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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Malachi 1:11

Leader: "For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name *shall be* great among the Gentiles;

All: *In every place incense shall be offered to My name, And a pure offering;*

Leader: For My name shall be great among the nations," Says the LORD of hosts.

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: EIN' FESTE BURG 88.88.66.668.

"Psalm 46"

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

God is our refuge and our strength, A present help in our distress.
We will not therefore be afraid Tho' all the earth should be removed,
Tho' mountains great be hurled Into the ocean's depths,
Tho' seas may roar and foam and billows shake the shore, Tho' mountains tremble at their power.

A river brings refreshing streams to cheer the city of our God,
The Most High's holy dwelling place. God is in her; she won't be moved;
At dawn will God help her. The heathen rage; realms quake;
He lifts His voice; earth melts. The LORD of hosts with us! Our fortress strong is Jacob's God.

O come, see what the LORD has done: He desolations brought on earth;
On earth He puts an end to wars, Breaks bow and spear, and char-iots burns.
Be still! Know I am God. Exalted o'er all men,
Exalted o'er all earth. The LORD of hosts with us! Our fortress strong is Jacob's God.

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 John Knox's Liturgy of 1560

All: Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:12, Isaiah 44:22; I John 2:1,2

Leader: Hear the good news! "As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. He has blotted them out as a thick cloud, buried them in the deepest part of the sea, and will remember them against us no more. He has

promised that if any man sins, he has an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Psalm 14

TUNE: MUNICH 76.76.D

"O Word of God Incarnate"

The fool in heart is saying, "There surely is no God."
Corrupt and vile their deeds are; Not one of them does good.
The LORD looks down from heaven On sons of men abroad
To see which one has wisdom, If any seeks for God.

All far astray have wandered; They all to vileness run.
Not one of them is righteous, No, not a single one.
Have they of truth no knowledge, These evilworkers all,
Who eat like bread my people And on GOD do not call?

There shall they be in terror For God is with the just;
You would confound one struggling; Jehovah is his trust.
Salvation out of Zion Who will to Isr'el bring?
The LORD brings back His captives. Joy, Jacob! Isr'el, sing

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."

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

Tracy Brown

Dave Ruhling

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 1:1-6

Leader: Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

All: *But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.*

Leader: He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

All: *The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.*

Leader: Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

All: *For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:21-41

²¹Also He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? ²²For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. ²³If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ²⁴Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. ²⁵For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him." ²⁶And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. ²⁸For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; ³²but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade." ³³And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. ³⁴But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples. ³⁵On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." ³⁶Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. ³⁸But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" ⁴¹And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1st Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, ³remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, ⁴knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. ⁵For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. ⁶And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. ⁸For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. ⁹For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

*Hymn of Preparation**

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"Speak O Lord"

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail — Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us —
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.

SERMON

Genesis 2:8-17

"A Special Place"

Pastor Marc Miller

⁸ The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

- 9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life *was* also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- 10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads.
- 11 The name of the first *is* Pishon; *it is* the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold.
- 12 And the gold of that land *is* good. Bdelium and the onyx stone *are* there.
- 13 The name of the second river *is* Gihon; *it is* the one which goes around the whole land of Cush.
- 14 The name of the third river *is* Hiddekel; *it is* the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river *is* the Euphrates.
- 15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.
- 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;
- 17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: WYE VALLEY 6.5.6.5.D.ref

"Like a River Glorious"

Frances R. Havergal, 1874.

1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace, o - ver
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand, nev - er
 3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove, traced up -

all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease; per - fect, yet it
 foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand; not a surge of
 on our di - al by the Sun of Love. We may trust him

flow-eth full-er ev-'ry day, per-fect, yet it grow-eth deep-er
 wor-ry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hur-ry, touch the
 ful-ly all for us to do; they who trust him whol-ly find him

REFRAIN

all the way.
 spir-it there. Stayed up-on Je-ho-vah, hearts are ful-ly blest,
 whol-ly true.

find-ing, as he prom-ised, per-fect peace and rest.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer Requests

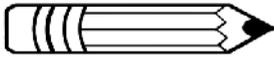
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for our deacon training process
- Pray for all of those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our covenant children

Announcements

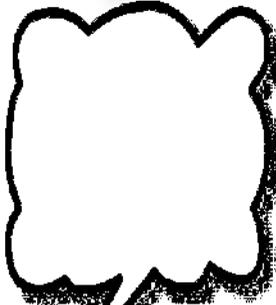
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on Saturday, May 1, at 8 a.m., at the IHOP located at Peach St. and 1-90. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Miller.
- 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.
- The women and girls of the church are invited to a bridal shower for Katherine Fair on Sunday, May 16th following the worship service. Please RSVP to Natalie Miller.
- The Gospel Reformation Network is holding a conference titled: "O Church Arise: A Passionate Plea for Biblical and Confessional Integrity." The conference will be livestreamed on May 5-6. For more information on this conference please go to gospelreformation.net/events. If you would like to sign up for the livestream but the cost is prohibitive, please contact the session.

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).

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