



*Then Jesus cried out and said,
"He who believes in Me, believes not in Me
but in Him who sent Me." --John 12:44*

THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 117:1-2

Leader: Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!

All: For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

*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 Might 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

Psalm 51:1-9

All: "Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight -- That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities (Psalm 51:1-9)." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 3:3-7

Leader: Hear the good news! "For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward

man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 40:1-9

TUNE: I NEED THEE 66.66.D

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

I waited for the LORD; He stooped and heard my cry.
He brought me from the pit, Out of the dungeon mire,
my feet set on a rock, my footsteps made secure.
My lips He gave a song, A song to praise our God.

Many will see with awe, and so will trust the LORD.
Blessed he who trusts in GOD, And turns not to false men.
You have worked wonders, LORD; No one compares to You!
Should I declare each one, Their number is too great.

You want no offering, nor ask a sacrifice,
but You have given me a ready ear to hear
You ask no off ‘rings burnt nor sacrifice for sin.
So I say, “Here I come, As in the scroll inscribed.

“To do Your will, O God, to me is my delight.
Your law is part of me, Deep in my heart, O God.”
In congregation great I told Your righteousness.
You know, LORD, I spoke out; I did not close my lips.

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 131

Leader: LORD, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too profound for me.

All: *Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me.*

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD From this time forth and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 31:1-18

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ² “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. ³ “And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *manner of workmanship*, ⁴ “to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, ⁵ “in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all *manner of workmanship*. ⁶ “And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all who are gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you: ⁷ “the tabernacle of meeting, the ark of the Testimony and the mercy seat that *is* on it, and all the furniture of the tabernacle -- ⁸ “the table and its utensils, the pure *gold* lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense, ⁹ “the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base -- ¹⁰ “the garments of ministry, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests, ¹¹ “and the anointing oil and sweet incense for the holy *place*. According to all that I have commanded you they shall do.” ¹² And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹³ “Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: ‘Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it *is* a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that *you* may know that I *am* the LORD who sanctifies you. ¹⁴ ‘You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for *it is* holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does *any* work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. ¹⁵ ‘Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh *is* the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does *any* work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. ¹⁶ ‘Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations *as* a perpetual covenant. ¹⁷ ‘It *is* a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.’ “ ¹⁸ And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 15:14-33

Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. ¹⁵ Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on *some* points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God, ¹⁶ that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷ Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things *which pertain* to God. ¹⁸ For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in

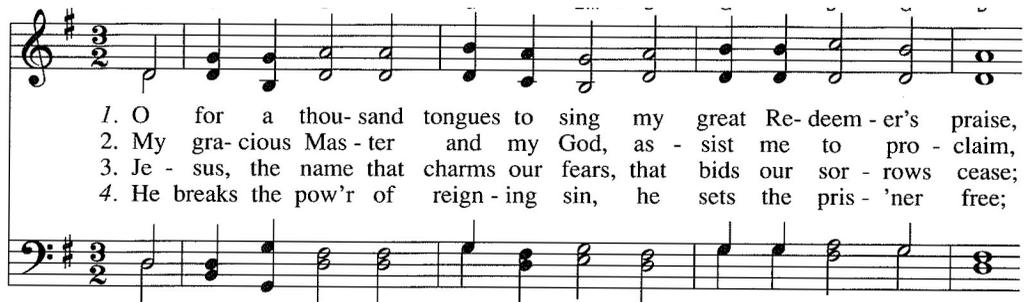
word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient --¹⁹ in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.²⁰ And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,²¹ but as it is written: "To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand."²² For this reason I also have been much hindered from coming to you.²³ But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you,²⁴ whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your *company* for a while.²⁵ But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints.²⁶ For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.²⁷ It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.²⁸ Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain.²⁹ But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.³⁰ Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me,³¹ that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,³² that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you.³³ Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation*

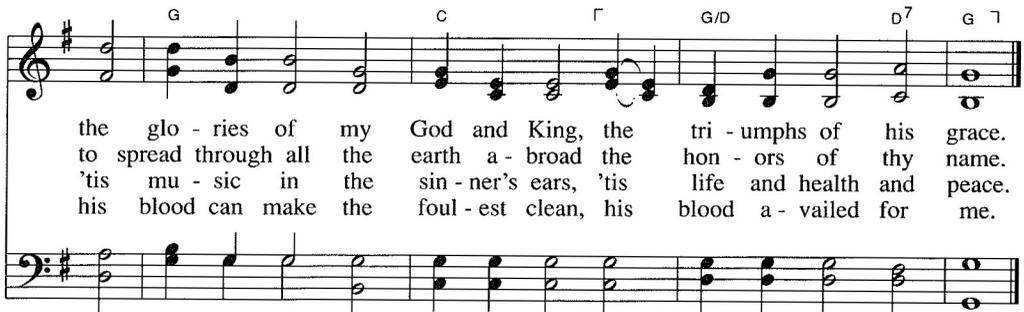
TUNE: AZMON C.M.

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.



1. O for a thou- sand tongues to sing my great Re- deem- er's praise,
 2. My gra- cious Mas- ter and my God, as- sist me to pro- claim,
 3. Je- sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor- rows cease;
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign- ing sin, he sets the pris- 'ner free;



the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

SERMON

John 12:44-50

"Making A Long Story, Short"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 44 Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.
- 45 "And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.
- 46 "I have come *as* a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.
- 47 "And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.
- 48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him -- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.
- 49 "For I have not spoken on My own *authority*; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.
- 50 "And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

Sermon Notes

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

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“Speak, O Lord”

Words and Music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

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. – cont.

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.

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 Sunday school and our Sunday school teachers
- Pray for those dealing with physical ailments

Announcements

- The men of the church are invited to attend a breakfast fellowship to be held the first Saturday of the month. The next one will be on Saturday, March 7, at 8 a.m. at IHOP on West 12th St. For More information see Pastor Miller.
- Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. We have three classes for elementary aged children and an adult class. The adults are studying the Sermon on the Mount.
- Please mark your calendars for our next fellowship luncheon to be held on Sunday, February 23 after the morning worship service. A signup genius will be going out soon to aide in the planning of side dishes to bring. If we don't have your email address for the signup genius and you would like to be on it, please let Mary Moser know. All are invited and encouraged to attend.
- Our next congregational prayer meeting will be on Sunday, February 16, after the morning worship service. All are encouraged to attend.

Gym Volunteers

February 9—April Scarpitti

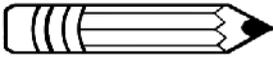
February 16—Ken and Carol Peterson

Nursery/Childcare

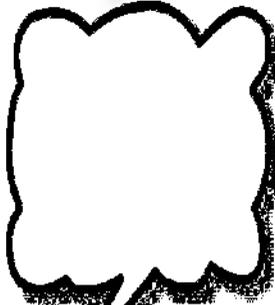
- If at all possible, we want families to worship together. But, at times, it may be necessary, for the orderliness and edification of the church, to utilize the nursery in the library, which is equipped with chairs and a sound system

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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