



*“In the beginning God created the heavens  
and the earth.” -Genesis 1:1*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalms 36:5-6*

Leader: Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O LORD, You preserve man and beast.

## *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: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

## *“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”*

Joachim Neander, 1680

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath  
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here  
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.  
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

### 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 God, our gracious heavenly Father, we acknowledge our transgressions. Our sin is ever before us. All our righteousness is as filthy rags; we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away; there is none among us who calls upon Your name as we should, nor any that stirs himself to take hold of You. Be merciful to us, O Lord. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. Turn us from our wayward paths. Search and try our ways, and draw us unto You, and let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve us, to the glory of Christ Jesus our Lord, through whom alone we approach You, and for whose sake we would forsake our sins and walk in righteousness. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

### SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*1John 1:8-9*

Leader: Hear the good news! "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

### **Psalm 1**

TUNE: ARLINGTON CM

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made"

O greatly bless-ed is the man Who walketh not astray  
In counsel of ungodly men, Nor stands in sinners' way, - cont.

Nor sitteth in the scorner's chair, But placeth his delight  
Upon GOD'S law, and meditates On His law day and night.

He shall be like a tree that grows Set by the water side,  
Which in its season yields its fruit, And green its leaves abide;

And all he does shall prosper well. The wicked are not so,  
But are like chaff which by the wind Is driven to and fro.

In judgment, therefore, shall not stand Such as ungodly are,  
Nor in th' assembly of the just Shall wicked men appear.

Because the way of godly men Is to Jehovah known,  
Whereas the way of wicked men Shall quite be overthrown.

### 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 19:1-6*

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

*All: Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.*

Leader: There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.

*All: Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world.  
In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,*

Leader: Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

*All: Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.*

### GOSPEL READING

*Mark 1:1-20*

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You." <sup>3</sup>"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for

the remission of sins. <sup>5</sup>Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. <sup>8</sup>"I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." <sup>16</sup>And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." <sup>18</sup>They immediately left their nets and followed Him. <sup>19</sup>When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Philippians 4:1-23*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved. <sup>2</sup>I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names *are* in the Book of Life. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. <sup>6</sup>Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup>and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy -- meditate on these things. <sup>9</sup>The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup>But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: <sup>12</sup>I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. <sup>15</sup>Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. <sup>16</sup>For even in Thessalonica you sent *aid* once and again for my necessities. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift,

but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. <sup>18</sup>Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things *sent* from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>Now to our God and Father *be* glory forever and ever. Amen. <sup>21</sup>Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. <sup>22</sup>All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household. <sup>23</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

### ***Psalm of Preparation\****

TUNE: ST. THOMAS SM

### ***"Psalm 50:1-6"***

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

The mighty God the LORD Has spoken and did call  
The earth from rising of the sun To where it has its fall.

From Zion's holy hill, Perfection's high abode  
Of matchless beauty, even thence In glory shineth God.

Our God shall surely come; Keep silence shall not He;  
Before Him fire shall waste; great storms Shall round about Him be.

And to the heav'ns above He sendeth forth His call,  
And also to the earth, that He May judge His people all.

"Together let My saints Before Me gathered be;  
Those that by sacrifice have made A covenant with Me."

Then shall the heav'ns declare His righteousness abroad,  
Because He only is the judge; Yea, none is judge but God.

## **SERMON**

***Genesis 1:1-2***

***"Beginning's"***

***Pastor Marc Miller***

- <sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

### **Sermon Notes:**

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response\**

TUNE: TERRA BEATA S.M.D.

*"This is My Father's World"*

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,  
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,  
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

The first system of the musical score consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. There are fermatas above the first and seventh measures of the treble staff.

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also features a fermata above the final measure of the treble staff.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world: the bat-tle is not done; Je -  
 rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.  
 rus-ting grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-ery-where.  
 sus who died shall be sat-is-fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

### BENEDICTION\*

\* --Please stand if able  
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### Prayer Requests

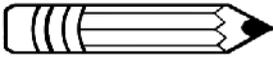
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for our deacon nomination process

## Announcements

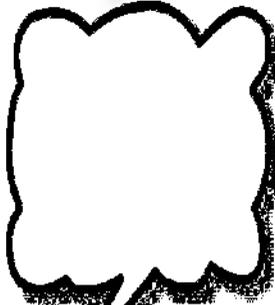
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on Saturday, March 6, at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on west 12th street. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Miller.
- Our Presbytery is having a virtual missions conference on March 13-14. Jerry Knight, one of our missionaries, will be presenting in this conference. If you would like more information there is a schedule posted on the mission's board in the back of the sanctuary.
- We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next week. Please take some time this week to prepare your hearts accordingly through prayer and the reading of Scripture.
- The session has decided that it is time to put forth nominations for the office of deacon and to receive nominations from the congregation. Nominations are to be received from communicate members of the church. The **duties** and **qualifications** for the office of deacon are summarized below along with some more information.
  - The PCA's book of church says this about the duty of the deacon: *"The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need."*
  - The Bible say this as to the qualifications of the deacon in 1 Timothy 3:8-12: *"Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless"*
  - The session is nominating Tim Whitbeck, Steve Crane, and Mike Scarpitti.
  - If you believe there are other men who are members of the congregation that may be qualified for this office please ask them first, and if they are willing to be nominated, inform the elders of the church.
  - After a two-week nomination period, a time of training will begin, followed by a called congregational meeting to elect those the session has approved.
  - If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Miller or one of the elders of the church.

# 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](http://www.pcanet.org)).

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