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JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING  
OF THE JEWS.” -John 19:19*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 136:1-3*

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever.

All: *Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.*

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever:

## *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: EIN FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.

## *“A Might Fortress Is Our God”*

Matin Luther, 1529

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

## 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

*All: Father, no one can forgive sins except You alone. No one can determine what is a sin except You alone. We confess that, according to Your law, we have all fallen short in many ways. We have sinned against You in this last week, and we seek Your cleansing and forgiveness now. Particularly, we have not loved You as we ought. We have neglected to glorify You in thought, word, and deed, and we have sought our own interests without reference to You. For these sins, we ask Your pardon. Mercy and truth go before Your face. You love righteousness and hate wickedness. And yet, through the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, to You belongs great mercy. We come to You now, Father, seeking Your free pardon in Christ. Hear now our Silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Romans 6:5-6*

*Leader: Hear the good news! For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin."*

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

### ***Psalm 54***

TUNE: EBENEZER 87.87.D

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

By Your name, O God, now save me; Grant me justice by Your strength.  
To these words of mine give answer; O my God, now hear my prayer.  
Strangers have come up against me, Even men of violence.  
And they seek my life’s destruction; God is not within their thoughts.

See how God has been my helper, How my Lord sustains my soul:  
To my foes He pays back evil – In Your truth destroy them all!  
I will sacrifice with gladness; I will praise Your name, O LORD.  
He has saved me from all trouble; I have looked on all my foes.

### 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 22:1-2, 14-18*

Leader: My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?

*All: O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent.*

Leader: I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.

*All: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.*

Leader: For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;

*All: I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me.*

Leader: They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Numbers 19:1-22*

Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>2</sup>"This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying: 'Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer without blemish, in which there *is* no defect *and* on which a yoke has never come. <sup>3</sup>You shall give it to Eleazar the priest, that he may take it outside the camp, and it shall be slaughtered before him; <sup>4</sup>and Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle some of its blood seven times directly in front of the tabernacle of meeting. <sup>5</sup>Then the heifer shall be burned in his sight: its hide, its flesh, its blood, and its offal shall be burned. <sup>6</sup>And the priest shall take cedar wood and hyssop and scarlet, and cast *them* into the midst of the fire burning the heifer. <sup>7</sup>Then the priest shall wash his clothes, he shall bathe in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp; the priest shall be unclean until evening. <sup>8</sup>And the one who burns it shall wash his clothes in water, bathe in water, and shall be unclean until evening. <sup>9</sup>Then a man *who is* clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and store *them* outside the camp in a clean place; and they shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for the water of purification; it *is* for purifying from sin. <sup>10</sup>And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until evening. It shall be a statute forever to the children of Israel and to the stranger who dwells among them. <sup>11</sup>He who touches the dead body of anyone shall be unclean seven days. <sup>12</sup>He shall purify himself with the water on the third day and on the seventh day; *then* he will be clean. But if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not be clean. <sup>13</sup>Whoever touches the body of anyone who has died, and does not purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD. That person shall be cut off from Israel. He shall be unclean, because the water of purification was not sprinkled on him; his uncleanness *is* still on him. <sup>14</sup>This *is* the law when a man dies in a tent: All who come into the tent and all who *are* in the tent shall be unclean seven days; <sup>15</sup>and every open vessel, which has no cover fastened on it, *is* unclean. <sup>16</sup>Whoever in the open field touches one who is slain by a sword or who has died, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. <sup>17</sup>And for an unclean *person* they shall take some of the ashes of the heifer burnt for purification from sin, and running water shall be put on them in a vessel. <sup>18</sup>A clean person shall take hyssop and dip *it* in the water, sprinkle *it* on the tent, on all the vessels, on the persons who were there, or on the one who touched a bone, the slain, the dead, or a grave. <sup>19</sup>The clean *person* shall sprinkle the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, wash his clothes, and bathe in water; and at evening he shall be clean. <sup>20</sup>But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person shall be cut off from among the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD. The water of purification has not been sprinkled on him; he *is* unclean. <sup>21</sup>It shall be a perpetual statute for them. He who sprinkles the water of purification shall wash his clothes; and he who touches the water of purification shall be unclean until evening. <sup>22</sup>Whatever the unclean *person* touches shall be unclean; and the person who touches *it* shall be unclean until evening.' "

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Galatians 2:1-21*

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with *me*.<sup>2</sup> And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.<sup>3</sup> Yet not even Titus who *was* with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.<sup>4</sup> And *this occurred* because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage),<sup>5</sup> to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.<sup>6</sup> But from those who seemed to be something -- whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man -- for those who seemed *to be something* added nothing to me.<sup>7</sup> But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as *the gospel* for the circumcised *was* to Peter<sup>8</sup> (for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles),<sup>9</sup> and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we *should go* to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.<sup>10</sup> *They desired* only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.<sup>11</sup> Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed;<sup>12</sup> for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision.<sup>13</sup> And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.<sup>14</sup> But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before *them* all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?<sup>15</sup> We *who are* Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,<sup>16</sup> knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.<sup>17</sup> But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!<sup>18</sup> For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.<sup>19</sup> For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.<sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain."

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

TUNE: ST. THEODULPH 76.76.D

### ***"Psalm 31:1-13"***

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

In You, LORD , I take refuge; Ashamed let me not be.  
Your righteousness eternal Express by saving me;  
Incline Your ear to hear me; With speed deliver me.  
To me O be a strong rock A fort to rescue me.

You are my rock and fortress; For Your sake lead and guide.  
Free me from nets they've hidden; My stronghold You abide.  
I now commit my spirit Into Your outstretched hand.  
I know You have redeemed me, LORD God of truths that stand.

I hate those serving idols; My trust is in the LORD.  
I'll triumph in Your mercy; For anguish You regard.  
You've known my soul's afflictions, Kept me from hostile hand.  
My feet You have established Where they have room to stand.

O LORD, have mercy on me, For anguish fills my life;  
My eye, my soul, my body Are all consumed with grief.  
My life is drained by sorrow, My years with sighing spent;  
I've lost my strength by sinning; My bones are weak and bent.

To all my foes a byword, A dread to those near me,  
A scorn to all my neighbors, At sight of me they flee.  
Like dead men I'm forgotten, A broken jar thrown out.  
I've slanders heard of many, and fear is all about.

## SERMON

*John 19:17-24*

*"The King on the Cross"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- <sup>17</sup> And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha,
- <sup>18</sup> where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.
- <sup>19</sup> Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.
- <sup>20</sup> Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.
- <sup>21</sup> Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.''"
- <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."
- <sup>23</sup> Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.
- <sup>24</sup> They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

## *Sermon Notes:*

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

# Hymn of Response\*

TUNE: HAMBURG L.M.

# "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ my God: all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## BENEDICTION\*

\* --Please stand if able

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## **Prayer Requests**

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Knight 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 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 Saturday, December 5, at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on west 12<sup>th</sup> street. If you need more information please contact Pastor Miller.
- We praise God for his faithfulness to us in providing us with a place of our own to worship and the ability to pay it off!

# 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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