



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until
Shiloh comes”*

-Genesis 49:10a

WORSHIP LEADER:
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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 24:7-10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

All: *Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.*

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

All: *Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.*

*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*

*Hymn of Praise**

TUNE: DIADEMATA S.M.D.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Matthew Bridges, 1895.

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

On his head are many crowns. Rev. 19:12

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a treble clef for the upper parts and a bass clef for the lower parts. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Apostles' 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

All: *Holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, our sinful thoughts, our sinful words, and our sinful deeds. Our sicknesses and*

diseases derive from Adam's sins and ours. We often forget Your love and Your commandments; we often grieve and quench Your Spirit. But O Father, we cry to You for mercy; for saving faith; for cleansing faith; for healing faith for our soul. Help us to glory in the gospel promises, that we may live in freedom from condemnation. Help us to walk according to Your precepts, that we may live in Your light and love. We pray on the basis of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32:3-5

Leader: Hear the good news! When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. ⁴For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. ⁵I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 2

TUNE: HINTZE 7.7.7.7.7.

Based on the Book of Psalms, 1871 and the Psalter, 1912.

Why do heathen nations rage? Why do peoples folly mind?
Kings of earth in plots engage, Rulers are in league combined;
Then against Jehovah high, And against Messiah's sway,
"Let us break their bands," they cry, "Let us cast their cords away."

But the Lord will scorn them all; He will laugh Who sits on high,
Then His wrath will on them fall; Sore displeased He will reply:
"Yet according to My will I have set My King to reign,
And on Zion's holy hill My Anointed I'll maintain."

His decree I will make known: Unto Me the LORD did say,
"Thou art My be-lov-ed Son; I've begotten Thee this day.
Ask of Me, and Thee I'll make Heir to earth and nations all;
Them with iron Thou shalt break, Dashing them in pieces small."

Therefore, kings, be wise, give ear; Hearken, judges of the earth;
Serve the LORD with godly fear; Mingle trembling with your mirth.
Kiss the Son, His wrath to turn, Lest ye perish in the way,
For His anger soon will burn. Blessed are all that on Him stay

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 149:1-9

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, *And His praise in the assembly of saints.*

All: *Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.*

Leader: Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

All: *For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.*

Leader: Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds.

All: *Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,*

Leader: To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;

All: To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron;

Leader: *To execute on them the written judgment -- This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:1-16

Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, *that* He said to His disciples, ²"You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." ³Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, ⁴ and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill *Him*. ⁵But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people." ⁶And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured *it* on His head as He sat *at the table*. ⁸But when His disciples saw *it*, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? ⁹"For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to *the poor*." ¹⁰But when Jesus was aware of *it*, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. ¹¹"For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. ¹²"For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did *it* for My burial. ¹³"Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a

memorial to her." ¹⁴Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 15:14-33

Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. ¹⁵Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on *some* points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God, ¹⁶that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things *which pertain* to God. ¹⁸For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient -- ¹⁹in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. ²⁰And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, ²¹but as it is written: "To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand." ²²For this reason I also have been much hindered from coming to you. ²³But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you, ²⁴whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your *company* for a while. ²⁵But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. ²⁶For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. ²⁷It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things. ²⁸Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain. ²⁹But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. ³⁰Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me, ³¹that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, ³²that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you. ³³Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: DUKE STREET LM

"Psalm 145:1-7"

"Jesus, Shall Reign"

I will Thee praise, my God, O King, And I will ever bless Thy name;
I will extol Thee every day And evermore Thy praise proclaim.

The LORD is great; He praise exceeds; His greatness fully search can none;
Race shall to race extol Thy deeds And tell Thy mighty acts each one.

Upon Thy glo-rious majesty And wondrous works my mind shall dwell;
Men shall recount Thy dreadful acts, And of Thy greatness I will tell.

They utter shall abundantly The mem'ry of Thy goodness great,
And shall sing praises cheerfully While they Thy righteousness relate

SERMON

Genesis 49:8-12

"The Lion of Judah"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ⁸ "Judah, you *are he* whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand *shall be* on the neck of your enemies; Your father's children shall bow down before you.
- ⁹ Judah *is* a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him?
- ¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him *shall be* the obedience of the people.
- ¹¹ Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.
- ¹² His eyes *are* darker than wine, And his teeth whiter than milk.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE; AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Based on Psalm 72. James Montgomery, 1821.

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Hail to the Lord's Anointed

In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.
Ps. 72:7

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2. He comes with com - fort speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;
3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4. O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;
from age to age more glo - rious, all - bless - ing and all - blessed;

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
his name shall stand for - ev - er—that name to us is Love.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer requests

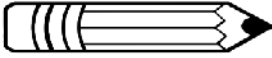
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi Family
- Pray for our Sunday School teachers and children.
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our elders and deacons.

