

WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*From the end of the earth I will cry to You,
When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me
to the rock that is higher than I.
-Psalm 61:2*

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 107:1-2

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

All: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy

*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: EIN' FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Based on Psalm 46. Martin Luther, 1529

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. There are four measures of music shown. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er / 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be / 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - / 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -". There are some musical notations above the first and fourth measures, possibly indicating phrasing or breath marks.

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

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 139:1-4, 23-24

All: *“O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.” Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus’ name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 1:18-19

Leader: Hear the good news! “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 40:10-17

TUNE: I NEED THEE 66.66.D

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

1. I hid not in my heart Your truth and sav - ing help;
 2. Mis - for - tunes be - yond count Have ta - ken hold of me.
 3. Come to my res - cue, LORD; O LORD, make haste to help.
 4. Let all men who seek You Be glad and in You joy;

4

Your faith - ful - ness I preached In the as - semb - ly great.
 My sins close in on me So that I can - not see.
 Let all who seek my life Be shamed and be con - fused.
 Who Your sal - va - tion love Say, "Glo - ry to the LORD!"

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You'll not with - hold from me — Your ten - der mer - cies, LORD, —
 In great - er sum are they — Than hairs up - on my head. —
 Let them fall back in shame — Who want to see my hurt; —
 Though I'm in want and poor, — The Lord takes thought of me. —

12

And Your un - fail - ing love — Will ev - er keep me safe.
 So my heart fails in me; — My cour - age fades a - way.
 Let them be dumb who jeer, — "Aha! Aha!" — to — me.
 My Help, my Sav - ior, come! — O God, do not de - lay!

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

Psalms 27:1-8

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

All: When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.

Leader: Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me, In this I will be confident.

All: One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

Leader: For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

All: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

All: When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."

GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:1-11

After two days it was the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by trickery and put Him to death. ²But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar of the people." ³And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. ⁴But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? ⁵"For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble

her? She has done a good work for Me. ⁷For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. ⁸She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. ⁹Assuredly, 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." ¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Titus 2:1-15

But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: ²that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; ³the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things -- ⁴that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. ⁶Likewise exhort the young men to be sober-minded, ⁷in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, ⁸sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. ⁹Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, ¹⁰not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things. ¹¹For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹²teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. ¹⁵Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

Psalm of Preparation (next pg.)*

TUNE: HYFRYDOL 87.87.D

"Psalm 91:1-12"

"Jesus! What A Friend for Sinners!"

SERMON

Psalm 61:1-8

"Overwhelmed"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ¹ HEAR my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer.
- ² From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed;
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
- ³ For You have been a shelter for me, A strong tower from the enemy.
- ⁴ I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.
Selah



1. Who with God Most High finds shel - ter In th'Al - migh - ty's shad - ow hides.
 2. God's own truth, your shield and buck - ler: You will fear no ill ___ by night,
 3. You have made the Lord your re - fuge, God Most High your dwell - ing place;
 4. You shall tram - ple ser - pents, li - ons, Tread on all your dead - ly foes.



To the Lord I'll say, "My Ref - uge!" In my God my trust ___ a - bides.
 Nor the shafts in day - light fly - ing, Nor dis - ease that shuns the light,
 Noth - ing e - vil shall be - fall ___ you; In your tent no scourge you'll face.
 For his love to Me I'll save him, Keep him, for My name he knows;



From the fowl - er's snare He'll save you, From the dead - ly pes - ti - lence;
 Nor the plague that wastes at noon - day. At your side ten thou - sand fall;
 He will an - gels charge to keep you, Guard you well in all ___ your ways.
 When he calls Me I will an - swer, Save and hon - or him will I.



Cov - er you with out - spread pin - ions, Make His wings your con - fi - dence.
 You will on - ly see this judg - ment Which re - wards the wick - ed all.
 In ___ their hands they will up - hold ___ you Lest your foot a stone should graze.
 I ___ will show him my sal - va - tion, With long life ___ will sat - is - fy.

- 5 For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given *me* the heritage of those who fear Your name.
- 6 You will prolong the king's life, His years as many generations.
- 7 He shall abide before God forever. Oh, prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him!
- 8 So I will sing praise to Your name forever, That I may daily perform my vows.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn of Preparation (next pg.)*

TUNE: PLAINFIELD 7.8.7.8.REF

"Nothing but the Blood"

Robert Lowry, 1876

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

PASSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

***The wafers are nut and gluten free*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

1. What can wash a - way my sin? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 2. For my cleans - ing this I see— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 4. This is all my hope and peace— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

what can make me whole a - gain? noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 for my par - don this my plea— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 • naught of good that I have done— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 this is all my righ - teous - ness— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 now by this I'll reach my home— noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

REFRAIN

O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: TOPLADY 7.7.7.7.7.

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy law's de - mands;
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for our elders and deacons
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for Sunday School
- Pray for a church planting effort going on in Cranberry Township, PA.

