



“I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.” --John 17:15

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 100:1-5

Leader: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

All: Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

All: We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

All: For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations

*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*

*Psalm of Praise**

TUNE: PENITENCE 11.11.11.11

“Psalm 4”

“In the Hour of Trial”

Answer when I call, O God who justifies. In my stress You freed me; hear in grace my cries.
Sons of men, how long will you my glory shame?
Will you love what’s worthless? Will lies be your aim?

Know the LORD His saints has set apart in grace, And the LORD will hear me when I seek His face.
Tremble in your anger, yet from sin depart. On your bed in silence speak within your heart.

May you sacrifice now sacrifices just. In Jehovah only placing all your trust.
“Who will show us goodness?” many people say; The light of Your face, LORD, lift on us, we pray.

You have given my heart greater joy by far Than when grain and new wine most abundant are.
So in peace I lie down; I will rest and sleep, For, O LORD, You only will me safely keep.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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 things 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

Psalm 5:1-5, 7

All: *“Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.” Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus’ name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Luke 1:68-69, Matthew 1:21

Leader: Hear the good news! *“Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”*

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

***We ask that for the time being you send your tithe checks by mail to our treasurer*

Psalm 121

TUNE: DUNDEE CM

Based on the Scottish Psalter, 1615

I to the hills will lift my eyes. From whence shall come my aid?
My safety cometh from the LORD Who heav'n and earth has made.

Thy foot He'll not let slide, nor will He slumber that thee keeps.
Lo, He that keepeth Is-ra-el, He slumbers not nor sleeps.

The LORD thee keeps; the LORD thy shade On thy right hand doth stay;
The moon by night thee shall not smite, Nor yet the sun by day.

The LORD shall keep thee from all ill; He shall preserve thy soul.
The LORD as thou shalt go and come Forever keeps thee whole.

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 17:1-8

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. ⁴

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,*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 13:1-33

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them." ³So Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the LORD, all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel. ⁴Now these were their names: from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur; ⁵from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori; ⁶from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh; ⁷from the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph; ⁸from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun; ⁹from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu; ¹⁰from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi; ¹¹from the tribe of Joseph, that is, from the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi; ¹²from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli; ¹³from the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael; ¹⁴from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi; ¹⁵from the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. ¹⁶These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun, Joshua. ¹⁷Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up this way into the South, and go up to the mountains, ¹⁸"and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, few or many; ¹⁹"whether the land they dwell in is good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit are like camps or strongholds; ²⁰"whether the land is rich or poor; and whether there are forests there or not. Be of good courage. And bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes. ²¹So they went up and spied out the land from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath. ²²And they went up through the South and came to Hebron; Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) ²³Then they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and there cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes; they carried it between two of them on a pole. They also brought some of the pomegranates and figs. ²⁴The place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the men of Israel cut down there. ²⁵And they returned from spying out the land after forty days. ²⁶Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸"Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. ²⁹"The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan." ³⁰Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." ³¹But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." ³²And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. ³³"There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 7:2-16

Open *your hearts* to us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have cheated no one. ³I do not say *this* to condemn; for I have said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together. ⁴Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation. ⁵For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside *were* conflicts, inside *were* fears. ⁶Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, ⁷and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more. ⁸For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. ⁹Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. ¹⁰For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. ¹¹For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, *what* clearing of *yourselves*, *what* indignation, *what* fear, *what* vehement desire, *what* zeal, *what* vindication! In all *things* you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter. ¹²Therefore, although I wrote to you, *I did not do it* for the sake of him who had done the wrong, nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you. ¹³Therefore we have been comforted in your comfort. And we rejoiced exceedingly more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. ¹⁴For if in anything I have boasted to him about you, I am not ashamed. But as we spoke all things to you in truth, even so our boasting to Titus was found true. ¹⁵And his affections are greater for you as he remembers the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling you received him. ¹⁶Therefore I rejoice that I have confidence in you in everything.

*Hymn of Preparation**

TUNE: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Robert Robinson, 1758

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing". It features a treble and bass clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: G, D, A7, D, A, G, D, A7, D. Below the treble staff, the lyrics are written in three lines:

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment for the melody.

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

SERMON

John 17:11-19

“Praying for Keeps”

Pastor Marc Miller

- 11 “Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are*.
- 12 “While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

- 13 "But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.
- 14 "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
- 15 "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.
- 16 "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
- 17 "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.
- 18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.
- 19 "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

• Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: EL NATHAN C.M. ref.

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

Daniel W. Whittle, 1883

1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he has made known,
 2. I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he did im-part,
 3. I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing men of sin,
 4. I know not what of good or ill may be re-served for me,
 5. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,

nor why, un-wor-ty, Christ in love re-deemed me for his own.
 nor how be-liev-ing in his Word wrought peace with-in my heart.
 • re-veal-ing Je-sus through the Word, cre-at-ing faith in him.
 of wea-ry ways or gold-en days, be-fore his face I see.
 nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air."

REFRAIN

But "I know whom I have be - liev - ed, and am per - suad - ed that he is

a - ble to keep that which I've com - mit - ted un - to him a - gainst that day."

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 those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for God's all sufficient grace to be known in all our lives
- Pray for the Lord to raise up what we need for a place to worship

Announcements

- We are livestreaming the worship service starting at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings until further notice. The livestream link can be found at www.wepca.org. We will still record the sermon and upload it on the website too.
- The session wants to exhort the church family to continue to lift one another up in prayer, check on one another, and if you need anything please call Pastor Marc or one of the elders. This is a great opportunity to show our love for one another in real ways!
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on October 3 at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on West 12th street.
- The session would ask that you continue to pray as we actively seek out a place to worship. We have found a place that we feel would work for us and would ask that you would pray about this matter. We also are asking that you prayerfully consider making a one-time gift to help us with the purchase of this property or another one that the Lord may raise up.
- Our website now has a page describing our building need with the option for online giving.

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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