



*Then God said, "Let there be light";
and there was light. - Genesis 1:3*

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 134:1-3

Leader: Behold, bless the LORD, All *you* servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

All: *Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And bless the LORD.*

Leader: The LORD who made heaven and earth Bless you from Zion!

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: RIPLEY 87.87.D

“Palm 146”

Based on the Book of Psalms, 1871, and the Pastler, 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

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 (Psalm 5:1-5, 7)." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Micah 7:18

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Psalm 136:1-12

TUNE: CONSTANCE 87.87.D

"I've Found a Friend"

O thank the LORD, for good is He; His mercy lasts forever.
Thanks to the God of gods give ye; His mercy lasts forever.
O praises give the King of kings; His mercy lasts forever;
For He alone does wondrous things; His mercy lasts forever;
Who in His wisdom framed the skies; His mercy lasts forever;
Who made the earth from waters rise; His mercy lasts forever;
Who placed the great lights on display; His mercy lasts forever;
The sun to rule the sky by day; His mercy lasts forever;
The moon and stars to rule the night; His mercy lasts forever;
Who Egypt's firstborn all did smite; His mercy lasts forever;
Who freed all Isr'el from their charm; His mercy lasts forever;
With mighty hand and out-stretched arm; His mercy lasts forever;

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 33:1-9

Leader: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.

All: *Praise the LORD with the harp; Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.*

Leader: Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

All: *For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth.*

Leader: He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

All: *By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.*

Leader: He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses.

All: *Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.*

Leader: For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:21-45

Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. ²²And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are -- the Holy One of God!" ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" ²⁶And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. ²⁷Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." ²⁸And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee. ²⁹Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. ³¹So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them. ³²At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him. ³⁵Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those *who were* with Him searched for Him. ³⁷When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." ³⁸But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." ³⁹And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons. ⁴⁰Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." ⁴¹Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out *His* hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." ⁴²As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. ⁴³And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵However, he went out and began to proclaim *it* freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossian 1:1-29

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; ⁵because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; ⁷as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who

is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. ¹⁹For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. ²¹And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²²in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight -- ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, ²⁶the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. ²⁹To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: DIX 7.7.7.7.7.

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Below the staves, there are five lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a line of the melody. The lyrics are:

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,

2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,

3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,

4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,

5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
 • for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 grac - es hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

REFRAIN
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

SERMON

Genesis 1:3-23

"Then God Said"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
- 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.
- 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.
- 6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters."
- 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.
- 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.
- 9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.
- 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.
- 11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.
- 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

- 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.
- 14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;
- 15 "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.
- 16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.
- 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth,
- 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.
- 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
- 20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens."
- 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
- 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."
- 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Hymn of Preparation**

TUNE: ST. AGNES

"Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

John B. Dykes, 1866

1. Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless your cho - sen pil - grim flock
 2. Hun - gry and thirst - y, faint and weak, as you when here be - low,
 3. We would not live by bread a - lone, but by that Word of grace,
 4. Be known to us in break - ing bread, but do not then de - part;
 5. There sup with us in love di - vine; your bod - y and your blood,

with man - na in the wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 our souls the joys ce - les - tial seek which from your sor - rows flow.
 • in strength of which we trav - el on to our a - bid - ing place.
 Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
 that liv - ing bread, that heav'n - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION
 PASSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP
 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: FOUNTAIN 8.6.8.6.6.6.8.6.

"There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

William Cowper, 1771

Capo 1: Γ (A) (D) (A) (D) (A) 7 (D) (A) (E)

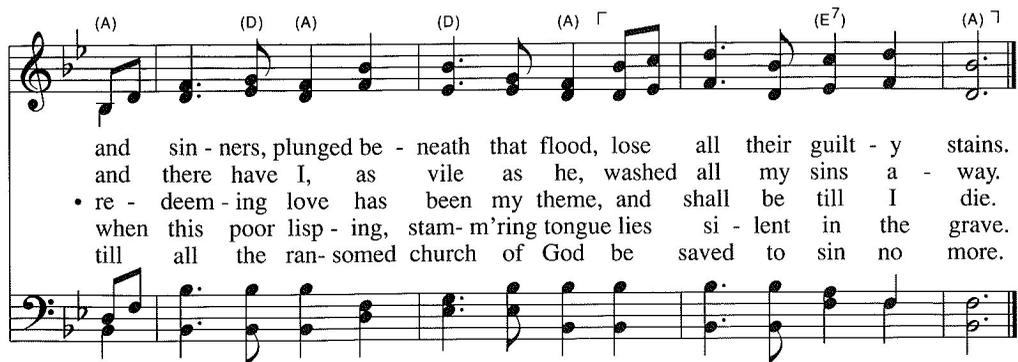
1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins;
 2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;
 3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply,
 4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
 5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,

(A) (D) (A) (D) (A) (E⁷) (A)

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains:
 and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way:
 • re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
 when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave:
 till all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more:

(E⁷) (A) (D) (A) (D) (A) (E)

lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;
 washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;
 • and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
 lies si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the grave;
 be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;



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BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
 CCLI # 174248

Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Knight Family
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for our deacon training 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, April 3, at 8 a.m. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Miller.
- Our Presbytery is having a virtual missions conference on March 13-14. Jerry Knight, one of our missionaries, will be presenting in this conference. If you would like more information there is a schedule posted on the mission's board in the back of the sanctuary.
- We will be having a Building Dedication service on Sunday March 21. We will be sending invitations out to all the churches and individuals outside our church who gave towards the purchase of our building.
- Please mark your calendars for our first ever Good Friday Service. The service will be held on Friday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m.

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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