

WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“Then the LORD saw that the wickedness
of man was great in the earth...”*
-Genesis 6:5a

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

All: My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.

*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: TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11.

“To God Be the Glory”

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt. Mod.

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'To God Be the Glory'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with three verses. The first verse is '1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the'. The second verse is '2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -'. The third verse is '3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -'. There are some markings below the bass staff, including a '-7' under the first measure and another '-7' under the eighth measure.

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Apostle's Creed

All: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 106:3-6

All: *"Blessed are those who keep justice, and he who does righteousness at all times! Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people; Oh, visit me with Your salvation, That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance. We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32:5

Leader: Hear the good news! I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 1

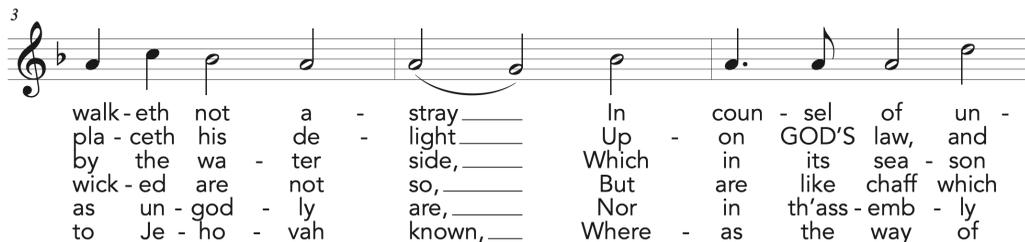
TUNE: ARLINGTON CM

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made"



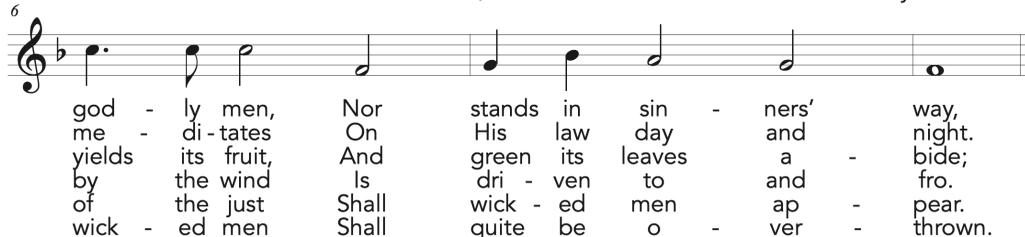
1. O	great	-	ly	bles	-	ed	is	the	man	Who
2. Nor	sitt	-	eth	in	the	scorn	-	er's	chair,	But
3. He	shall	be	like	a	tree	that	grows			Set
4. And	all	he	does	shall	pros	-	per	well.		The
5. In	judg	-	ment,	there	-	fore,	shall	not	stand	Such
6. Be	-	cause	the	way	of	god	-	ly	men	Is

3



walk-eth not a - stray In coun - sel of un -
 pla - ceth his de - light Up - on GOD'S law, and
 by the wa - ter side, Which in its sea - son
 wick - ed are not so, But are like chaff which
 as un - god - ly are, Nor in th'ass - emb - ly
 to Je - ho - vah known, Where - as the way of

6



god - ly men, Nor stands in sin - ners' way,
 me - di - tates On His law day - and night.
 yields its fruit, And green its leaves a - bide;
 by the wind Is dri - ven to and fro.
 of the just Shall wick - ed men ap - pear.
 wick - ed men Shall quite be o - ver - thrown.

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

Psalms 52:1-9

Leader: Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of God endures continually.