Announcements

- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. If you need more information, please see Pastor Miller.
- We will be starting a monthly men's Bible study on Saturday, September 11, at 8 a.m. We will be working through the book of Philippians using Sinclair Ferguson's "Let's Study Philippians" book. There is a signup sheet in the back of church, so we know how many books to order. Please read the first two chapters.
- Sunday School will be starting on Sunday, Sept 12 at 10 a.m. There will be an adult class, young elementary class, middle elementary class, and upper elementary/middle school class. The adults will begin studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism.
- Please mark your calendars for our first hosting of a missionary from our Presbytery's Round Robin Missions conference on Thursday, October 7, at 7 pm. We will be hearing from a missionary who works to share the gospel among immigrants in Europe. Faith Reformed will be joining us on this evening. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- We will be hosting a table at the Women's Care Center dinner on Friday, September 24th. It will be held at the Bayfront Convention Center. There is a sign-up sheet for all who want to attend on the board in the back of church.

Who Should take Communion?

The question of who is eligible to receive communion is one of vital importance. In order to draw our minds towards examining ourselves in accordance with the Apostle Paul's exhortation to the church in Corinth, the Session of West Erie Presbyterian Church in America encourages all in attendance today to consider the following questions:

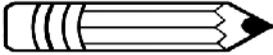
- Do you believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for your sins and rose again bodily from the dead?
- Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for your salvation?
- Have you been baptized?
- Are you a communicate member in good standing of a Bible-believing, gospel proclaiming church?
- Are you pursuing a life of obedience by forsaking sin and striving, by grace and help of the Holy Spirit, to glorify God with your entire life?

If you can answer "Yes" to each of these questions, then the Session of West Erie Presbyterian Church in America welcomes and invites you to partake of the Lord's Supper with us today.

If however, you cannot answer "Yes" to each of these questions – or if you are not sure – then we request that you refrain from partaking at this time. We encourage you to take this time to consider your own personal need for Christ, His abundant provision for the salvation of sinners, as well of the biblical requirement to join a local body of believers in humble submission to Christ's provision of elders and overseers. After the service, please come speak with a member of the Session to discuss the steps necessary to enable you to openly enjoy Communion with Christ and his people through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

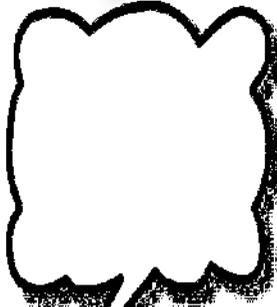
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

Date: _____



Who is speaking?

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.



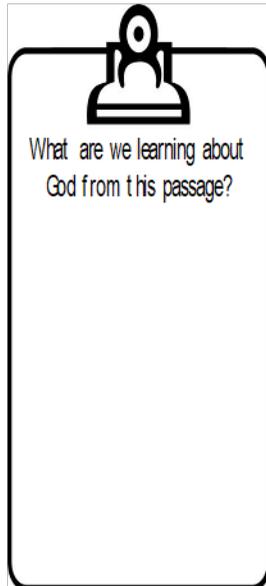
Words you heard but don't know...

What is the main passage we are reading today??

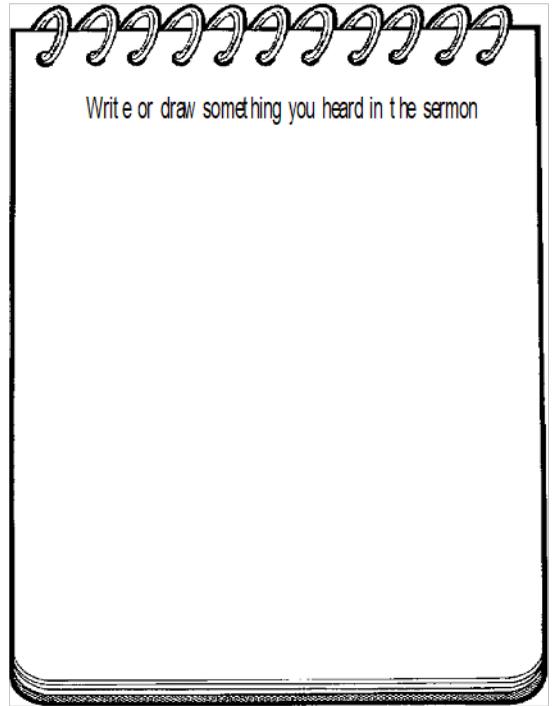
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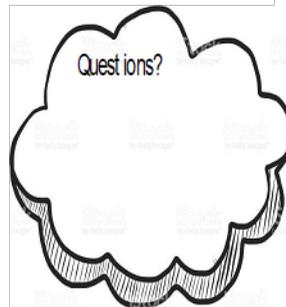
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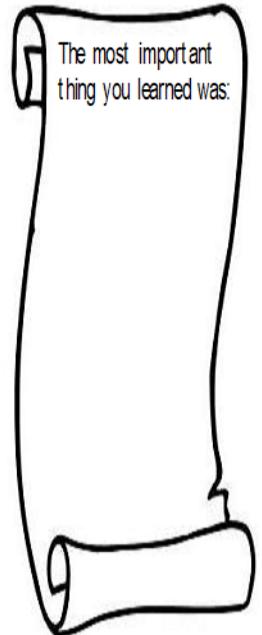
What are we learning about God from this passage?



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



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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