

# 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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*“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be  
praised in the city of our God”  
- Psalm 48:1a*

THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 24:7-10*

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors that the King of glory may come in.

All: *Who is this King of glory?*

Leader: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

All: *Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

Leader: Who is he, this King of glory?

All: *The LORD Almighty—He is the King of glory.*

## *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\**

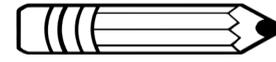
TUNE: AURELIA 76.76.d (101)

Of mercy and of justice, O LORD, I'll sing to Thee.  
In uprightness and wisdom shall my behavior be.  
O when in lovingkindness wilt Thou to me come near?  
I'll walk within my dwelling with heart and life sincere.

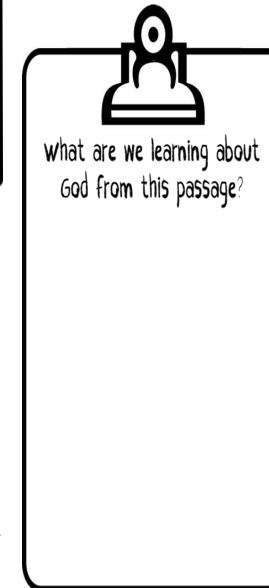
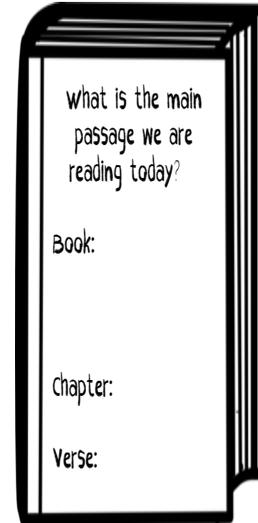
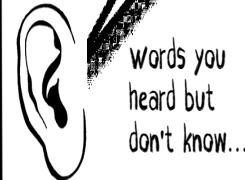
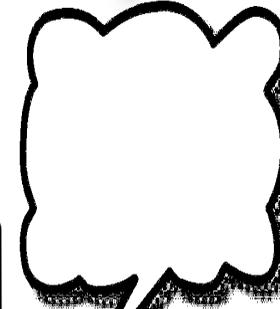
I will permit no base thing before my eyes to be.  
I hate unfaithful doing; It shall not cleave to me.  
The man whose heart is forward shall from my presence go;  
And nothing that is evil will I consent to know. – Cont.

## Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

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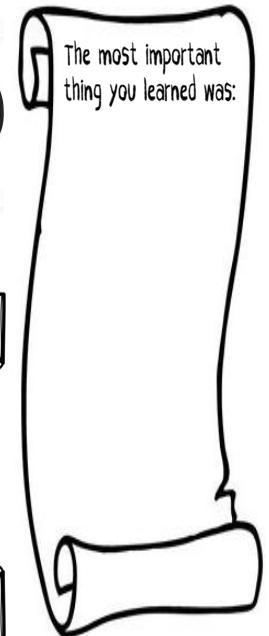
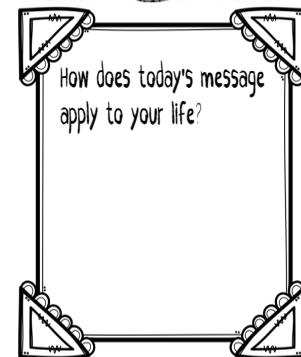
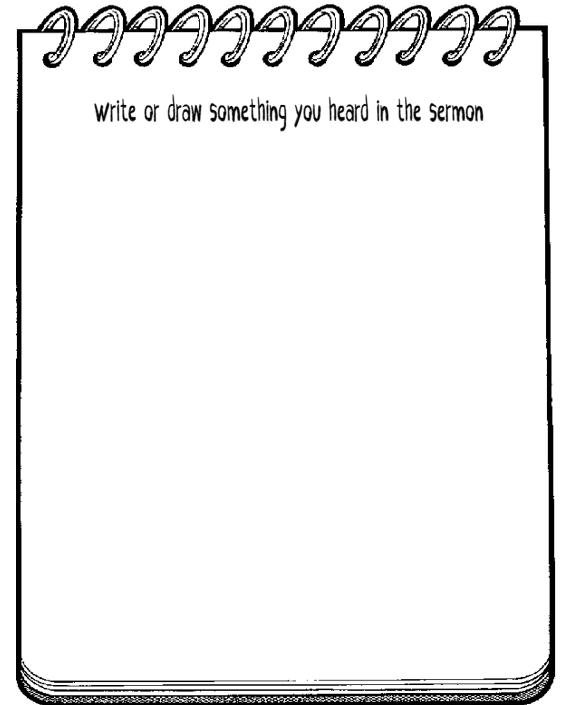


AS you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



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## 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, September 7, at 8 a.m. at IHOP on West 12<sup>th</sup> St. For More information see Pastor 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.
- We are looking to form a roster for Sunday School which will start again in September. We plan to have three children's classes consisting of a pre-school/lower, middle, and upper elementary. Please sign up in the back if you plan to send your child.
- Please mark your calendars for a church picnic to be held at McKean Park located at 8800 Main St, McKean, PA. It will be held Sunday, September 8 starting at 5 p.m. The church will be providing the main dish and we ask that you bring a dish to pass. A sign-up genius will be emailed out in the future to help with that. All are welcome!
- We are planning to march as a church in the McDowell Homecoming Parade again this year. The parade is scheduled for the early evening on Friday, September 27. If you would like to join us and don't already have a church t-shirt (children too) please let Pastor Miller know so he can get you one prior to the parade. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

### 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.

I'll cut him off that slanders His neighbor secretly;  
I'll not endure the proud heart nor eyes that haughty be.  
My eyes are with the faithful that he may dwell with me;  
the man whose walk is upright my minister shall be.