All: *Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.*

Leader: You love evil more than good, Lying rather than speaking righteousness. Selah

All: *You love all devouring words, You deceitful tongue.*

Leader: God shall likewise destroy you forever; He shall take you away, and pluck you out of your dwelling place, And uproot you from the land of the living. Selah

All: *The righteous also shall see and fear, And shall laugh at him, saying,*

Leader: *“Here is the man who did not make God his strength, But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness.”*

All: *But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.*

Leader: I will praise You forever, Because You have done it; And in the presence of Your saints I will wait on Your name, for it is good.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:53-72

And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes. ⁵⁴But Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he sat with the servants and warmed himself at the fire. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. ⁵⁶For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree. ⁵⁷Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying, ⁵⁸"We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.'" ⁵⁹But not even then did their testimony agree. ⁶⁰And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?" ⁶¹But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" ⁶²Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." ⁶³Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses?" ⁶⁴"You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death. ⁶⁵Then some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, "Prophecy!" And the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands. ⁶⁶Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. ⁶⁷And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, "This is one of them." ⁷⁰But he denied it again. And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it." ⁷¹Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!" ⁷²A second time the rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And when he thought about it, he wept.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 1:1-14

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ²has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. ⁵For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"? ⁶But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." ⁷And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire." ⁸But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness

and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions." ¹⁰And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. ¹¹They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; ¹²Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail." ¹³But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? ¹⁴Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

Psalm of Preparation (next page)*

TUNE: BEECHER 87.87.D

"Psalm 103:1-13"

"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

SERMON

Genesis 6:1-8

"It's Getting Really Bad Now"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,
- 2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.
- 3 And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."
- 4 There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.
- 5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- 6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.
- 7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."
- 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Sermon Notes

- Point 1

1. Bless the LORD, my soul; my whole heart Ev - er bless His ho - ly ___ name.
 2. Who with love and mer - cy ___ crowns thee, Sat - is - fies thy mouth with ___ good,
 3. He made known His ways to ___ Mos - es, And His acts to Is - rael's ___ race;
 4. For as high as is the heav - en, Far a - bove the earth be - low,

Bless the LORD, my soul; for - get not All His mer - cies to pro - claim.
 So that ev - en like the ___ ea - gle Thou art blessed with youth re - newed.
 Ten - der, lov - ing is Je - ho - vah, Slow to an - ger, rich in ___ grace.
 Ev - er great to them that fear Him Is the mer - cy He will ___ show.

Who for - gives all thy trans - gressions, Thy dis - eas - es all Who heals;
 In His right - eous - ness Je - ho - vah Will de - liv - er those dis - tressed;
 He will not for - ev - er ___ hide us Nor will keep His an - ger ___ still, ___
 Far as east from west is ___ dis - tant He has put a - way our ___ sin; ___

Who re - deemst thee from de - struction, Who with thee so kind - ly ___ deals.
 He will ex - e - cute just ___ judg - ment In the cause of all op - pressed.
 Has not dealt as we of - fend - ed Nor re - quit - ed us our ___ ill.
 Like the pit - y of a ___ fa - ther Has Je - ho - vah's pit - y ___ been.

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: FAITHFULLNESS 11.10.11.10.ref.

"Amazing Grace"

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

G G Em G D7 G

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

BENEDICTION*

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Prayer Requests

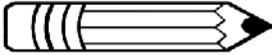
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for our elders and deacons
- Pray for Sunday School.
- Pray for our covenant children

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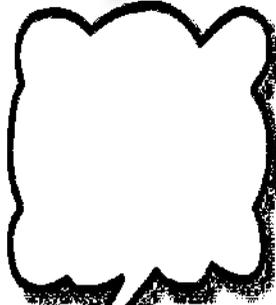
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. If you need more information, please see Pastor Miller.
- The next men's Bible study will be on Saturday, October 2, at 8 a.m. We will be working through the book of Philippians using Sinclair Ferguson's "Let's Study Philippians" book. Please read chapter 3 and 4.
- Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. We offer 3 elementary aged classes and an adult class. The adults are studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism.
- Please mark your calendars for our first hosting of a missionary from our Presbytery's Round Robin Missions conference on Thursday, October 7, at 7 pm. We will be hearing from a missionary who works to share the gospel among immigrants in Europe. Faith Reformed will be joining us on this evening. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- The next women's book study will be on Monday, September 27, at 7:15 p.m. For more information please see Mary Moser.
- We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next week. Please take some time this week to prepare your hearts through prayer and the reading of Scripture.

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.**
 - We believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
 - We believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
 - We hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
 - 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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