



*“I do not pray for these alone,  
but also for those who will believe in Me  
through their word.” --John 17:20*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 95:6-7a*

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

All: *For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.*

## *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: JOANNA 11.11.11.11.

## *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,  
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses of text.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## 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 39:4-8*

*All: "LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor. Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up riches, And does not know who will gather them. And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Ephesian 2:8-10*

Leader: Hear the good news! "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

### ***Psalm 101***

TUNE: AURELIA 76.76.D

"The Church's One Foundation"

Of mercy and of justice, O LORD, I'll sing to Thee.  
In uprightness and wisdom Shall my behavior be.  
O when in lovingkindness Wilt Thou to me come near?  
I'll walk within my dwelling with heart and life sincere.

I will permit no base thing Before my eyes to be.  
I hate unfaithful doing; It shall not cleave to me.  
The man whose heart is froward Shall from my presence go;  
And nothing that is evil will I consent to know.

I'll cut him off that slanders his neighbor secretly;  
I'll not endure the proud heart nor eyes that haughty be.  
My eyes are with the faithful that he may dwell with me;  
The man whose walk is upright my minister shall be.  
No man of works deceitful within my house shall dwell;  
Nor in my sight shall tarry A man who lies will tell.  
Each morning with destruction the wicked I'll reward,  
to free from evildoers The city of the LORD.

### 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 84:1-12*

Leader: How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!

*All: My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.*

Leader: Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young -- Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God.

*All: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah*

Leader: Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

*All: As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools.*

Leader: They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.

*All: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah*

Leader: O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed.

*All: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

Leader: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

*All: O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Numbers 14:1-25*

So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. <sup>2</sup>And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup>Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" <sup>4</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt." <sup>5</sup>Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. <sup>6</sup>But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; <sup>7</sup>and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. <sup>8</sup>If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.' <sup>9</sup>Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them." <sup>10</sup>And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel. <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses: "How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them? <sup>12</sup>I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they." <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the LORD: "Then the Egyptians will hear it, for by Your might You brought these people up from among them, <sup>14</sup>and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, LORD, are among these people; that You, LORD, are seen face to face and Your cloud stands above them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. <sup>15</sup>Now if You kill these people as one man, then the nations which have heard of Your fame will speak, saying, <sup>16</sup>Because the LORD was not able to bring this people to the land which He swore to give them, therefore He killed them in the wilderness.' <sup>17</sup>And now, I pray, let the power of my LORD be great, just as You have spoken, saying, <sup>18</sup>The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.' <sup>19</sup>Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now." <sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said: "I have pardoned, according to your word; <sup>21</sup>but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD -- <sup>22</sup>because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, <sup>23</sup>they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it. <sup>24</sup>But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it. <sup>25</sup>Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valley; tomorrow turn and move out into the wilderness by the Way of the Red Sea."

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 8:1-24

Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: <sup>2</sup>that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. <sup>3</sup>For I bear witness that according to *their* ability, yes, and beyond *their* ability, *they were* freely willing, <sup>4</sup>imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. <sup>5</sup>And not *only* as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and *then* to us by the will of God. <sup>6</sup>So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. <sup>7</sup>But as you abound in everything -- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us -- *see* that you abound in this grace also. <sup>8</sup>I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago; <sup>11</sup>but now you also must complete the doing *of it*; that as *there was* a readiness to desire *it*, so *there also may be* a completion out of what *you* have. <sup>12</sup>For if there is first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to what one has, *and* not according to what he does not have. <sup>13</sup>For *I do* not *mean* that others should be eased and you burdened; <sup>14</sup>but by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may supply* their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack -- that there may be equality. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, "He who *gathered* much had nothing left over, and he who *gathered* little had no lack." <sup>16</sup>But thanks *be* to God who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. <sup>17</sup>For he not only accepted the exhortation, but being more diligent, he went to you of his own accord. <sup>18</sup>And we have sent with him the brother whose praise *is* in the gospel throughout all the churches, <sup>19</sup>and not only *that*, but who was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself and *to show* your ready mind, <sup>20</sup>avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this lavish gift which is administered by us -- <sup>21</sup>providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. <sup>22</sup>And we have sent with them our brother whom we have often proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, because of the great confidence which *we have* in you. <sup>23</sup>If *anyone inquires* about Titus, *he is* my partner and fellow worker concerning you. Or if our brethren *are inquired about*, *they are* messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. <sup>24</sup>Therefore show to them, and before the churches the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf.

### ***Psalm of Preparation\****

TUNE: AZMON CM

### ***"Psalm 133"***

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Behold how good a thing it is, and how becoming well,  
When those that brethren are delight in unity to dwell.

For it is like the precious oil poured out on Aaron's head,  
That, going down upon his beard, upon his garments spread.

Like Hermon's dew upon the hills Of Zion that descends,  
The LORD commands His blessing there, ev'n life that never ends

## SERMON

*John 17:20-26*

*"Jesus Prays for His Church"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- <sup>20</sup> " I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;
- <sup>21</sup> "that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.
- <sup>22</sup> "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:
- <sup>23</sup> "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.
- <sup>24</sup> "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.
- <sup>25</sup> "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.
- <sup>26</sup> "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

### Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

### Hymn of Response\*

TUNE: DENNIS S.M.

### "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

John Fawcett, 1762

Capo 3: ♮ (D) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) ♮ (G) (D) (A)

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
 2. Be - fore the Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us in - ward pain;

(A<sup>7</sup>) (D) (A) (D) ♮ (G) (D) (G) (D/A) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) ♮

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

- This glorious hope revives our courage by the way, while each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.
- From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

## BENEDICTION\*

\* --Please stand if able  
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### Prayer Requests

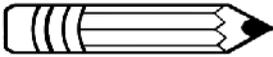
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garret Family
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for God's all sufficient grace to be known in all our lives

### Announcements

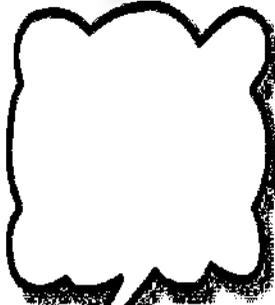
- We are livestreaming the worship service starting at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings until further notice. The livestream link can be found at [www.wepca.org](http://www.wepca.org). We will still record the sermon and upload it on the website too.
- The session wants to exhort the church family to continue 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 November 3 at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on West 12<sup>th</sup> street.
- We praise God that our offer on the building has been accepted! Please pray for all the details that must be handled as we move towards closing on the property.
- Our website now has a page describing our building need with the option for online giving.

# 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.



Words you heard but don't know...

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:



Favorite song today was:

How does today's message apply to your life?

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

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