



*“But although He had done so many signs
before them, they did not believe in Him”
-John 12:37*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 98:1-4

Leader: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

All: *The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.*

Leader: He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: *Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.*

*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: MADRID 6.6.6.6.D.

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Christian H. Bateman, 1843.

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

CONFESSON OF FAITH

All: We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his father before all worlds, God of God, Light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all thing were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven., and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures., and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the

Father; and he shall come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and life in the world to come. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: Almighty God, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly acknowledge that we have not lived in a manner worthy of Your redeeming grace. You have raised us up with Christ who is seated at Your right hand. You have commanded us to set our mind on things above and not on the things of earth. Yet we have transgressed Your laws by loving ourselves more than You our God, or our neighbor. We are so easily caught up in the materialism of our day, worshipping the creature and the creation, rather than You, our Creator. Thus, do we forget Your mighty victory over sin and death. Have mercy upon us, O God. Deliver us from immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. Do not leave us to ourselves but send Your Spirit that we may live above this fallen world, and show forth Your resurrection power. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: Hear the good news! "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 57:1-4

TUNE: GERMANY (GARDINER) 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 130

Leader: Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD;

All: Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.

Leader: If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

All: But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope.

All: My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning -- Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption.

All: And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 30:22-38

Moreover the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³ "Also take for yourself quality spices -- five hundred *shekels* of liquid myrrh, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty *shekels*), two hundred and fifty *shekels* of sweet-smelling cane, ²⁴ "five hundred *shekels* of cassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. ²⁵ "And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil. ²⁶ "With it you shall anoint the tabernacle of meeting and the ark of the Testimony; ²⁷ "the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense; ²⁸ "the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base. ²⁹ "You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them must be holy. ³⁰ "And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that *they* may minister to Me as priests. ³¹ "And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations. ³² 'It shall not be poured on man's flesh; nor shall you make *any other* like it, according to its composition. It is holy, and it shall be holy to you. ³³ 'Whoever compounds *any* like it, or whoever puts *any* of it on an outsider, shall be cut off from his people.' " ³⁴ And the LORD said to Moses: "Take sweet spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, and pure frankincense with *these* sweet spices; there

shall be equal amounts of each. ³⁵ "You shall make of these an incense, a compound according to the art of the perfumer, salted, pure, *and* holy. ³⁶ "And you shall beat *some* of it very fine, and put some of it before the Testimony in the tabernacle of meeting where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you. ³⁷ "But *as for* the incense which you shall make, you shall not make any for yourselves, according to its composition. It shall be to you holy for the LORD. ³⁸ "Whoever makes *any* like it, to smell it, he shall be cut off from his people."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 15:1-13

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to edification. ³ For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." ⁴ For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. ⁵ Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, ⁶ that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. ⁸ Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* to the fathers, ⁹ and that the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name." ¹⁰ And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" ¹¹ And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" ¹² And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: CRIMOND CM

"Psalm 23"

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

The LORD'S my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, Ev'n for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

A table Thou has furnished me in presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;
And in GOD'S house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

SERMON

John 12:37-43

“A Biblical Reality”

Pastor Marc Miller

- ³⁷ But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,
³⁸ that 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?”
³⁹ Therefore 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.”
⁴¹ These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.
⁴² Nevertheless 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;
⁴³ for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Sermon Notes

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn of Preparation

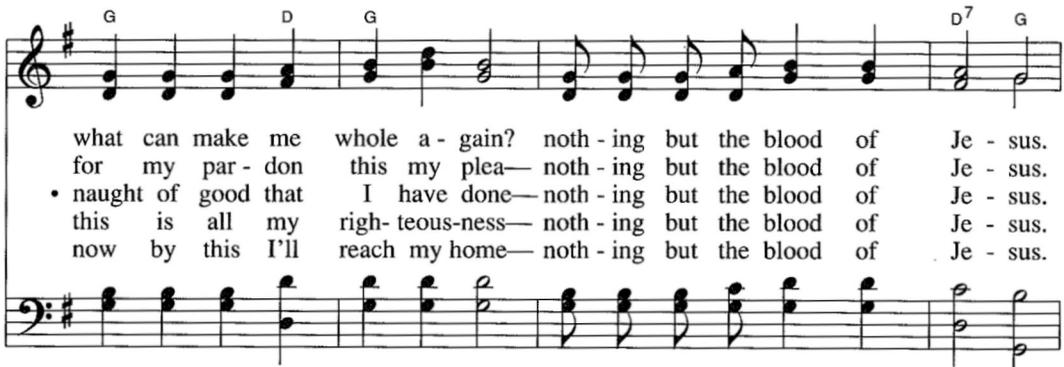
TUNE: PLAINFIELD 7.8.7.8.ref.

