

# "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope..." -1 Peter 1:3a

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Announcements

### Preparation for Worship

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Psalm 146:5-6

Leader: Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope *is* in the LORD his God,

All: Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever.

### 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\*



"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Based on Psalm 103. Joachim Neander, 1680.





# **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

Luke 1:68-69, Matthew 1:21

Leader: Hear the good news! "Blessed *is* the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

# WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### Psalm 51:1**-**11

TUNE: REDHEAD 77.77.77

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea; In Thy vast, abounding grace, My transgressions all erase. Wash me wholly from my sin; Cleanse from every ill within. For my sins before me rise, Ever present to my eyes. I have sinned 'gainst Thee alone, In Thy sight this evil done; That Thy judgment may be clear, And Thy sentence just appear.

Lo, brought forth was I in sin; When conceived I was unclean. Lo, Thou dost desire to find Truth sincere within the mind: And Thou wilt within my heart Wisdom unto me impart.

Then with hyssop sprinkle me, And from sin I clean shall be. Wash me from its stain, and lo, I shall whiter be than snow. Make me hear joy's cheering voice; Make my broken bones rejoice.

From my sins hide Thou Thy face; My iniquities erase. O my God, renew my heart, And a spirit right impart. Cast me not away from Thee, Nor Thy Spirit take from me

# CONGREGATIONAL 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 43:1-5

Leader: Vindicate me, O God, And plead my cause against an ungodly nation; Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!

All: For You are the God of my strength; Why do You cast me off? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

Leader: Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle.

All: Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

# **GOSPEL READING**

Mark 9:30-50

Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. <sup>31</sup>For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed

into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him. <sup>33</sup>Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What was it you disputed among vourselves on the road?" 34But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. 35 And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." 36Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, <sup>37"</sup>Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me." 38Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. 40" For he who is not against us is on our side. 41" For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward. 42" But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43"</sup>If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched -- 44" where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.' 45" And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched -- 46" where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.' 47" And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire -- 48" where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.' 49" For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. 5 "Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."

# **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

1st Timothy 3:1-16

This *is* a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. <sup>2</sup>A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; <sup>3</sup>not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; <sup>4</sup>one who rules his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence <sup>5</sup>(for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); <sup>6</sup>not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. <sup>8</sup>Likewise deacons *must be* reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, <sup>9</sup>holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. <sup>10</sup>But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being *found* blameless. <sup>11</sup>Likewise *their* wives *must be* reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling *their* children and their own houses well. <sup>13</sup>For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in

Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; <sup>15</sup>but if I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. <sup>16</sup>And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

Psalm of Preparation\*

"Psalm 146"

TUNE: RIPLEY 87.87.D Based on the Book of Psalms, 1871, and the Psalter, 1912; altered 1993

# **SERMON**

1 Peter 1:3-5

"Rest in God's Hope"

Pastor Jonathan Hunt

- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,
- 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

# **Sermon Notes:**

Point 1



• Point 2

• Point 3

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



# Words of Institution and Invitation

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### PASSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

\*\*THE WAFERS ARE NUT AND GLUTEN FREE

### Prayer of Thanksgiving



# "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Edward Mote, 1834





# BENEDICTION\*

\* --Please stand if able CCLI # 174248

# **Prayer Requests**

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Knight Family
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for our elders and deacons
- Pray for our women's ministries
- Pray for all of those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our covenant children

# <u>Announcements</u>

- We welcome Reverend. Jonathan Hunt to our pulpit this morning. He is the pastor of Armor Bible PCA in Buffalo. NY.
- Please note we will be taking the month of July off from Prayer meeting and Men's fellowship breakfast. We will resume both in August.
- The women of the church are invited to attend a book study meeting on Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m. at the church. For more information, please see Mary Moser.

### Who Should Take Communion?

The question of who is eligible to receive communion is one of vital importance. In order to draw our minds towards examining ourselves in accordance with the Apostle Paul's exhortation to the church in Corinth, the Session of West Erie Presbyterian Church in America encourages all in attendance today to consider the following questions:

- Do you believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for your sins and rose again bodily from the dead?
- Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for your salvation?
- Have you been baptized?
- Are you a communicate member in good standing of a Bible-believing, gospel proclaiming church?
- Are you pursuing a life of obedience by forsaking sin and striving, by grace and help of the Holy Spirit, to glorify God with your entire life?

If you can answer "Yes" to each of these questions, then the Session of West Erie Presbyterian Church in America welcomes and invites you to partake of the Lord's Supper with us today.

If however, you cannot answer "Yes" to each of these questions — or if you are not sure — then we request that you refrain from partaking at this time. We encourage you to take this time to consider your own personal need for Christ, His abundant provision for the salvation of sinners, as well of the biblical requirement to join a local body of believers in humble submission to Christ's provision of elders and overseers. After the service, please come speak with a member of the Session to discuss the steps necessary to enable you to openly enjoy Communion with Christ and his people through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

# Ser mon Notes FOR KIDS 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 list ening to the message.

What is the main passage we are reading today??

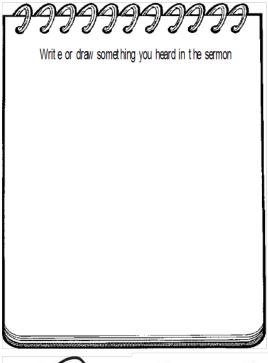
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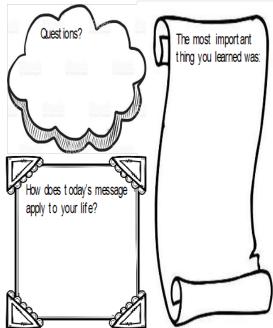
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# **WELCOME!**

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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