

*"He said to him the third time,
"Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"
-John 21:17b*

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 47:8-9

Leader: God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

*All: The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.*

*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: RUPLEY 87.87.D

“Psalm 146”

Based on the Book of Psalms, 1871, and the Psalter, 1912

Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah! O my soul, Jehovah praise!
I will sing the glorious praises Of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, Nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, And his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Jacob’s God to be his aid;
He is blessed whose hope of blessing On the LORD his God is stayed.
He has made the earth and heaven, Seas, and all that they contain;
He will keep His truth forever, Rights of those oppressed maintain.

Food Jehovah gives the hungry, Sight Jehovah gives the blind,
Freedom gives He to the pris’ner, Cheer to those bowed down in mind.

Well Jehovah loves the righteous To the stranger is a stay,
Helps the fatherless and widow, But subverts the sinner’s way.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises Of my God through all my days.
Over all GOD reigns for ever, Through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, Joyful hallelujahs sing

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: Almighty God, I am a sinner. Your Word and my heart confirm that to me. I have done things You have forbidden and left undone things You have commanded. I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. As judge of the whole earth You would be just to condemn me. Yet in Your love You sent Christ to bear the guilt of my sin and suffer my punishment. To Him now I flee; forgive me for His sake, and by Your Spirit help me to live in the light of His sacrifice, a life worthy of Your name. Judge me not according to my work but according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in Him I hope and in Him I come before You this day. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:8-9

Leader: Hear the good news! "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Psalm 65:1-5

TUNE: WEBB 76.76.D

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Praise waits for Thee in Zion! To Thee vows paid shall be.
O God, of prayer the hearer, All flesh shall come to Thee.
Iniquities are daily Prevailing over me,
But all of our transgressions Are covered o'er by Thee.

How blessed the man Thou choosest And bringest near to Thee,
That in Thy courts forever His dwelling place may be.
We shall within Thy temple Be wholly satisfied
And filled with all the goodness Thy sacred courts provide.

O God of our salvation, Thou in Thy righteousness
With awesome deeds and wonders Thine answer wilt express,
O Thou in Whom confiding All ends of earth agree,
And people who are sailing Upon the farthest sea.

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 99:1-9

Leader: The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!

All: *The LORD is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples.*

Leader: Let them praise Your great and awesome name -- He is holy.

All: *The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.*

Leader: Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His footstool -- He is holy.

All: *Moses and Aaron were among His priests, And Samuel was among those who called upon His name; They called upon the LORD, and He answered them.*

Leader: He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; They kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them.

All: *You answered them, O LORD our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives, Though You took vengeance on their deeds. - cont.*

Leader: Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the LORD our God is holy.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 26:35-65

These are the sons of Ephraim according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthalhites; of Becher, the family of the Bachrites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites. ³⁶And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites. ³⁷These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those who were numbered of them: thirty-two thousand five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph according to their families. ³⁸The sons of Benjamin according to their families were: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites; ³⁹of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites. ⁴⁰And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: of Ard, the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites. ⁴¹These are the sons of Benjamin according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were forty-five thousand six hundred. ⁴²These are the sons of Dan according to their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan according to their families. ⁴³All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were numbered of them, were sixty-four thousand four hundred. ⁴⁴The sons of Asher according to their families were: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites; of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites; of Beriah, the family of the Beriites. ⁴⁵Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites. ⁴⁶And the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah. ⁴⁷These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those who were numbered of them: fifty-three thousand four hundred. ⁴⁸The sons of Naphtali according to their families were: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites; ⁴⁹of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites. ⁵⁰These are the families of Naphtali according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were forty-five thousand four hundred. ⁵¹These are those who were numbered of the children of Israel: six hundred and one thousand seven hundred and thirty. ⁵²Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ⁵³"To these the land shall be divided as an inheritance, according to the number of names. ⁵⁴"To a large tribe you shall give a larger inheritance, and to a small tribe you shall give a smaller inheritance. Each shall be given its inheritance according to those who were numbered of them. ⁵⁵"But the land shall be divided by lot; they shall inherit according to the names of the tribes of their fathers. ⁵⁶"According to the lot their inheritance shall be divided between the larger and the smaller." ⁵⁷And these are those who were numbered of the Levites according to their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites. ⁵⁸These are the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, and the family of the Korathites. And Kohath begot Amram. ⁵⁹The name of Amram's wife was Jochebed the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt; and to Amram she bore Aaron and Moses and their sister Miriam. ⁶⁰To Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. ⁶¹And Nadab and Abihu died when they offered profane fire before the LORD. ⁶²Now those who were numbered of them were twenty-three thousand, every male from a month old and above; for they were not numbered among the

other children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given to them among the children of Israel. ⁶³These are those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho. ⁶⁴But among these there was not a man of those who were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest when they numbered the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Sinai. ⁶⁵For the LORD had said of them, "They shall surely die in the wilderness." So there was not left a man of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 1:1-30

Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; ⁷just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. ⁸For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. ⁹And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. ¹²But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, ¹³so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; ¹⁴and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from good will: ¹⁶The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; ¹⁷but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice. ¹⁹For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. ²⁴Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you. ²⁵And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, ²⁶that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from

God. ²⁹For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, ³⁰having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.

