



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“I will give to your descendants
all these lands; and in your seed all the
nations of the earth shall be blessed”*

– Genesis 26:4b

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 79:13

Leader: So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, Will give You thanks forever;

All: *We will show forth Your praise to all generations.*

Gloria Patri*

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Irreg. H.W. Greatorex, 1851

“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: CONSTANCE 87.87.D

“Psalm 136:1-16”

Based on John Craig and Scottish Psalter, 1564

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;

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Apostle's Creed

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 39:4-8

All: *"LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor. Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up riches, And does not know who will gather them. And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ROMANS 6:23

Leader: Hear the good news! "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 30:1-10

TUNE: ANGEL'S STORY 76.76.D

'O Jesus I Have Promised'

O LORD, I will exalt You, For You have lifted me;
My foes You have allowed not To glory over me.
O LORD my God, I pleaded That You might heal and save;
LORD, You from death have ransomed And kept me from the grave.

His saints, O praise Jehovah And thank His holy name.
His anger lasts a moment, His grace a whole life time.
For sorrow, like a pilgrim, May tarry all the night,
But then a shout of joy comes When dawns the morning light.

In prosp'rous days I boasted, "Unmoved I shall remain."
O LORD, You by Your favor My mount in strength maintain;
For when Your face was hidden, I soon was troubled sore.
I'll cry to You, Jehovah; The LORD I will implore.

Is there in my blood profit When in the grave I dwell?
Will dust proclaim Your praises, Your truth and glory tell?
O hear me now, Jehovah! Be gracious unto me!
To You I cry, Jehovah! O now my helper be!

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 47:1-9

Leader: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

All: *For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.*

Leader: He will subdue the peoples under us, And the nations under our feet.

All: *He will choose our inheritance for us, The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah*

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

All: *Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.

All: *God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.*

Leader: The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-27

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. ²But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. ⁵Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth,

they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶"He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, ⁷saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." ⁸And they remembered His words. ⁹Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. ¹³Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴And they talked together of all these things which had happened. ¹⁵So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. ¹⁷And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" ¹⁸Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. ²¹But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. ²²Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. ²³When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. ²⁴And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." ²⁵Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" ²⁷And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:1-25

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. ⁴Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." ⁶So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." ⁷And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. ⁸Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought *him* into Damascus. ⁹And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he

said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹So the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. ¹²"And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." ¹³Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴"And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. ¹⁶"For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." ¹⁷And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. ¹⁹So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. ²¹Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ. ²³Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. ²⁴But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. ²⁵Then the disciples took him by night and let *him* down through the wall in a large basket.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Martin Rinkart, 1636

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
 2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joice - es;
 with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en

who from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

SERMON

Genesis 26:1-17

“That Looks Familiar”

Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.
- 2 Then the LORD appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.
- 3 "Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.
- 4 "And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;
- 5 "because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."
So Isaac dwelt in Gerar.
- 7 And the men of the place asked about his wife. And he said, "She is my sister"; for he was afraid to say, "She is my wife," because he thought, "lest the men of the place kill me for Rebekah, because she is beautiful to behold."
- 8 Now it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked through a window, and saw, and there was Isaac, showing endearment to Rebekah his wife.

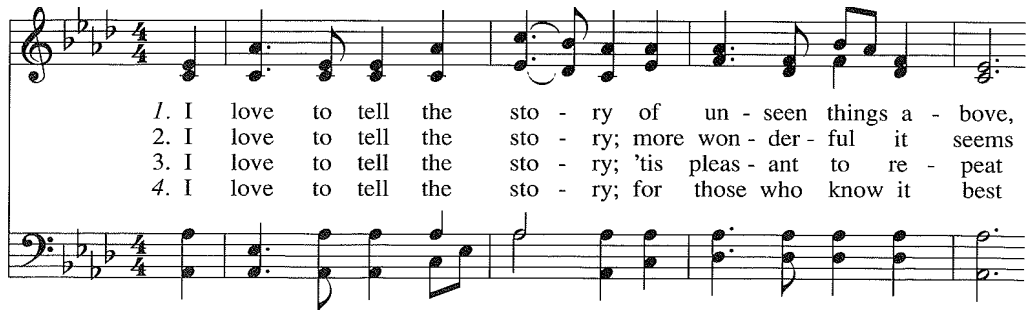
- 9 Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Quite obviously she *is* your wife; so how could you say, 'She *is* my sister'?" And Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'Lest I die on account of her.' "
- 10 And Abimelech said, "What *is* this you have done to us? One of the people might soon have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt on us."
- 11 So Abimelech charged all *his* people, saying, "He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."
- 12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him.
- 13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;
- 14 for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.
- 15 Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth.
- 16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we."
- 17 Then Isaac departed from there and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

