



*"... You follow Me."  
John 21:22b*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 135:13-14*

Leader: Your name, O LORD, *endures* forever, Your fame, O LORD, throughout all generations.

**All:** *For the LORD will judge His people, And He will have compassion on His servants.*

## *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: HINTZE 7.7.7.7.D

### *“Psalm 2”*

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

Why do heathen nations rage? Why do peoples folly mind?  
Kings of earth in plots engage, Rulers are in league combined;  
Then against Jehovah high, And against Messiah’s sway,  
“Let us break their bands,” they cry, “Let us cast their cords away.”

But the Lord will scorn them all; He will laugh Who sits on high,  
Then His wrath will on them fall; Sore displeased He will reply:  
“Yet according to My will I have set My King to reign,  
And on Zion’s holy hill My Anointed I’ll maintain.”

His decree I will make known: Unto Me the LORD did say,  
“Thou art My be-lov-ed Son; I’ve begotten Thee this day.  
Ask of Me, and Thee I’ll make Heir to earth and nations all;  
Them with iron Thou shalt break, Dashing them in pieces small.”

Therefore, kings, be wise, give ear; Hearken, judges of the earth;  
Serve the LORD with godly fear; Mingle trembling with your mirth.  
Kiss the Son, His wrath to turn, Lest ye perish in the way,  
For His anger soon will burn. Blessed are all that on Him stay.

## 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 Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise Your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting Him up, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what You forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by Your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise You that He was born like us that we might become like Him. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*1 John 2:1-2*

*Leader: Hear the good news! "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."*

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

### ***Psalm 25:1-7***

TUNE: TRENTHAM SM

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

To Thee I lift my soul, O LORD ; I trust in Thee,  
My God; let me not be ashamed Nor foes exult o’er me.

Yea, none that wait on Thee Shall be ashamed at all;  
But those that wantonly transgress, Upon them shame shall fall.

Show me Thy ways, O LORD ; Thy paths, O teach Thou me,  
And do Thou lead me in Thy truth; Therein my teacher be.

For Thou art God that dost to me salvation send,  
And I upon Thee all the day Expecting do attend.

Thy tender mercies, LORD , To mind do Thou recall,  
And lovingkindnesses, for they Have been through ages all.

My sins of youth, my faults, Do Thou, O LORD , forget;  
In lovingkindness think on me And for Thy goodness great.

## 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 111:1-10*

Leader: Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

*All: The works of the LORD are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them.*

Leader: His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever.

*All: He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.*

Leader: He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

*All: He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations. - cont.*

Leader: The works of His hands are verity and justice; All His precepts are sure.

*All: They stand fast forever and ever, And are done in truth and uprightness.*

Leader: He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.

*All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Numbers 27:1-23*

Then came the daughters of Zelophehad the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, from the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and these were the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. <sup>2</sup>And they stood before Moses, before Eleazar the priest, and before the leaders and all the congregation, by the doorway of the tabernacle of meeting, saying: <sup>3</sup>Our father died in the wilderness; but he was not in the company of those who gathered together against the LORD, in company with Korah, but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons. <sup>4</sup>Why should the name of our father be removed from among his family because he had no son? Give us a possession among our father's brothers." <sup>5</sup>So Moses brought their case before the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>7</sup>The daughters of Zelophehad speak what is right; you shall surely give them a possession of inheritance among their father's brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them. <sup>8</sup>And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a man dies and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter. <sup>9</sup>If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. <sup>10</sup>If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. <sup>11</sup>And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the relative closest him in his family, and he shall possess it.' <sup>12</sup>And it shall be to the children of Israel a statute of judgment, just as the LORD commanded Moses. <sup>12</sup>Now the LORD said to Moses: "Go up into this Mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the children of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was gathered. <sup>14</sup>For in the Wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, you rebelled against My command to hallow Me at the waters before their eyes." (These are the waters of Meribah, at Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin.) <sup>15</sup>Then Moses spoke to the LORD, saying: <sup>16</sup>Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, <sup>17</sup>who may go out before them and go in before them, who may lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep which have no shepherd." <sup>18</sup>And the LORD said to Moses: "Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; <sup>19</sup>set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and inaugurate him in their sight. <sup>20</sup>And you shall give some of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. <sup>21</sup>He shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire before the LORD for him by the judgment of the Urim. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, he and all the children of Israel with him -- all the congregation." <sup>22</sup>So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the

priest and before all the congregation. <sup>23</sup>And he laid his hands on him and inaugurated him, just as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Philippians 2:1-30*

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, <sup>2</sup>fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup>but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. <sup>14</sup>Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain. <sup>17</sup>Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me. <sup>19</sup>But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. <sup>20</sup>For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. <sup>21</sup>For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. <sup>22</sup>But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. <sup>23</sup>Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me. <sup>24</sup>But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly. <sup>25</sup>Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need; <sup>26</sup>since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. <sup>27</sup>For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful. <sup>29</sup>Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem; <sup>30</sup>because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

# Hymn of Preparation\*

TUNE: LANDAS C.M.ref.

# "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891

1. My faith has found a rest - ing place, from guilt my soul is freed;  
2. E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;  
3. My heart is lean - ing on the Word, the writ - ten Word of God:  
4. My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, the lost he came to save;

I trust the ev - er - liv - ing One, his wounds for me shall plead.  
a sin - ful soul I come to him, he'll nev - er cast me out.  
sal - va - tion by my Sav - ior's name, sal - va - tion thro' his blood.  
for me his pre - cious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

REFRAIN  
I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea,

it is e - nough that Je - sus died, and that he died for me.

## SERMON

*2 Samuel 9:1-13*

*“A Gospel Preview”*

*Dr. Jay Neikirk, R.E.*

- 1 Now David said, “Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”
- 2 And there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” He said, “At your service!”
- 3 Then the king said, “Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?” And Ziba said to the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet.”
- 4 So the king said to him, “Where is he?” And Ziba said to the king, “Indeed he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar.”
- 5 Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar.
- 6 Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, “Mephibosheth?” And he answered, “Here is your servant!”
- 7 So David said to him, “Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father’s sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually.”
- 8 Then he bowed himself, and said, “What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?”
- 9 And the king called to Ziba, Saul’s servant, and said to him, “I have given to your master’s son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house.
- 10 You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in the harvest, that your master’s son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master’s son shall eat bread at my table always.” Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.
- 11 Then Ziba said to the king, “According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do.” “As for Mephibosheth,” said the king, “he shall eat at my table like one of the king’s sons.”
- 12 Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth.
- 13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king’s table. And he was lame in both his feet.

*Sermon Notes:*

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

# Hymn of Response\*

TUNE: AMAZING GRACE C.M.

# "Amazing Grace!"

John Newton, 1779

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Amazing Grace!'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system includes the first four lines of lyrics. The second system includes the remaining lines of lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: G, D7, Em, C, G, D7, G in the first system; C, G, Em, G, D7, G in the second system. The lyrics are: 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.

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\*

\* --Please stand if able

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## Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams 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 session has decided that it is time to put forth nominations for the office of deacon and to receive nominations from the congregation. Nominations are to be received from communicate members of the church. 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, a time of training will begin, followed by a called congregational meeting to elect those the session has approved.
  - If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Miller or one of the elders of the church.

# 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](http://www.pcanet.org)).

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