



WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*"I have waited for your salvation, O
LORD!"*

-Genesis 49:18

WORSHIP LEADER:
PASTOR MARC MILLER

THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Revelation 4:11

Leader: "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

*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: AMSTERDAM 76.76.77.76.

"Psalm 8"

Elements from the Psalter, 1912

LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How excellent Your name!
You above the heav'ns have set The splendor of Your fame.
From the mouths of infants young You the power of praise compose
In the face of enemies To stop avenging foes.

When I view the skies above Which Your own fingers made,
When I see the moon and stars Which You in order laid,
What is man so frail and weak That You should remember him?
What can be the son of man That You should care for him?

Next to God You have made man, With light and honor crowned.
You placed him above Your works; Beneath him all is found:
Oxen, sheep, and all wild beasts, Birds, and fish the oceans claim.
LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How excellent Your name!

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

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 35:9-13, 18

TUNE: HAMBURG LM

"When I Survey the Wonderful Cross"

My soul shall in the LORD rejoice, In His salvation boastful be;
Exulting, all my bones will say, "Jehovah, who is like to Thee?"

For Thou the poor deliverest From one who is for him too strong;
The poor and needy Thou dost spare From one who'd rob or do him wrong."

False witnesses against me stood, Of things I knew not charges made.
They gave me evil for my good; To rob my soul they ill repaid.

But I, in sackcloth I was clad, When they in sickness suffered pain;
I made my soul with fasting sad; My prayers return to me again.

From their destruction pluck my soul, And snatch my life from lions strong.
Then with the saints I'll give Thee thanks. And praise Thee in the mighty throng

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."

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBER

EDGAR HALLIGAN

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 67:1-7

Leader: God be merciful to us and bless us, *And* cause His face to shine upon us. Selah

All: That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

All: Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth. Selah

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

All: Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.

Leader: God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:17-35

Now on the first *day* of the *Feast of the Unleavened Bread* the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, 'My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.' " ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover. ²⁰When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. ²¹Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." ²²And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" ²³He answered and said, "He who dipped *his* hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. ²⁴"The Son

of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." ²⁵Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it." ²⁶And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²⁷Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸"For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. ²⁹"But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." ³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'" ³²"But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee." ³³Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble." ³⁴Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." ³⁵Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And so said all the disciples.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 16:1-27

I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, ²that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also. ³Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. ⁵Likewise *greet* the church that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ. ⁶Greet Mary, who labored much for us. ⁷Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. ⁸Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord. ⁹Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. ¹⁰Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the *household* of Aristobulus. ¹¹Greet Herodion, my countryman. Greet those who are of the *household* of Narcissus who are in the Lord. ¹²Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord. ¹³Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. ¹⁴Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who are with them. ¹⁵Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. ¹⁶Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you. ¹⁷Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. ¹⁸For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. ¹⁹For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. ²⁰And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen. ²¹Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, greet you. ²²I, Tertius, who wrote *this* epistle, greet you in the Lord. ²³Gaius, my host and *the host* of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city,

greet you, and Quartus, a brother. ²⁴The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen. ²⁵Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began ²⁶but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith -- ²⁷to God, alone wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: AZMON C.M.

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Charles Wesley, 1739

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. Acts 3:8

The musical score is written in 3/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The first system covers the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining lines.

Chord symbols for the first system: F, D, G, D, G, Em, D, G, D7, G, D.

Chord symbols for the second system: G, C, F, G/D, D7, G.

1. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

SERMON

Genesis 49:13-21

"The Blessings Continue"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 13 "Zebulun shall dwell by the haven of the sea; He *shall become* a haven for
ships, And his border shall adjoin Sidon.
- 14 "Issachar is a strong donkey, Lying down between two burdens;
15 He saw that rest *was* good, And that the land *was* pleasant; He bowed his
shoulder to bear *a burden*, And became a band of slaves.
- 16 "Dan shall judge his people As one of the tribes of Israel.
- 17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way, A viper by the path, That bites the horse's
heels So that its rider shall fall backward.
- 18 I have waited for your salvation, O LORD!
- 19 "Gad, a troop shall tramp upon him, But he shall triumph at last.
- 20 "Bread from Asher *shall be* rich, And he shall yield royal dainties.
- 21 "Naphtali *is* a deer let loose; He uses beautiful words.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE; ASSURANCE 9.10.9.9.ref.

