dish or two to pass.
- Fellowship Committee Meeting: Today following the morning worship service. We will be discussing the upcoming church picnic.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

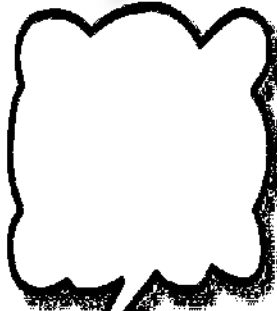
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



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:



Favorite song today was:

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Questions?

How does today's message apply to your life?

The most important thing you learned 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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