



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*"Blessed be God, Who has not turned away
my prayer, Nor His mercy from me!*

— Psalm 66:20

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 125:1-2

Leader: Those who trust in the LORD *Are* like Mount Zion, *which* cannot be moved, *but* abides forever.

All: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.

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: EIN= FESTE BURG 88.88.66.668

“Psalm 46”

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

God is our refuge and our strength, A present help in our distress.
We will not therefore be afraid Tho= all the earth should be removed,
Tho= mountains great be hurled Into the ocean=s depths,
Tho= seas may roar and foam And billows shake the shore,
Tho= mountains tremble at their power.

A river brings refreshing streams To cheer the city of our God,
The Most High=s holy dwelling place. God is in her; she won=t be moved;
At dawn will God help her. The heathen rage; realms quake;
He lifts His voice; earth melts. The LORD of hosts with us!
Our fortress strong is Jacob=s God.

O come, see what the LORD has done: He desolations brought on earth;
On earth He puts an end to wars, Breaks bow and spear, and char-iots burns.
Be still! Know I am God. Exalted o=er all men,
Exalted o=er all earth. The LORD of hosts with us!
Our fortress strong is Jacob=s God

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 25:4-7, 11

All: *“Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness= sake, O LORD. For Your name=s sake, O LORD, pardon my iniquity, for it is great .” Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus= name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 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. ²And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 3

TUNE: NEW BRITAIN CM

“Amazing Grace”

O LORD, how are my foes increased! Against me many rise.
How many say, “In vain for help He on his God relies!”

You are my shield and glory, LORD; You lifted up my head.
I cried out, “LORD!” and from His hill To me His answer sped.

I lay down, slept, and woke again The LORD is keeping me.
I will not fear ten thousand men Entrenched surrounding me.

Arise, O LORD! Save me, my God! You punish all my foes.
You smite the face of wicked men, Their teeth break with your blows.

Deliverance is from the LORD, Salvation His alone!
O let Your blessing evermore Be on Your people shown

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

Psalms 17:1-9

Leader: Hear a just cause, O LORD, Attend to my cry; Give ear to my prayer which is not from deceitful lips.

All: Let my vindication come from Your presence; Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.

Leader: You have tested my heart; You have visited *me* in the night; You have tried me and have found nothing; I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

All: Concerning the works of men, By the word of Your lips, I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer.

Leader: Uphold my steps in Your paths, *That* my footsteps may not slip.

All: I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech.

Leader: Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust *in* You From those who rise up *against* them.

All: Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

Leader: From the wicked who oppress me, *From* my deadly enemies who surround me.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:20-37

Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹"nor will they say, =See here!= or =See there!= For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you." ²²Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see *it*. ²³"And they will say to you, =Look here!= or =Look there!= Do not go after *them* or follow *them*. ²⁴"For as the lightning that flashes out of one *part* under heaven shines to the other *part* under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. ²⁵"But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. ²⁶"And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷"They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸"Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹"but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. ³⁰"Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹"In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods *are* in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back. ³²"Remember Lot=s wife. ³³"Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. ³⁴"I tell you, in that night there will be two *men* in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. ³⁵"Two *women* will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. ³⁶"Two *men* will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left." ³⁷ And they answered and said to Him, "Where, Lord?" So He said to them, "Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Jude 1:1-25

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: ²Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. ³Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. ⁸Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. ⁹Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" ¹⁰But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. ¹¹Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. ¹²These are spots in

your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; ¹³raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. ¹⁴Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, ¹⁵to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." ¹⁶These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage. ¹⁷But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: ¹⁸how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. ¹⁹These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit. ²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. ²²And on some have compassion, making a distinction; ²³but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh. ²⁴Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, ²⁵To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation**

TUNE: NICEA 11.11.12.10

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, and the second system covers the second line. Chord symbols are provided above the staff lines.

First System:

- Chords: I D, Bm, A D, G, D, I
- Lyrics:
 - 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!

Second System:

- Chords: A, D, Bm, A, E7, A
- Lyrics:
 - 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!

SERMON

Psalm 66:1-20

"A Funnel of Praise"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!
- 2 Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.
- 3 Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.
- 4 All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You; They shall sing praises *to* Your name." Selah
- 5 Come and see the works of God; *He is awesome in His* doing toward the sons of men.
- 6 He turned the sea into dry *land*; They went through the river on foot. There we will rejoice in Him.
- 7 He rules by His power forever; His eyes observe the nations; Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah
- 8 Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard,
- 9 Who keeps our soul among the living, And does not allow our feet to be moved.
- 10 For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined.
- 11 You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs.

- 12 You have caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and
through water; But You brought us out to rich *fulfillment*.
- 13 I will go into Your house with burnt offerings; I will pay You my vows,
14 Which my lips have uttered And my mouth has spoken when I was in
trouble.
- 15 I will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat animals, With the sweet aroma of
rams; I will offer bulls with goats. Selah
- 16 Come *and* hear, all you who fear God, And I will declare what He has done
for my soul.
- 17 I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue.
18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.
- 19 *But* certainly God has heard *me*; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.
20 Blessed *be* God, Who has not turned away my prayer, Nor His mercy from
me!

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: O STORE GUD

"How Great Thou Art"

Stuart K. Hine, 1949; alt:

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
 2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

B \flat /F(A/E) F(E) B \flat (A)

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

E \flat (D)

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

B \flat /F(A/E) F(E) B \flat (A)

thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

REFRAIN

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

Chords: Γ , $E^b(D)$, $B^b(A)$, $F(E)$, $Cm^7(B^b7)$, $F^7(E^7)$, $B^b(A)$

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer requests

- This week=s WEPCA Missionaries: The Women=s Care Center
- Pray for our country=s leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.

Announcements

- Prayer meeting will be taking the rest of July off. We will pick back up on Wednesday, August 17.
- Men=s Bible Study: Saturday, August 6, 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM, “Let=s Study Philippians” chapters 19-20. Please note we are taking the month of July off.
- Women=s Bible Study: We will be taking July and August off. Please stay tuned for the restart.
- Our Church is hosting the Presbytery of Ascension on Saturday, July 30. We are asking for the church to provide some side dishes to go along with pulled pork. If you are willing to help out, please sign up on the back bulletin board. We ask that you drop them off on the day of Presbytery between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend Presbytery.
- Please mark your calendars for a picnic to be held at the church on Sunday, August 28, starting at 4 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

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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