

*“but these are written that you  
may believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God...” - John 20:31a*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Revelation 15:3b-4*

Leader: Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true *are* Your ways, O King of the saints!

All: *Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."*

## *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: NICAEA 11.12.12.10

## *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Reginald Heber, 1723-1826

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Above the staff, the following chords are indicated: D, Bm, A, D, G, D, and a fermata over the final D. The lyrics are:

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!

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!

### 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 86:6-8, 11-13*

*All: "Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me. Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works. Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore. For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Titus 3:3-6*

Leader: Hear the good news! "For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,"

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

***Psalm 139:1-8***

TUNE: MARYTON LM

"O Master, Let Me Walk"

LORD, Thou hast searched me; Thou hast known My rising and my sitting down;  
And from afar Thou knowest well The very thoughts that in me dwell.

Thou knowest all the ways I plan, My path and lying down dost scan;  
For in my tongue no word can be, But, lo, O LORD, 'tis known to Thee.

Behind, before me, Thou dost stand And lay on me Thy mighty hand;  
Such knowledge is for me too strange And high beyond my utmost range.

Where shall I from Thy Spirit flee, Or from Thy presence hidden be?  
In heav'n Thou art, if there I fly, In death's abode, if there I lie.

### 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 110:1-7*

Leader: The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

**All:** *The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!*

Leader: Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

**All:** *The LORD has sworn And will not relent, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”*

Leader: The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

**All:** *He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.*

Leader: He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Numbers 25:1-18*

Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. <sup>2</sup>They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. <sup>3</sup>So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Take all the leaders of the people and hang the offenders before the LORD, out in the sun, that the fierce anger of the

LORD may turn away from Israel.” <sup>5</sup>So Moses said to the judges of Israel, “Every one of you kill his men who were joined to Baal of Peor.” <sup>6</sup>And indeed, one of the children of Israel came and presented to his brethren a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. <sup>7</sup>Now when Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand; <sup>8</sup>and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stopped among the children of Israel. <sup>9</sup>And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand. <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>11</sup>“Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal. <sup>12</sup>“Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace; <sup>13</sup>and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.’ “ <sup>14</sup>Now the name of the Israelite who was killed, who was killed with the Midianite woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, a leader of a father’s house among the Simeonites. <sup>15</sup>And the name of the Midianite woman who was killed was Cozbi the daughter of Zur; he was head of the people of a father’s house in Midian. <sup>16</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>17</sup>“Harass the Midianites, and attack them; <sup>18</sup>for they harassed you with their schemes by which they seduced you in the matter of Peor and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a leader of Midian, their sister, who was killed in the day of the plague because of Peor.”

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Ephesians 5:1-33*

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. <sup>3</sup>But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; <sup>4</sup>neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. <sup>5</sup>For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not be partakers with them. <sup>8</sup>For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), <sup>10</sup>finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup>But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. <sup>14</sup>Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.” <sup>15</sup>See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup>redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another in the fear of

God. <sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. <sup>24</sup>Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, <sup>26</sup>that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. <sup>30</sup>For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. <sup>31</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup>This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

### *Psalm of Preparation\**

TUNE: LEOMINSTER SMD

### *"Psalm 16"*

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

Preserve me, O my God; I put my trust in You.  
LORD, I confess, You are my Lord; No good have I but You.  
The godly ones on earth, Those holy in Your sight,  
The noble and majestic ones, Fill me with great delight.  
Their sorrows multiply Who after idols seek.  
To them I'll no blood off' rings make; Their names I'll never speak.  
The LORD the portion is Of my inheritance.  
He fills my cup, my lot prepares, Secures to me His grants.  
The lines that fell to me Enclose a pleasant site.  
The heritage that I received To me is a delight.  
I bless the LORD Who guides With counsel that is right.  
My heart within me He directs To teach me in the night.  
I always keep the LORD Before me, Him to see.  
Because He is at my right hand I never moved shall be.  
Thus gladness fills my soul; My joy must be expressed  
With my whole being, for my flesh Securely finds its rest.  
My soul You will not leave In death's dark pit to be.  
Corruption You will not permit Your Holy One to see.  
The path of life You'll show; Of joy You hold great store.  
Before Your face, at Your right hand, Are pleasures evermore.



1. I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! He loved me ere I knew him;  
 2. I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! He bled, he died to save me;  
 3. I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! All pow'r to him is giv-en,  
 4. I've found a Friend, O such a Friend! So kind and true and ten-der,

he drew me with the cords of love, and thus he bound me to him;  
 and not a-lone the gift of life, but his own self he gave me!  
 to guard me on my on-ward course, and bring me safe to heav-en:  
 so wise a Coun-sel - or and guide, so might-y a de-fend-er!

and round my heart still close-ly twine those ties which naught can sev-er,  
 Naught that I have mine own I'll call, I'll hold it for the Giv-er,  
 e-ter-nal glo-ry gleams a-far, to nerve my faint en-deav-or:  
 From him who loves me now so well what pow'r my soul can sev-er?

for I am his, and he is mine, for - ev - er and for - ev - er.  
 my heart, my strength, my life, my all are his, and his for - ev - er.  
 so now to watch, to work, to war; and then to rest for - ev - er.  
 Shall life or death, shall earth or hell? No! I am his for - ev - er.

## **BENEDICTION\***

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

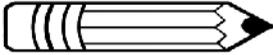
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for God's all sufficient grace to be known in all our lives

### **Announcements**

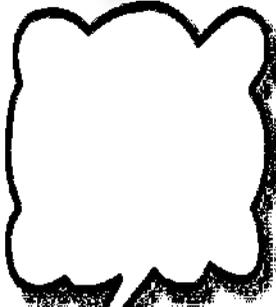
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on Saturday, February 6, at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on west 12th street. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Miller.
- We 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!
- The ladies and girls of the church are invited to a bridal shower for Andrea Dobi on Sunday, February 28 right after church. Please RSVP to Natalie Miller.

# 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:

How does today's message apply to your life?



Favorite song today was:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# 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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