

**WEST ERIE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.” --Genesis 9:13*

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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\*

### *Psalm of Praise\**

TUNE: CONSTANCE 87.87.D.

### *“Psalm 136:1-16”*

*“I’ve Found a Friend”*

1. O thank the LORD, for good is He; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er.  
2. Who in His wis - dom framed the skies; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er;  
3. The moon and stars to rule the night; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er;  
4. Who by His wind the Red Sea clave; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er;

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Thanks to the God of gods give ye; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er.  
Who made the earth from wa - ters rise; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er;  
Who E - gypt's first - born all did smite; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er;  
Led Is - rael through the part - ed wave; His mer-cy lasts for - ev - er;

O prais - es give the King of kings; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er;  
 Who placed the great lights on dis - play; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er;  
 Who freed all is - r'el from their charm; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er;  
 O'er Pha - raoh He the Red Sea spread; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er;

For He a - lone does won - drous things; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er.  
 The sun to rule the sky by day; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er.  
 With might - y hand and out - stretched arm; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er;  
 Through des - ert wastes His peo - ple led; His mer - cy lasts for - ev - er;

## CONFESSON 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.*

## CONFESSON OF SIN

**All:** *Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, by reason of our sinfulness, transgress Your holy commandments. O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses! Be pleased then to have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and corruption, grant us the daily increase of Your Holy Spirit that we might put to death the sin that is within us and bear all the fruit of the Spirit in our daily lives. We trust You for these graces on the basis of the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Deuteronomy 4:31*

Leader: Hear the good news! "For the LORD your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### ***Psalm 107:1-9, 15-16***

TUNE: FOUNTAIN CMD

"There Is a Fountain"

O praise the LORD , for He is good; His mercies still endure;  
Thus say the ransomed of the LORD , From all their foes secure.  
He gathered them from out the lands, From north, south, east, and west.  
They wandered in the wilderness, No city found to rest.

Their weary soul within them faints When thirst and hunger press;  
In trouble to the LORD they cried; He saved them from distress.  
He made the way before them straight, And He became their guide,  
That they might to a city go In which they would abide.

Let them give thanks unto the LORD For all His kindness shown,  
And for His works so wonderful Which He to men makes known.  
Because the longing soul by Him With food is satisfied;  
The hungry soul that looks to Him With goodness is supplied

Let them give thanks unto the LORD For all His kindness shown,  
And for His works so wonderful Which He to men makes known.  
For He the mighty gates of bronze Has shattered with a stroke;  
He cut the bars of iron off And them asunder broke

## 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 30:1-12*

Leader: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**All:** *O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me.*

Leader: O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

**All:** *Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.*

Leader: For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.

**All:** *Now in my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved."*

Leader: LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled.

**All:** *I cried out to You, O LORD; And to the LORD I made supplication:*

Leader: "What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?"

**All:** *Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD, be my helper!"*

Leader: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

**All:** *To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.*

## GOSPEL READING

*Luke 4:1-15*

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup>But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. <sup>7</sup>"Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" <sup>9</sup>Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup>"For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' <sup>11</sup> "and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" <sup>13</sup>Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him

went out through all the surrounding region. <sup>15</sup>And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Hebrews 9:16-28*

For where there *is* a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. <sup>17</sup>For a testament *is* in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. <sup>18</sup>Therefore not even the first *covenant* was dedicated without blood. <sup>19</sup>For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup>saying, "This *is* the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." <sup>21</sup>Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. <sup>22</sup>And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. <sup>23</sup>Therefore *it was* necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. <sup>24</sup>For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; <sup>25</sup>not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another -- <sup>26</sup>He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. <sup>27</sup>And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

### *Hymn of Preparation\**

TUNE: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.

### *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

Henry Alfred, 1844, 1867

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano part. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home:  
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har-vest home;  
4. E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied:  
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear:  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

## SERMON

*Genesis 9:8-17*

*"Something to Be Thankful For"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying:  
 9 "And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you,  
 10 "and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth.

- 11 “Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”
- 12 And God said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:
- 13 “I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.
- 14 “It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud;
- 15 “and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.
- 16 “The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”
- 17 And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

## *Sermon Notes*

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3



# Hymn of Response\*

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 voices,  
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven—

who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless 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 evermore.

