



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“And the LORD visited Sarah
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as He had spoken.”*

– Genesis 21:1

WORSHIP LEADERS:

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 106:48

Leader: Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting!

All: *And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!*

*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: LEONI 6.6.8.4.D

"Psalm 99"

"The God of Abraham Praise"

The LORD is King indeed! Let peoples quail and fear!
He sits above the cherubim; Let earth be moved!
The LORD in Zion rules, And over all is high;
O praise His great and dreadful name, The Holy One!

The pow-er of the King Delights in equity;
In Jacob You establish law And righteousness.
Exalt and celebrate The LORD, Who is our God,
And at His footstool worship Him, The Holy One!

For Moses was His priest, And Aaron, too, did serve,
And Samuel of them who called Upon His name.
The LORD received their cry; He spoke from out the cloud.
His testimonies they obeyed; They kept His laws.

O LORD our God, You heard, And answer gave to them;
You were a God that bore them up But judged their works!
Exalt the LORD our God! Bow to His holy hill!
Behold, He is the Holy One, The LORD our God!

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 106:3-6

All: *"Blessed are those who keep justice, and he who does righteousness at all times! Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people; Oh, visit me with Your salvation, That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance. We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 3:3-6

Leader: Hear the good news! "For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 136:1-16

TUNE: HAMBURG LM

"I've Found a Friend"

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;

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 105:1-10

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

All: *Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!*

Leader: Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

All: *Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!*

Leader: Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

All: *O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!*

Leader: He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

All: *He remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,*

Leader: *The covenant* which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac,

All: *And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 20:20-47

So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor. ²¹Then they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You say and teach rightly, and You do not show personal favoritism, but teach the way of God in truth: ²²"Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ²³ But He perceived their craftiness, and said to them, "Why do you test Me? ²⁴"Show Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?" They answered and said, "Caesar's." ²⁵And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²⁶But they could not catch Him in His words in the presence of the people. And they marveled at His answer and kept silent. ²⁷Then some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, ²⁸saying: "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹"Now there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰"And the second took her as wife, and he died childless. ³¹"Then the third took her, and in like manner the seven also; and they left no children, and died. ³²"Last of all the woman died also. ³³"Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife." ³⁴And Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵"But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; ³⁶"nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷"But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' ³⁸"For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him." ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well." ⁴⁰But after that they dared not question Him anymore. ⁴¹And He said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is the Son of David? ⁴²"Now David himself said in the Book of Psalms: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, ⁴³Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" ' ⁴⁴"Therefore David calls Him 'Lord'; how is He then his Son?" ⁴⁵Then, in the hearing of all the people, He said to His disciples, ⁴⁶"Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, ⁴⁷"who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:23-37

And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, ²⁵"who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things? ²⁶The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the LORD and against His Christ.' ²⁷"For truly against Your holy

Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. ²⁹Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.” ³¹And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. ³²Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. ³³And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. ³⁴Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, ³⁵and laid *them* at the apostles’ feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. ³⁶And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, ³⁷having land, sold *it*, and brought the money and laid *it* at the apostles’ feet.

Hymn of Preparation*

“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator”

TUNE: KREMSER 12.11.12.11.

Julia Cady Cory, 1902.

1. We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2. We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
 3. With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our tri - bute we bring.
 through life's storm and tem - pest our Guide you have been.
 to you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, es - cape you will make us;
 Your strong arm will guide us, our God is be - side us;

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise.

SERMON

Genesis 21:1-7

"A Promise Kept"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken.
- 2 For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.
- 3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him -- whom Sarah bore to him -- Isaac.
- 4 Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.
- 5 Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.
- 6 And Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, *and* all who hear will laugh with me."
- 7 She also said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne *him* a son in his old age."