"Blessed Assurance"

Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove
hap - py and blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer requests

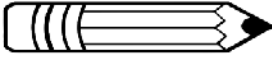
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for our Sunday School teachers and children.
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our elders and deacons.

Announcements

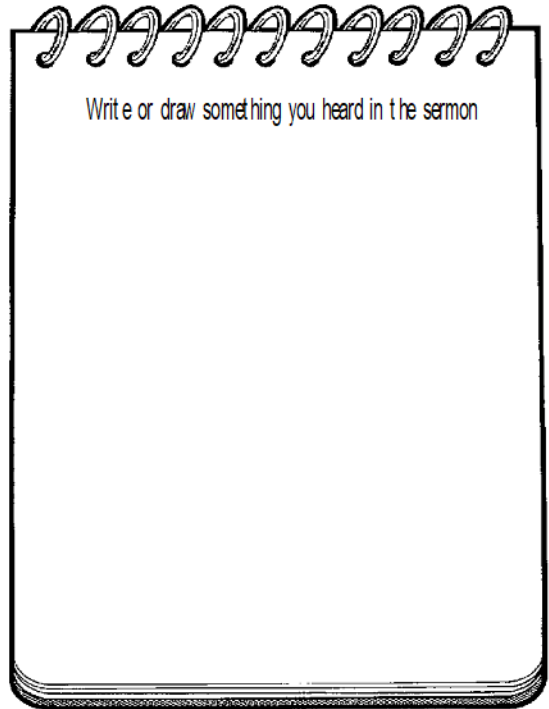
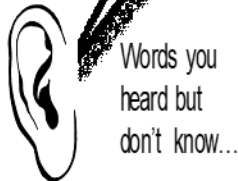
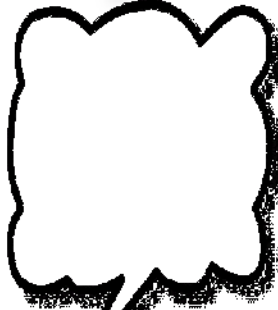
- Prayer meeting: Over Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. If you would like more information, please talk to Pastor Miller.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, March 2, at 8 am at the church. Please read chapter 10 in the study on 1st and 2nd Samuel.
- Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday mornings. We have 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: Thursday, March 7 at 6:30p.m. and 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

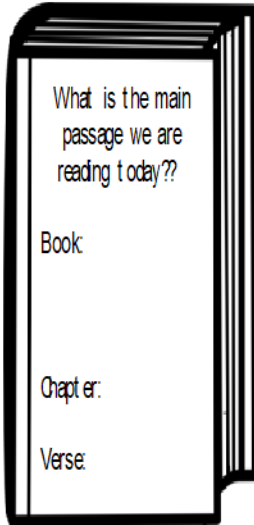
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

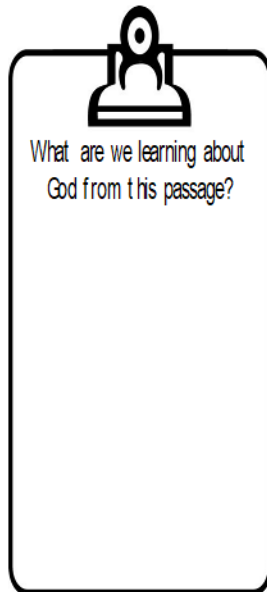


What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book:

Chapter:

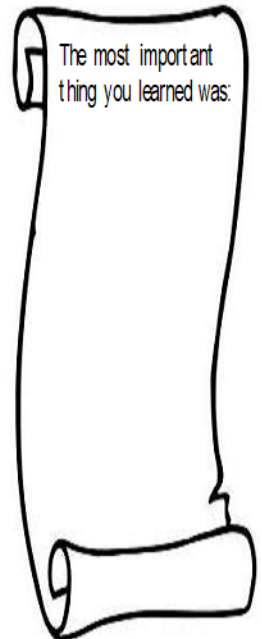
Verse:



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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