

WEST ERIE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“Then Jacob came safely to the city of  
Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan...”*  
– *Genesis 33:18a*

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 139:13-14*

Leader: For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

*All: I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works,  
And that my soul knows very well.*

## *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\**

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

## *"O Church Arise"*

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O Church, arise, and put your armour on; Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth, We'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love, Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul But to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, We will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride, Give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day When with Christ we stand in glory.

## 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

*From John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543*

**All:** *O Lord our God, we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil. We are unable on our own to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and all our evil ways. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant to us your grace, that we might do your will. Accept us now through Jesus Christ. Remove our guilt and send to us your Holy Spirit. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Psalms 32:3-5*

Leader: Hear the good news! When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. <sup>4</sup>For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. <sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

***Psalms 57:1-4***

TUNE: GERMANY LM

*"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"*

Thy mercy, God, to me extend; On Thy protection I depend,  
And to Thy wings for shelter haste Until this storm be overpast.

To Him I will in trouble cry, The sovereign judge and God most high,  
Who wonders hath for me begun, And will not leave His work undone.

For He from heav'n shall quell the power Of him who would my life devour;  
Forth shall His truth and mercy send, And my distracted soul defend.

For I with cru-el men converse, Like hungry lions wild and fierce;  
With men whose teeth are spears, their words Envenomed darts and two-edg'd swords

### 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 60:1-12*

Leader: O God, You have cast us off; You have broken us down; You have been displeased;  
Oh, restore us again!

*All: You have made the earth tremble; You have broken it; Heal its breaches, for it is shaking.*

Leader: You have shown Your people hard things; You have made us drink the wine of confusion.

*All: You have given a banner to those who fear You, That it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah*

Leader: That Your beloved may be delivered, Save *with* Your right hand, and hear me.

*All: God has spoken in His holiness: "I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem And measure out the Valley of Succoth.*

Leader: Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the helmet for My head; Judah is My lawgiver.

*All: Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will cast My shoe; Philistia, shout in triumph because of Me."*

Leader: Who will bring me *to* the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?

*All: Is it not You, O God, who cast us off? And You, O God, who did not go out with our armies?*

Leader: Give us help from trouble, For the help of man *is* useless.

*All: Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.*

## GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 8:1-17*

When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. <sup>2</sup>And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." <sup>3</sup>Then Jesus put out *His* hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." <sup>5</sup>Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, <sup>6</sup>saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." <sup>7</sup>And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup>The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup>"For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does *it*." <sup>10</sup>When Jesus heard *it*, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" <sup>11</sup>And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>12</sup>"But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>13</sup>Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, *so* let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour. <sup>14</sup>Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. <sup>15</sup>So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them. <sup>16</sup>When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, <sup>17</sup>that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore *our* sicknesses."

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*ACTS 16:1-15*

Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. <sup>2</sup>He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. <sup>3</sup>Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek. <sup>4</sup>And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily. <sup>6</sup>Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. <sup>7</sup>After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. <sup>8</sup>So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. <sup>9</sup>And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia,

a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. <sup>14</sup>Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

### *Psalm of Preparation\**

TUNE: OLIVET 664.66.64

### *"Psalm 126"*

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

When Zion's exile band The LORD brought back, we were As those who dream.  
For then our mouth was filled With laughter and delight;  
Our tongue then overflowed With shouts of joy.

Among the nations all They said, "The LORD has done Great things for them!"  
The LORD has done for us Great things, and we are glad.  
Restore our fortunes, LORD, Like desert streams.

For those who sow in tears Shall reap at harvest time With shouts of joy.  
The one who weeping goes, Bearing his precious seed,  
Shall singing come again, Bearing his sheaves

## SERMON

### *Genesis 33:1-20*

### *"Jacob and Esau – the Reunion"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 1 Now Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and there, Esau was coming, and with him were four hundred men. So he divided the children among Leah, Rachel, and the two maidservants.
- 2 And he put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children behind, and Rachel and Joseph last.
- 3 Then he crossed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.
- 4 But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.
- 5 And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and children, and said, "Who are these with you?" So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."
- 6 Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and bowed down.
- 7 And Leah also came near with her children, and they bowed down. Afterward Joseph and Rachel came near, and they bowed down.
- 8 Then Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company which I met?" And he said, "These are to find favor in the sight of my lord."
- 9 But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself."

- 10 And Jacob said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me.
- 11 "Please, take my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." So he urged him, and he took it.
- 12 Then Esau said, "Let us take our journey; let us go, and I will go before you."
- 13 But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are weak, and the flocks and herds which are nursing are with me. And if the men should drive them hard one day, all the flock will die.
- 14 "Please let my lord go on ahead before his servant. I will lead on slowly at a pace which the livestock that go before me, and the children, are able to endure, until I come to my lord in Seir."
- 15 And Esau said, "Now let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord."
- 16 So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.
- 17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, built himself a house, and made booths for his livestock. Therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.
- 18 Then Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan Aram; and he pitched his tent before the city.
- 19 And he bought the parcel of land, where he had pitched his tent, from the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred pieces of money.
- 20 Then he erected an altar there and called it El Elohe Israel.

### Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

# Hymn of Response\*

TUNE: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11

# "How Firm a Foundation"

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your  
3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of  
4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-suf-

faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to  
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength-en you, help you, and  
sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your  
ficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?  
cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.  
troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.  
only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

## BENEDICTION\*

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### Prayer requests

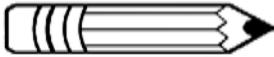
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray our Sunday School Teachers and Students
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.
- Pray for our Church remodel/expansion 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, April 1, at 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM. Please read chapter 2 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel study book.
- Sunday School Starts at 10 a.m. We have a class for Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and an adult class. The Adults are studying a Ligonier DVD on the New Testament Canon.
- Good Friday Service: Friday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m.

# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

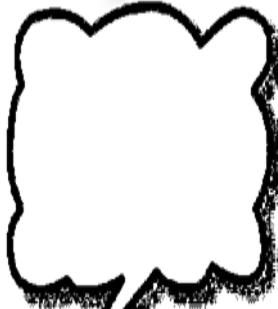
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Who is speaking?



Words you heard but don't know...

What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:

How does today's message apply to your life?



Favorite song today was:

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

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