No man of works deceitful Within my house shall dwell;  
Nor in my sight shall tarry A man who lies will tell.  
Each morning with destruction the wicked I'll reward,  
to free from evildoers the city of the LORD.

### CONFESSION 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 5:1-5, 7*

*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. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. 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." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

### SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Micah 7:18*

Leader: Hear the Good News! "Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### Psalm 40:10-17

TUNE: I NEED THEE 66.66.D (143B)

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

I hid not in my heart Your truth and saving help;  
Your faithfulness I preached in the assembly great.  
You'll not withhold from me Your tender mercies, LORD,  
And Your unfailing love Will ever keep me safe.

Misfortunes beyond count Have taken hold of me.  
My sins close in on me So that I cannot see.  
In greater sum are they Than hairs upon my head.  
So my heart fails in me; My courage fades away.

Come to my rescue, LORD; O LORD, make haste to help.  
Let all who seek my life Be shamed and be confused.  
Let them fall back in shame Who want to see my hurt;  
Let them be dumb who jeer, "Aha! Aha!" to me.

Let all men who seek You Be glad and in You joy;  
Who Your salvation love Say, "Glory to the LORD!"  
Though I'm in want and poor, The Lord takes thought of me.  
My Help, my Savior, come! O God, do not delay!

## 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 106:1-12

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

All: *Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? Who can declare all His praise?*

Leader: Blessed are those who keep justice, and he who does righteousness at all times!

All: *Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people; Oh, visit me with Your salvation, - Cont.*

Musical score for the hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour". The score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a - liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in. tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives. great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro' Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

## Sermon Notes

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

## Hymn of Response\*

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt. Mod.

## To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'To God Be the Glory'. It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: G, D7, G, D, G, C. The lyrics are written below the treble staff and are as follows:

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the  
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -  
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

Leader: That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance.

All: *We have sinned with our fathers, We have committed iniquity, We have done wickedly.*

Leader: Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, But rebelled by the sea -- the Red Sea.

All: *Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, That He might make His mighty power known.*

Leader: He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up; So He led them through the depths, As through the wilderness.

All: *He saved them from the hand of him who hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.*

Leader: The waters covered their enemies; There was not one of them left.

All: *Then they believed His words; They sang His praise.*

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 5:21-43

<sup>21</sup>Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet <sup>23</sup>and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live." <sup>24</sup>So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. <sup>25</sup>Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, <sup>26</sup>and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. <sup>28</sup>For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." <sup>29</sup>Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. <sup>30</sup>And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" <sup>31</sup>But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " <sup>32</sup>And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction." <sup>35</sup>While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." <sup>37</sup>And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>Then He

came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. <sup>39</sup>When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. <sup>41</sup>Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." <sup>42</sup>Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. <sup>43</sup>But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

*1 John 2:1-17*

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. <sup>2</sup>And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. <sup>3</sup>Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. <sup>4</sup>He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup>But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. <sup>6</sup>He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. <sup>7</sup>Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. <sup>8</sup>Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup>He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. <sup>10</sup>He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. <sup>11</sup>But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. <sup>12</sup>I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. <sup>13</sup>I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. <sup>14</sup>I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one. <sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that *is* in the world -- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life -- is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

### *Hymn of Preparation\**

Words By Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

### *Speak, O Lord*

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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.

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.

### SERMON

#### *Psalms 48*

#### *"The Praise of God"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 1 A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised In the city of our God, *In* His holy mountain.
- 2 Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, *Is* Mount Zion *on* the sides of the north, The city of the great King.
- 3 God *is* in her palaces; He is known as her refuge.
- 4 For behold, the kings assembled, They passed by together.
- 5 They saw *it, and* so they marveled; They were troubled, they hastened away.
- 6 Fear took hold of them there, *And* pain, as of a woman in birth pangs,
- 7 *As when* You break the ships of Tarshish With an east wind.
- 8 As we have heard, So we have seen In the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city of our God: God will establish it forever. Selah
- 9 We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, In the midst of Your temple.
- 10 According to Your name, O God, So *is* Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness.
- 11 Let Mount Zion rejoice, Let the daughters of Judah be glad, Because of Your judgments.
- 12 Walk about Zion, And go all around her. Count her towers;
- 13 Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her palaces; That you may tell *it* to the generation following.
- 14 For this *is* God, Our God forever and ever; He will be our guide *Even* to death.