Hymn of Response*

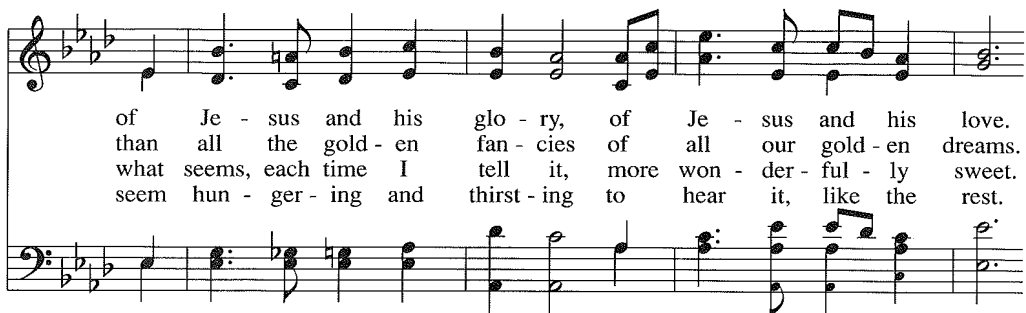
TUNE: I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY 7.6.7.6.D.

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Kathrine Hankey, 1866



1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry; for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for me;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry, that I have loved so long.

REFRAIN

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

BENEDICTION*

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Prayer requests

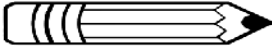
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi Family
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray our Sunday School Teachers and Students
- Pray for outreach and evangelism
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.

Announcements

- Prayer meeting: Wednesday Evenings at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom. All are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Miller if you would like to attend and are not already on the email list.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, December 3, 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Let's Study Philippians" Chapter 26-27
- Sunday School Starts at 10 a.m. We have a class for Pre-K to 1st Grade, 2nd to 4th grade, 5th to 8th grade, and an adult class. The Adults are studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Sunday School will resume next week.
- We will be having a fall cleanup at the church on Saturday, December 10, starting at 9 a.m. All are welcome and encouraged to help out!
- Our Christmas Eve Service of Scriptures and Carols will be on Saturday Dec 24, at 6 p.m.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

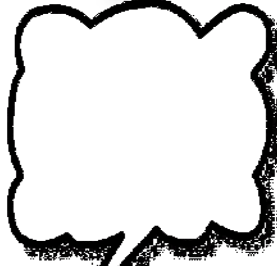
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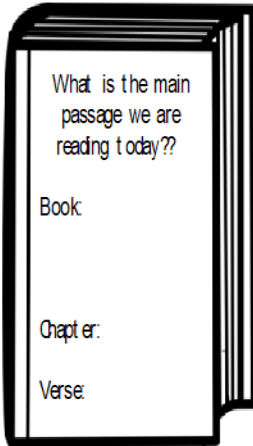
As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Who is speaking?



Words you heard but don't know...



What is the main passage we are reading today??

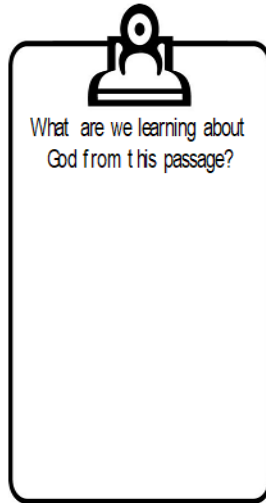
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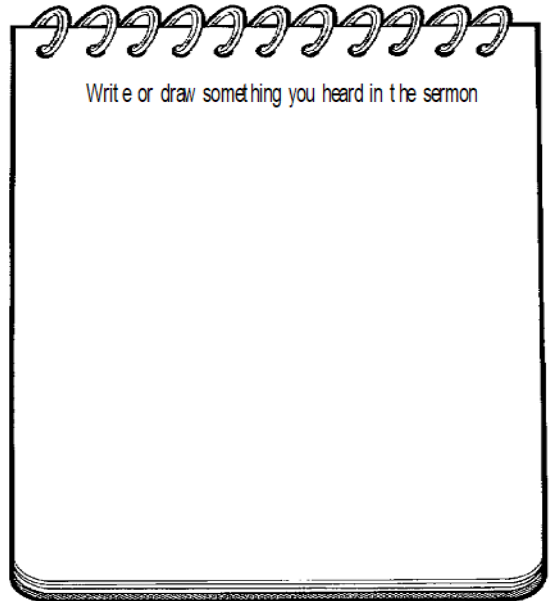
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Favorite song today was:



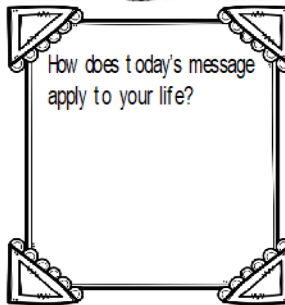
What are we learning about God from this passage?



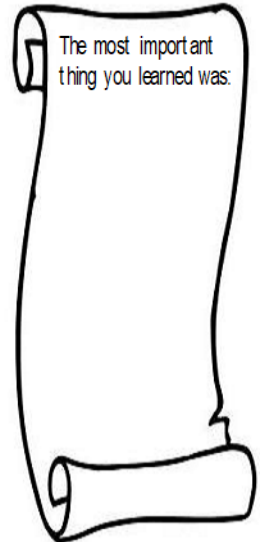
Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



Questions?



How does today's message apply to your life?



The most important thing you learned was:

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 Apos 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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