"Nothing but the Blood"

Robert Lowry, 1876

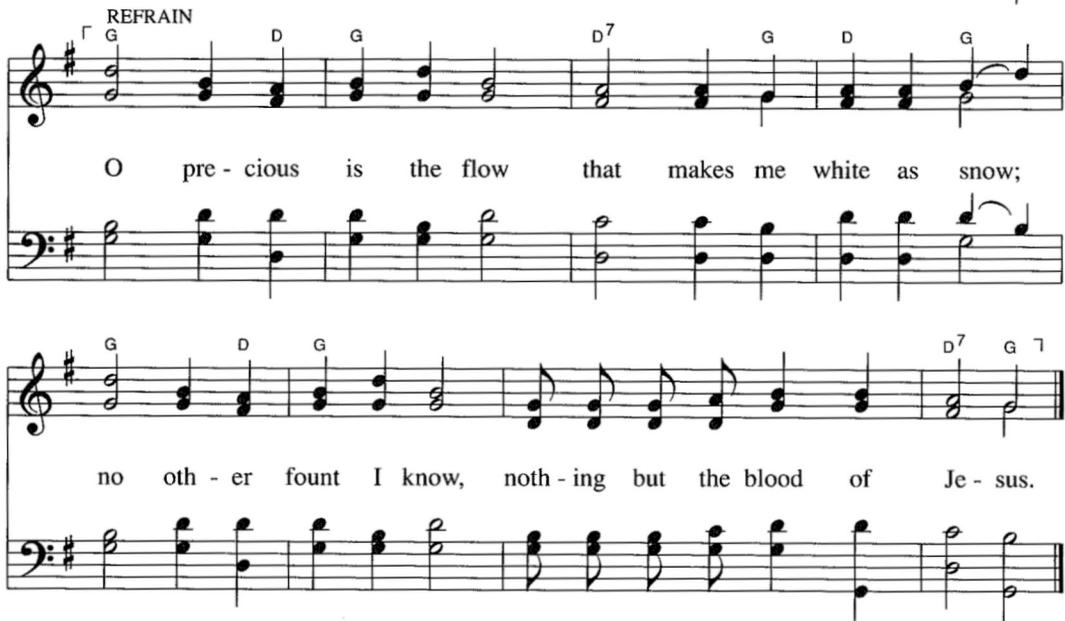


1. What can wash a - way my sin? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 2. For my cleans - ing this I see— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 4. This is all my hope and peace— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;



what can make me whole a - gain? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 for my par - don this my plea— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 • naught of good that I have done— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 this is all my righ - teous - ness— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 now by this I'll reach my home— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

REFRAIN



O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

PASSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

***The wafers are nut and gluten free*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Hymn of Response**

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"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us,
 How vast beyond all measure,
 That He should give His only Son
 To make a wretch His treasure.
 How great the pain of searing loss -
 The Father turns His face away,
 As wounds which mar the Chosen One
 Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there --cont
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi Family
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for Sunday school and our Sunday school teachers
- Pray for those dealing with physical ailments

Announcements

- The men of the church are invited to attend a breakfast fellowship to be held the first Saturday of the month. The next one will be on Saturday, March 7, at 8 a.m. at IHOP on West 12th St. For More information see Pastor Miller.
- Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. We have three classes for elementary aged children and an adult class. The adults are studying the Sermon on the Mount.
- We are in need of adult gym volunteers to watch the kids in the gym after church to keep them safe and allow the parents to fellowship. There is a signup sheet in the back if you would like to serve the church in that way.
- Please mark your calendars for our next fellowship luncheon to be held on Sunday, February 23 after the morning worship service. A signup genius will be going out soon to aide in the planning of side dishes to bring. If we don't have your email address for the signup genius and you would like to be on it, please let Mary Moser know. All are invited and encouraged to attend.
- Our next congregational prayer meeting will be on Sunday, February 16, after the morning worship service. All are encouraged to attend.

Gym Volunteers

February 2—April Scarpitti

February 9—Kait Whitbeck

Nursery/Childcare

- If at all possible, we want families to worship together. But, at times, it may be necessary, for the orderliness and edification of the church, to utilize the nursery in the library, which is equipped with chairs and a sound system

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.
 - This means that we believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
 - This means we believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
 - This means we hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
 - This means that 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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