

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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“You are the Son of God.”
Mark 3:11b

THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION*

Announcements

* --Please stand if able
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Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

All: Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray.

Leader: My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. ...

All: But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. Psalm 5:1-3, 7

*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**

George Duffield, 1858.

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

WEBB 7.6.7.6.D., George J. Webb, 1837

1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol - diers of the cross;
 2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
 4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;

Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Knight Family
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for Sunday school and our Sunday school teachers

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, August 3, at 8 a.m. at IHOP on West 12th St. For More information see Pastor Miller. Please note that we will taking the month of July off.
- The ladies of the church are invited to a Summer Salad Series hosted by Natalie Miller on Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30 for the purpose of fellowship and listening to a podcast together. For more information, please see Natalie Miller.
- The school is going through some major renovations which in turn should help us too. It does mean that this summer we will be meeting in the library which is a smaller space. We ask that you please be patient with the construction and the smaller meeting space.
- Pastor Miller will be on vacation the next three weeks. If you need anything please contact any of the ruling elders. We will also be welcoming Rev. Earl Fair to fill the pulpit on July 7, 14, and 21.

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.

Hymn of Response*

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D., Henry Smary, 1836

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er thy face ap - pears;

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:
 forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
 this day the noise of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song:

from vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
 ye that are men now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with pray'r;
 to him that o - ver - com - eth a crown of life shall be;

till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 he with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

CONFESSON OF FAITH*

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." Apostles Creed

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 6:1-4

All: *“O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure. Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled; But You, O LORD – how long? Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies’ sake!” - Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus’ name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Joel 2:12-13

Leader: Hear the Good News! “Now, therefore,” says the LORD, “Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 133

TUNE: AZMON CM (“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”)

Based on Scottish Psalter, 1650

Behold how good a thing it is, And how becoming well,
When those that brethren are delight In unity to dwell.

For it is like the precious oil Poured out on Aaron’s head,
That, going down upon his beard, Upon his garments spread.

Like Hermon’s dew upon the hills Of Zion that descends,
The LORD commands His blessing there, Ev’n life that never ends.

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.”*

¹¹ And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, “You are the Son of God.”

Sermon Notes

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

ye who are wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

SERMON

Mark 3:1-11

“And don't forget His anger”

Rev. Earl Fair

- 1 And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand.
- 2 So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.
- 3 And He said to the man who had the withered hand, “Step forward.”
- 4 Then He said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they kept silent.
- 5 And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.
- 6 Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.
- 7 But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea
- 8 and Jerusalem and Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard how many things He was doing, came to Him.
- 9 So He told His disciples that a small boat should be kept ready for Him because of the multitude, lest they should crush Him.
- 10 For He healed many, so that as many as had afflictions pressed about Him to touch Him.

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 101:1-8

- Leader: A Psalm of David. I will sing of mercy and justice; To You, O LORD, I will sing praises. I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
- All: *I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me. A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness.*
- Leader: Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure.
- All: *My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, That they may dwell with me; He who walks in a perfect way, He shall serve me.*
- Leader: He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence. Early I will destroy all the wicked of the land, That I may cut off all the evildoers from the city of the LORD.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people answered him not a word. Then Elijah said to the people, “I alone am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal’s prophets are four hundred and fifty men. “Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it. “Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God who answers by fire, He is God.” So all the people answered and said, “It is well spoken.” Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it.” So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, “O Baal, hear us!” But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, “Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened.” So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention. Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, “Israel shall be your name.” Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs

of seed. And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four waterpots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood." Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time; and he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time. So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. "Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again." Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!" And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there.

1 Kings 18:21-40

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?" So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world." But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I will provoke you to

jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation." But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me." But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient and contrary people."

Romans 10:1-21

*Hymn of Preparation**

Will L. Thompson, 1880

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

THOMPSON 11.7.11.7.ref., Will L. Thompson, 1880

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, pass - ing from
 4. Oh! for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me; see, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and from me; shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death - beds are com - ing,
 you and for me; though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home,
 com - ing for you and for me. Come home, come home,
 par - don for you and for me.