

WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my
brother, from the hand of Esau;
for I fear him...”*
– Genesis 32:11a

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 47:8-9

Leader: God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

All: The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham.

Leader: For the shields of the earth *belong* to God; He is greatly exalted.

*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: RIPLEY 8.7.8.7.D.

“Psalm 146”

Psalm 146. The Psalter, 1912.

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*

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

Psalm 86:6-8, 11-13

All: *"Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me. Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works. Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name*

forevermore. For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1st John 2:1-2

Leader: Hear the good news! "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 50:1-6

TUNE: ST. THOMAS DM

Based on the Book of Psalms; 1871 and Irish Psalter, 1880.

The mighty God the LORD Has spoken and did call
The earth from rising of the sun To where it has its fall.

From Zion's holy hill, Perfection's high abode
Of matchless beauty, even thence In glory shineth God.

Our God shall surely come; Keep silence shall not He;
Before Him fire shall waste; great storms Shall round about Him be.

And to the heav'ns above He sendeth forth His call,
And also to the earth, that He May judge His people all.

"Together let My saints Before Me gathered be;
Those that by sacrifice have made A covenant with Me."

Then shall the heav'ns declare His righteousness abroad,
Because He only is the judge; Yea, none is judge but God.

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."

COVENANTAL BAPTISM

SARAH GRACE WHITBECK

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 40:1-11

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.

All: *He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.*

Leader: He has put a new song in my mouth -- Praise to our God; Many will see *it* and fear, And will trust in the LORD.

All: *Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.*

Leader: Many, O LORD my God, *are* Your wonderful works *Which* You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; *If* I would declare and speak *of them*, They are more than can be numbered.

All: *Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.*

Leader: Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book *it is* written of me.

All: *I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."*

Leader: I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness In the great assembly; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know. ¹

All: *I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great assembly.*

Leader: Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 7:1-14

"Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. ³And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? ⁵Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. ⁶Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces. ⁷Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good

things to those who ask Him! ¹²Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. ¹³Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 15:1-21

And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ²Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question. ³So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren. ⁴And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them. ⁵But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses." ⁶Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. ⁷And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, ⁹and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. ¹⁰Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? ¹¹But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they." ¹²Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles. ¹³And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, "Men and brethren, listen to me: ¹⁴Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. ¹⁵And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: ¹⁶After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up; ¹⁷So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.' ¹⁸Known to God from eternity are all His works. ¹⁹Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, ²⁰but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood. ²¹For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath."

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: MERCY 7.7.7.7.

"Cast Your Burden on the Lord"

"Based on Psalm 55"

1. Cast your bur - den on the Lord, on - ly lean up - on his word;
 2. He sus - tains you by his hand, he en - a - bles you to stand;
 3. Hu - man coun - sels come to naught; that shall stand which God has wrought;
 4. Heav'n and earth may pass a - way, God's free grace shall not de - cay;
 5. Je - sus, guard - ian of your flock, be your - self our con - stant rock;

you will soon have cause to bless his e - ter - nal faith - ful - ness.
 those whom Je - sus once has loved from his grace are nev - er moved.
 • his com - pas - sion, love, and pow'r are the same for - ev - er - more.
 he has prom - ised to ful - fil all the plea - sure of his will.
 make us, by your pow'r - ful hand, strong as Zi - on's moun - tain stand.

SERMON

Genesis 32:1-21 "Jacob Prepares to Meet Esau" Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 So Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.
- 2 When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is God's camp." And he called the name of that place Mahanaim.
- 3 Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.
- 4 And he commanded them, saying, "Speak thus to my lord Esau, 'Thus your servant Jacob says: "I have dwelt with Laban and stayed there until now.
- 5 "I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight." ' "
- 6 Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he also is coming to meet you, and four hundred men *are* with him."
- 7 So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that *were* with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies.
- 8 And he said, "If Esau comes to the one company and attacks it, then the other company which is left will escape."

- 9 Then Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you’:
- 10 “I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies.
- 11 “Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me *and* the mother with the children.
- 12 “For You said, ‘I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.’ “
- 13 So he lodged there that same night, and took what came to his hand as a present for Esau his brother:
- 14 two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,
- 15 thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals.
- 16 Then he delivered *them* to the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, “Pass over before me, and put some distance between successive droves.”
- 17 And he commanded the first one, saying, “When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, saying, ‘To whom do you belong, and where are you going? Whose *are* these in front of you?’
- 18 “then you shall say, ‘They *are* your servant Jacob’s. It *is* a present sent to my lord Esau; and behold, he also *is* behind us.’ “
- 19 So he commanded the second, the third, and all who followed the droves, saying, “In this manner you shall speak to Esau when you find him;
- 20 “and also say, ‘Behold, your servant Jacob *is* behind us.’ “ For he said, “I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me.”
- 21 So the present went on over before him, but he himself lodged that night in the camp.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response next pg.*

TUNE: ALL THE WAY 8.7.8.7.D

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer requests

- This week’s WEPCA Missionaries: The Spencer and Carmen Family
- Pray for our country’s leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray our Sunday School Teachers and Students
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.
- Pray for our Church remodel/expansion planning

Announcements

- Prayer meeting: Wednesday Evenings at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom. All are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Miller if you would like to attend and are not already on the email list.
- Men’s Bible Study: Saturday, March 4, at 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM. Please read chapter 2 in the 1st Samuel study book.
- Sunday School Starts at 10 a.m. We have a class for Pre-K to 1st Grade, 2nd to 4th grade, 5th to 8th grade, and an adult class. The Adults are studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism.
- If you would like to be added to our Members and Friends church directory there is a signup sheet in the back of church for your information.

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:

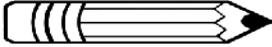
Heav'n-ly peace, di-vin-est com-fort, here by faith in him to dwell;
 Though my wea-ry steps may fal-ter, and my soul a-thirst may be,
 when my spir-it, clothed, im-mor-tal, wings its flight to realms of day,

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!

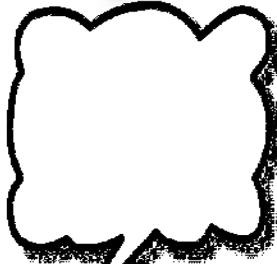
- We will be starting a new membership/inquirers/communicate membership class on March 5. The class will be held at church on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m., and will last for 6 weeks. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. The materials will be provided.

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.




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 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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