



*“In God (I will praise His word), In God I
have put my trust; I will not fear. What
can flesh do to me?” --Psalm 56:4*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 150:1-6

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

All: *Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*

Leader: Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp!

All: *Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!*

Leader: Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals!

All: *Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. 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*

*Hymn of Praise**

TUNE: LYONS 10.10.11.11.

“O Worship the King”

Based on Psalm 104

The musical score is written for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The vocal line begins with a fermata over the first measure. The lyrics are:

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

The piano accompaniment consists of a bass line with chords and single notes, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

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." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:8-9

Leader: Hear the good news! "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Psalm 122

TUNE: CWM RHONDDA 87.87.877.

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

I was glad to hear them saying, "To the LORD'S house let us go."
For our feet will soon be standing in your gates, Jerusalem,
Salem, well constructed city; There assemble all the tribes,
Tribes that are Jehovah's own.

This the ordinance for Isr'el, here to thank Jehovah's name.
There are set the thrones of judgment; There is David's house enthroned.
Pray then for the peace of Salem; May they prosper who love you.
Be there peace within your walls.

In your palaces be safety. For the sake of brothers all,
For the sake of my companions, I am saying, "Peace to you!"
For Jehovah's house within you, Temple of the LORD our God,
I will ever seek your good.

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 118:1-9

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

All: Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever."

Leader: Let the house of Aaron now say, "His mercy endures forever."

All: Let those who fear the LORD now say, "His mercy endures forever."

Leader: I called on the LORD in distress; The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.

All: The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

Leader: The LORD is for me among those who help me; Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.

All: It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man.

Leader: It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 10:1-36

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²"Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps. ³"When they blow both of them, all the congregation shall gather before you at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. ⁴"But if they blow only one,

then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall gather to you. ⁵"When you sound the advance, the camps that lie on the east side shall then begin their journey. ⁶"When you sound the advance the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall begin their journey; they shall sound the call for them to begin their journeys. ⁷"And when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but not sound the advance. ⁸"The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and these shall be to you as an ordinance forever throughout your generations. ⁹"When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies. ¹⁰"Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the LORD your God."¹¹Now it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle of the Testimony. ¹²And the children of Israel set out from the Wilderness of Sinai on their journeys; then the cloud settled down in the Wilderness of Paran. ¹³So they started out for the first time according to the command of the LORD by the hand of Moses. ¹⁴The standard of the camp of the children of Judah set out first according to their armies; over their army was Nahshon the son of Amminadab. ¹⁵Over the army of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethanel the son of Zuar. ¹⁶And over the army of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon. ¹⁷Then the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set out, carrying the tabernacle. ¹⁸And the standard of the camp of Reuben set out according to their armies; over their army was Elizur the son of Shedeur. ¹⁹Over the army of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. ²⁰And over the army of the tribe of the children of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel. ²¹Then the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy things. (The tabernacle would be prepared for their arrival.) ²²And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set out according to their armies; over their army was Elishama the son of Ammihud. ²³Over the army of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. ²⁴And over the army of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideon. ²⁵Then the standard of the camp of the children of Dan (the rear guard of all the camps) set out according to their armies; over their army was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. ²⁶Over the army of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran. ²⁷And over the army of the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan. ²⁸Thus was the order of march of the children of Israel, according to their armies, when they began their journey. ²⁹Now Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you.' Come with us, and we will treat you well; for the LORD has promised good things to Israel." ³⁰And he said to him, "I will not go, but I will depart to my own land and to my relatives." ³¹So Moses said, "Please do not leave, inasmuch as you know how we are to camp in the wilderness, and you can be our eyes. ³²"And it shall be, if you go with us -- indeed it shall be -- that whatever good the LORD will do to us, the same we will do to you." ³³So they departed from the mountain of the LORD on a journey of three days; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them for the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them. ³⁴And the cloud of the LORD was above them by day when they went out from the camp. ³⁵So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said: "Rise up, O LORD! Let

Your enemies be scattered, And let those who hate You flee before You." ³⁶And when it rested, he said: "Return, O LORD, To the many thousands of Israel."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. ⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. ⁸*We are* hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed -- ¹⁰always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So then death is working in us, but life in you. ¹³And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present *us* with you. ¹⁵For all things *are* for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. ¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: CONSTANCE 87.87.D

"Psalm 136:1-16"

"I've Found a Friend"

O thank the LORD, for good is He; His mercy lasts forever.

Thanks to the God of gods give ye; His mercy lasts forever.

O praises give the King of kings; His mercy lasts forever;
For He alone does wondrous things; His mercy lasts forever;

Who in His wisdom framed the skies; His mercy lasts forever;
Who made the earth from waters rise; His mercy lasts forever;
Who placed the great lights on display; His mercy lasts forever;
The sun to rule the sky by day; His mercy lasts forever;

The moon and stars to rule the night; His mercy lasts forever;
Who Egypt's firstborn all did smite; His mercy lasts forever;
Who freed all Isr'el from their charm; His mercy lasts forever;
With mighty hand and out-stretched arm; His mercy lasts forever;

Who by His wind the Red Sea clave; His mercy lasts forever;
Led Isr'el through the parted wave; His mercy lasts forever;
O'er Pharaoh He the Red Sea spread; His mercy lasts forever;
Through desert wastes His people led; His mercy lasts forever;

SERMON

Psalm 56

"Afraid... .. Again"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 Be merciful to me, O God, for man would swallow me up; Fighting all day he oppresses me.
- 2 My enemies would hound me all day, For there are many who fight against me, O Most High.
- 3 Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.
- 4 In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?
- 5 All day they twist my words; All their thoughts are against me for evil.
- 6 They gather together, They hide, they mark my steps, When they lie in wait for my life.
- 7 Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger cast down the peoples, O God!
- 8 You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?
- 9 When I cry out to You, Then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God is for me.
- 10 In God (I will praise His word), In the LORD (I will praise His word),
- 11 In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?
- 12 Vows made to You are binding upon me, O God; I will render praises to You,
- 13 For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, That I may walk before God In the light of the living?

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: TRUST IN JESUS 8.7.8.7.ref.

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with a bass line in the bass staff. Chord symbols G, C, G, D, A7, and D are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans - ing blood;
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;

G C G C G D G

just to rest up - on his prom - ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
 just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
 just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.
 and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

REFRAIN

G D⁷ Em G D G D A⁷ D

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

G C G C G D G

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
 CCLI # 174248

Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi 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 God's all sufficient grace to be known in all our lives
- Pray for the Lord to raise up what we need for a place to worship

Announcements

- We are livestreaming the worship service starting at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings until further notice. The livestream link can be found at www.wepca.org. We will still record the sermon and upload it on the website too.
- The session wants to exhort the church family to continue to lift one another up in prayer, check on one another, and if you need anything please call Pastor Marc or one of the elders. This is a great opportunity to show our love for one another in real ways!
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- Our next outdoor worship service will be on September 20, at McKean Park, in McKean, PA. The service will start at 11 a.m. followed by a bring your own picnic. We also will be celebrating the Lord's Supper at this service.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on October 3 at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on West 12th street.
- The session would ask that you continue to pray as we actively seek out a place to worship. We have found a place that we feel would work for us and would ask that you would pray about this matter. We also are asking that you prayerfully consider making a one-time gift to help us with the purchase of this property or another one that the Lord may raise up.
- Our website now has a page describing our building need with the option for online giving.

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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