



*“Unless the LORD builds the house,
they labor in vain who build it...”
- Psalm 127a*

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Revelation 4:11

Leader: "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

*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: GERMANY LM

"Palm 57:5-11"

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

Be Thou, O God, exalted high; And, as Thy glory fills the sky,
So be it o'er the earth displayed, And Thou, as there, be here obeyed!

To take me they their net prepared; My sinking soul almost despaired;
But they are fall'n, by Thy decree, Into the pit they dug for me.

O God, my heart is fixed, 'tis bent, Its thankful tribute to present;
And with my heart my voice I'll raise To Thee, my God, in songs of praise.

Awake my glory; harp and lute, No longer let your strings be mute;
And I, my tuneful part to take, Will with the early dawn awake.

Thy praises, Lord, I will resound to all the listening nations round;
Thy mercy highest heav'n transcends, Thy truth beyond the clouds extends.

Be Thou, O God, exalted high! And, as Thy glory fills the sky,
So be it o'er the earth displayed, And Thou, as there, be here obeyed.

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

Adapted from The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions

All: *Lord Most High, I humble myself before you. I am nothing compared to you. I have sinned. I have been deceitful and wicked. I have been an enemy to Your law. Yet You have come to help me. Your Son has come to take away my sin. His blood is my peace. His righteousness is my strength. His condemnation is my freedom. His Spirit is my power. Help me to draw strength from Your grace. Subdue the evil in my nature. Deliver me from this present evil world. Lift me up through Jesus Christ. Support me in the trials of this life and help me to walk with you in this world. Hear now our silent confession in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

Leader: *Hear the good news! "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Psalm 23

TUNE: CRIMOND CM

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

The LORD’S my Shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, Ev’n for His own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

A table Thou has furnished me in presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;
And in GOD’S house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord’s 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 19:7-14

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

All: *The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;*

Leader: The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

All: *More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*

Leader: Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.

All: *Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults.*

Leader: Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression. – cont.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. ²Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. ³And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." ⁴Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!' ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. "I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.'"⁶ ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'"¹⁰ ¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' ¹²"Therefore prophecy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³"Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. ¹⁴"I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD.' "

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 3:1-21

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles -- ²if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, ³how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, ⁴by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), ⁵which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: ⁶that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, ⁷of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. ⁸To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to make all see what is the

fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, ¹¹according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. ¹³Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height -- ¹⁹to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation**

TUNE: MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D.

"O Word of God Incarnate"

William Walsham How, 1867

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2. The church from her dear Mas - ter re - ceived the gift di - vine,
 3. It float - eth like a ban - ner be - fore God's host un - furled;
 4. O make thy church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light she lift - eth o'er all the earth to shine.
 it shin - eth like a bea - con a - bove the dark - ling world.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light, as of old.

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the gold - en cas - ket, where gems of truth are stored;
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
 O teach thy wan - d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 it is the heav'n - drawn pic - ture of Christ, the liv - ing Word.
 'mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

SERMON

Psalm 127:1a

“The Lord’s House”

Pastor Marc Miller

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it...

Colossians 4:2-4

- 2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;
- 3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,
- 4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: SYMPHONY 11.11.8.6.8.9

"We Are God's People"

Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It features a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the staff, with four verses. The first verse is: "1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his". The second verse is: "2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have". The third verse is: "3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -". The fourth verse is: "4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great". The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and end of the melody.

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 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have
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 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great

Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is
 known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how
 bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a
 weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for

Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -
 to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each
 fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our
 on its own each mem - ber los - es fire: yet joined in one the

par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
 joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.
 gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.
 flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer Requests

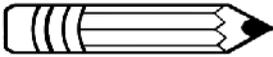
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for our deacon training process
- Pray for all of those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our covenant children

Announcements

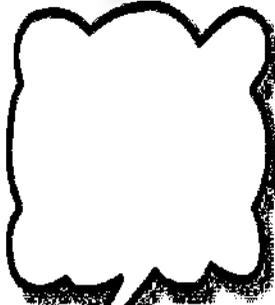
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on Saturday, April 3, at 8 a.m., at the Cracker Barrell located at Peach St. and 1-90. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Miller.
- 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.
- We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next week. Please take some time to prepare your hearts through prayer and the reading of Scripture.
- The church will be having a spring clean-up/mulch day on Saturday May 8th starting at 9 am. All are welcome and encouraged to help! If you have any questions, please talk to one of the elders.

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?

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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