Announcements

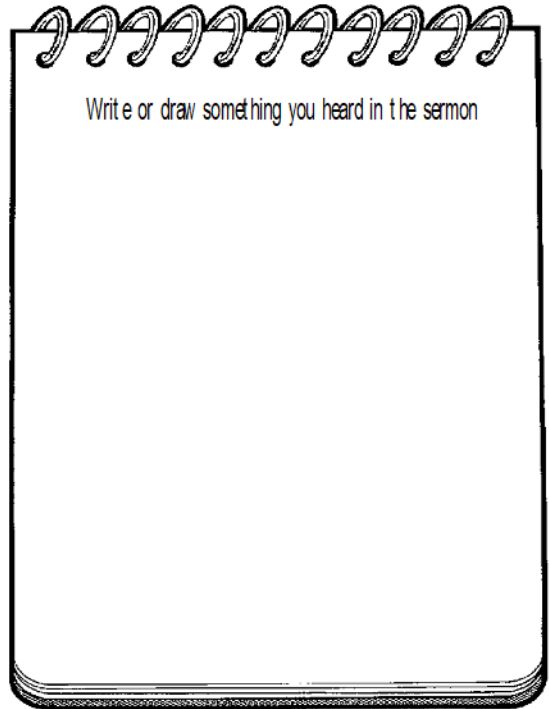
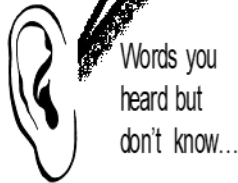
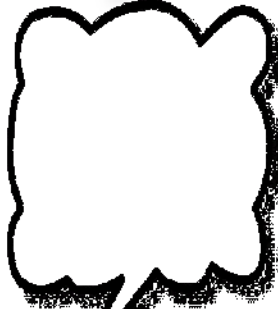
- Prayer meeting: Over Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. If you would like more information, please talk to Pastor Miller.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, March 2, at 8 am at the church. Please read chapter 10 in the study on 1st and 2nd Samuel.
- Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday mornings. We have three children's classes and an adult class. The adults are studying "The Basics of the Christian Life." Please see Pastor Miller if you have any questions.
- Youth Group (grades 6-12): Sunday, March 4, 6-7:30 at church.
- Women's Prayer and Fellowship time: Saturday, February 17th at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 7 at 6:30p.m. Saturday, March 23 at 9 a.m.
- Church Luncheon: Sunday, February 25, after the morning worship service. The church will provide the main dish of ox roast and we ask you bring a dish or two to pass. Please note we will not have Sunday School that day. There is a sign-up sheet in the back. All are welcome!
- Ascension Presbytery Missions Conference: Friday, March 8 from 6:30-8 p.m. and Saturday, March 9 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. It will be held at Faith Reformed Church. For more information see the back bulletin board.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

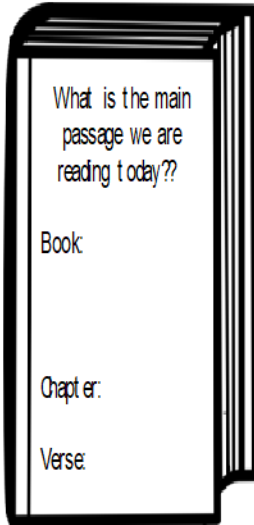
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

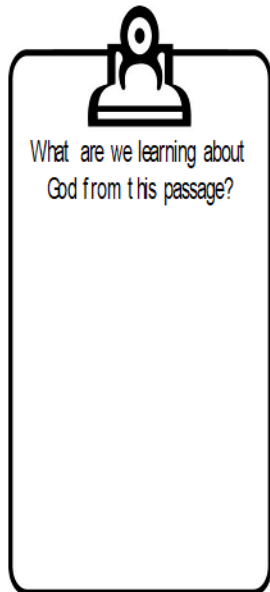


What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book:

Chapter:

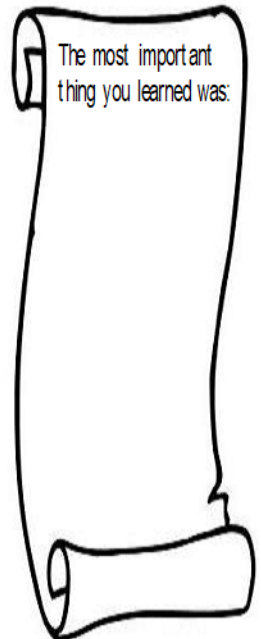
Verse:



What are we learning about God from this passage?



Questions?



The most important thing you learned was:



How does today's message apply to your life?



Favorite song today 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 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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