## BENEDICTION\*

\* --Please stand if able

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### Prayer Requests

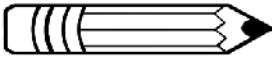
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi Family
- Pray for country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray for our Sunday School teachers and students

### Announcements

- Our prayer meetings, held on Zoom, continue on Wednesday evenings, beginning with a brief devotional at 8:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you need more information, please see Pastor Miller.
- The next men's Bible study will be on Saturday, December 4, at 8 a.m. We are continuing our study of Philippians using Sinclair Ferguson's "Let's Study Philippians" book. Please read chapter 7 and 8.
- Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. We offer 3 elementary aged classes and an adult class. The adults are studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism.
- The next women's book study will be on Monday, November 29, at 7:30 p.m. The book study is titled "In All Things" by Mellissa Kruger. It is a study on Philippians. For more information, please see Mary Moser.
- We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next week. Please take some time to prepare your hearts through prayer and the reading of Scripture.

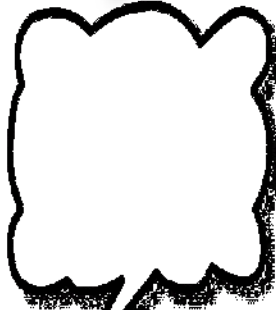
# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

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.



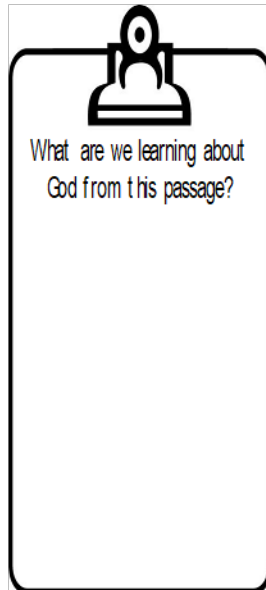
Words you heard but don't know...

What is the main passage we are reading today??

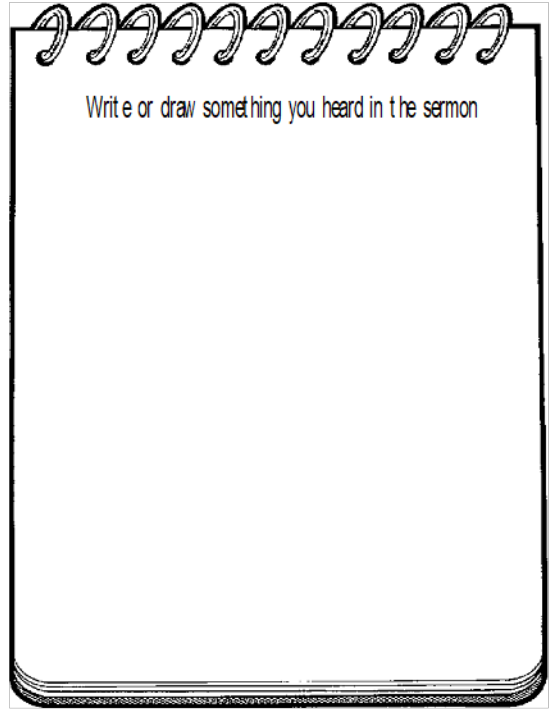
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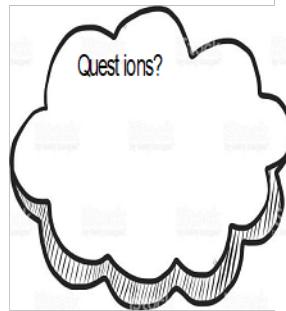
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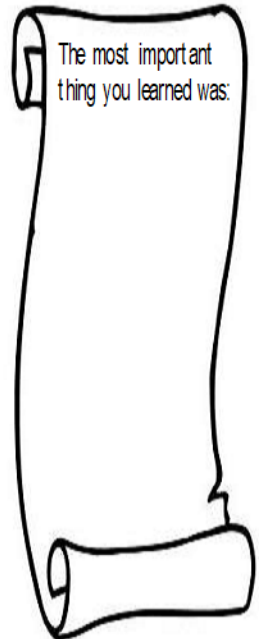
What are we learning about God from this passage?



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:

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

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