*Hymn of Preparation**

TUNE: MORE LOVE TO THEE 6.4.6.4.6.6.4.4.

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Elizabeth Payson Prentiss, 1869

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
 2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
 3. Let sor - row do its work, send grief and pain;
 4. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee;
 now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best:
 sweet are thy mes - sen - gers, sweet their re - frain,
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise,

REFRAIN

this is my ear - nest plea,
 this all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,
 when they can sing with me,
 this still its prayer shall be,

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more love to thee, more love to thee!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'more love to thee, more love to thee!' are written below the treble staff. A fermata is placed over the final note of the melody. The number '7' is written in the top right corner of the page.

SERMON

John 21:15-19

“Restoration with a plan”

Pastor Marc Miller

- 15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."
- 16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."
- 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.
- 18 "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."
- 19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn of Preparation

Tune: PLAINFIELD 7.7.8.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
 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: CARITAS 11.11.11.11.

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

William R. Featherstone, 1864

F B^b F C⁷ F

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
 2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,
 3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

B^b F C⁷ F

for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign.
 and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree.
 and praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;
 I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

F B^b F C⁷ F C F Gm F C

My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou;
 I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;
 and say, when the death - dew lies cold on my brow:
 I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow:

F B \flat F C 7 Am C 7 F 7

if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
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Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

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 our deacon nomination process

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, March 6, at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on west 12th street. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Miller.
- 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.

The Office of Deacon

- After much prayer and consideration, the Session has decided that the time is right to seek nominations to the office of Deacon. Nominations can come from the Session and from communicant members of West Erie PCA. The duties and qualifications for the office of Deacon are summarized below along with some more information.
 - The PCA's book of church says this about the duty of the deacon: "The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need."
 - The Bible say this as to the qualifications of the deacon in 1 Timothy 3:8-12: "Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless"
 - The session is nominating Tim Whitbeck, Steve Crane, and Mike Scarpitti.
 - If you believe there are other men who are members of the congregation that may be qualified for this office please ask them first, and if they are willing to be nominated, inform the elders of the church.

- After a two-week nomination period, the nominees will go through a time of training. This will be followed by a called congregational meeting to elect those whom the session has approved.
- If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Miller or one of the elders of the church.

Who Should take Communion?

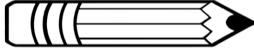
The question of who is eligible to receive communion is one of vital importance. In order to draw our minds towards examining ourselves in accordance with the Apostle Paul's exhortation to the church in Corinth, the Session of West Erie Presbyterian Church in America encourages all in attendance today to consider the following questions:

- Do you believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for your sins and rose again bodily from the dead?
- Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for your salvation?
- Have you been baptized?
- Are you a communicate member in good standing of a Bible-believing, gospel proclaiming church?
- Are you pursuing a life of obedience by forsaking sin and striving, by grace and help of the Holy Spirit, to glorify God with your entire life?

If you can answer "Yes" to each of these questions, then the Session of West Erie Presbyterian Church in America welcomes and invites you to partake of the Lord's Supper with us today.

If however, you cannot answer "Yes" to each of these questions – or if you are not sure – then we request that you refrain from partaking at this time. We encourage you to take this time to consider your own personal need for Christ, His abundant provision for the salvation of sinners, as well of the biblical requirement to join a local body of believers in humble submission to Christ's provision of elders and overseers. After the service, please come speak with a member of the Session to discuss the steps necessary to enable you to openly enjoy Communion with Christ and his people through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

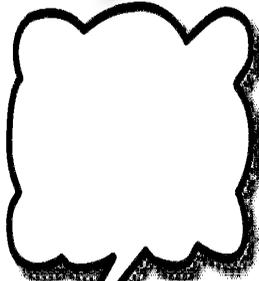


As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.

Date: _____



Who is speaking?



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: _____



Favorite song today was:

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Questions?

How does today's message apply to your life?

The most important thing you learned 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).

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