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: PROMISES 11.11.11.9. with refrain

"Standing on the Promises"

Text and Music by R. Kelso Carter

The musical score is written for a four-part setting in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King, Thro' e - ter - nal a - ges
2. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, When the howl-ing storms of
3. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal -
4. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall, Lis-t'ning ev - ery mo - ment

let His prais-es ring; Glo-ry in the high-est, I will shout and sing,
 doubt and fear as-sail, By the liv-ing Word of God I shall pre-vail,
 ly by love's strong cord, O-ver-com-ing dai-ly with the Spir-it's sword,
 to the Spir-it's call, Rest-ing in my Sav-ior as my all in all,

Refrain

Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God. Stand-ing, stand-ing,
 stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God my Sav-ior; Stand-ing,

stand-ing, I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.
 stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer requests

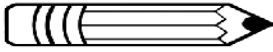
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray our Sunday School Teachers and Students
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.

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, October 1, 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Let's Study Philippians" Chapter 22.
- 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 will be studying Assurance of Salvation using a Ligonier DVD.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

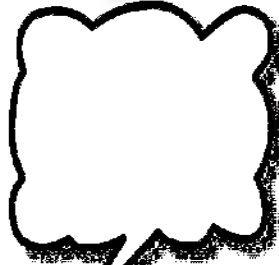
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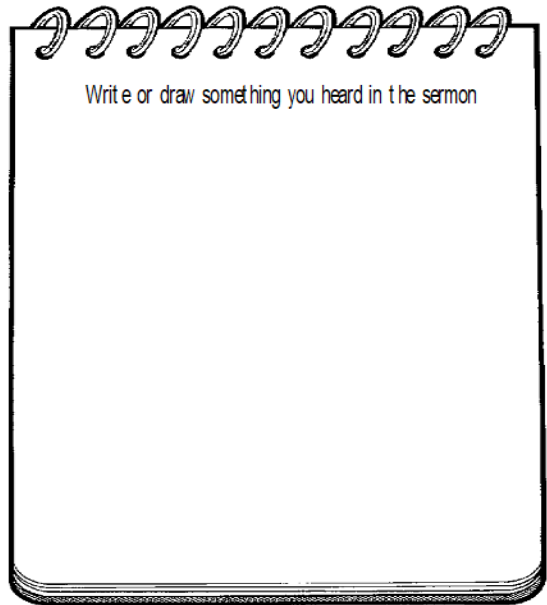
As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



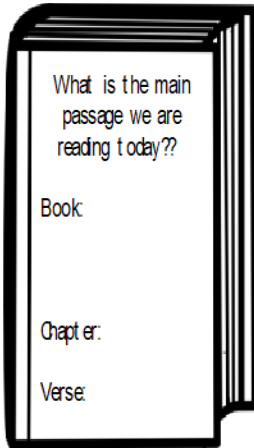
Who is speaking?



Words you heard but don't know...



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

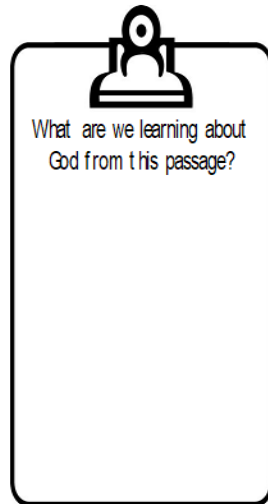


What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book: _____

Chapter: _____

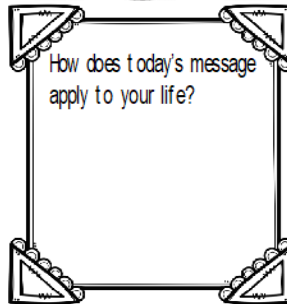
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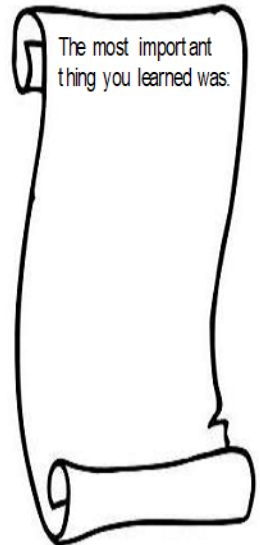
What are we learning about God from this passage?



Questions?



How does today's message apply to your life?



The most important thing you learned was:



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 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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