

WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens..." Genesis 11:4a

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 40:16

Leader: Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;

All: *Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!"*

*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: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7 rep.

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

William Williams, 1745

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

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: *Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon You: Hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and*

please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Acts 13:38-39, 1 John 1:9

Leader: Hear the good news! "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 39:1-6

TUNE: EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10.

"Abide with Me"

"I will take heed and guard my ways," I said,
"So that my tongue no sinful word shall stain;
As with a bridle I will keep my mouth,
While in my presence wicked men remain."

In silence dumb I ceased from speaking good;
My heart within was hot, my sorrow stirred;
And while I mused the fire began to burn;
Then spake I with my tongue this earnest word:

"My end, O LORD, and measure of my days
Make me to know, and thus my frailty see.
Lo, Thou hast made my days an handbreadth long;
My lifetime is a nothing unto Thee.

"Each man at best is altogether vain.
Each man doth surely walk in empty show;
They heap up wealth and vex themselves for naught,
Nor know to whom their garnered riches go.

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 2:1-12

Leader: Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing?

All: The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

Leader: "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."

All: He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision.

Leader: Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

All: "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."

Leader: "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

All: Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

Leader: You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "

All: Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

Leader: Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

All: Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 5:17-39

Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them. ¹⁸Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. ¹⁹And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with *his* bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²²But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? ²³Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'? ²⁴"But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" -- He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." ²⁵Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. ²⁶And

they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"²⁷ After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me."²⁸ So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.²⁹ Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them.³⁰ And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"³¹ Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."³² "I have not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance."³³ Then they said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?"³⁴ And He said to them, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them?"³⁵ "But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days."³⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them: "No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was *taken* out of the new does not match the old."³⁷ "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined."³⁸ "But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved."³⁹ "And no one, having drunk old *wine*, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.'" "

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.² For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.⁵ By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.⁷ By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.⁹ By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;¹⁰ for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.¹¹ By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude -- innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.¹⁴ For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland.¹⁵ And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out,

they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: ARLINGTON CM

"Psalm 1"

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made".



1. O great - ly bless - ed is the man Who
 2. Nor sitt - eth in the scorn - er's chair, But
 3. He shall be like a tree that grows Set
 4. And all he does shall pros - per well. The
 5. In judg - ment, there - fore, shall not stand Such
 6. Be - cause the way of god - ly men Is



walk - eth not a - stray In coun - sel of un -
 pla - ceth his de - light Up - on GOD'S law, and
 by the wa - ter side, Which in its sea - son
 wick - ed are not so, But are like chaff which
 as un - god - ly are, Nor in th'ass - emb - ly
 to Je - ho - vah known, Where - as the way of



god - ly men, Nor stands in sin - ners' way,
 me - di - tates On His law day and night.
 yields its fruit, And green its leaves a - bide;
 by the wind Is dri - ven to and fro.
 of the just Shall wick - ed men ap - pear.
 wick - ed men Shall quite be o - ver - thrown.

SERMON

Genesis 11:1-9

"The Tower of Babel"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech.
- 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.
- 3 Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

- 4 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."
- 5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.
- 6 And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.
- 7 "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."
- 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.
- 9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Sermon Notes

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

"Speak O Lord"

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly re - ver - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us -



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your like - ness, that the
 test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of ___ faith.
 faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 grace we'll stand on Your pro - mis - es, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with ___ us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
 Words of pow'r that can ne - ver fail - let their truth pre - vail ov - er un - be - lief.
 Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

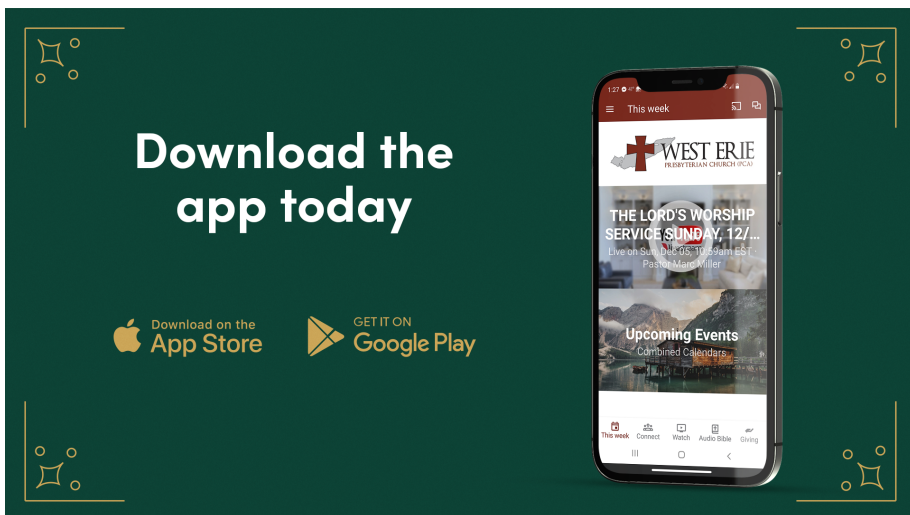
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Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett 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

- 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.
- The next men's Bible study will be on Saturday, January 8, at 8 a.m. We will be working through the book of Philippians using Sinclair Ferguson's "Let's Study Philippians" book. Please read chapter 9 and 10.
- 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.
- Please note there will be no Sunday School on December 26 and January 2.
- The next women's book study will be on Monday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. The book study is titled "In All Things" by Mellissa Kruger. It is a study on the book of Philippians. For more information, please see Mary Moser.
- Please mark your calendars for our Christmas Eve service on Friday, December 24, starting at 6 p.m.



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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, 12/27/...

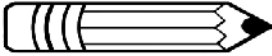
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Upcoming Events
Combined Calendars

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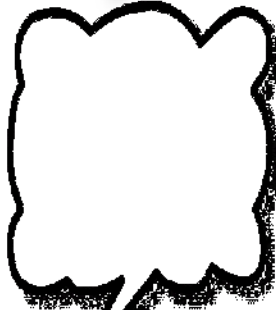
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

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.



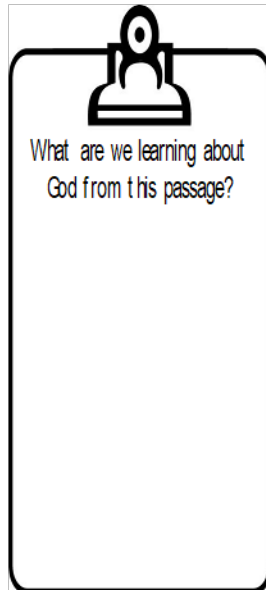
Words you heard but don't know...

What is the main passage we are reading today??

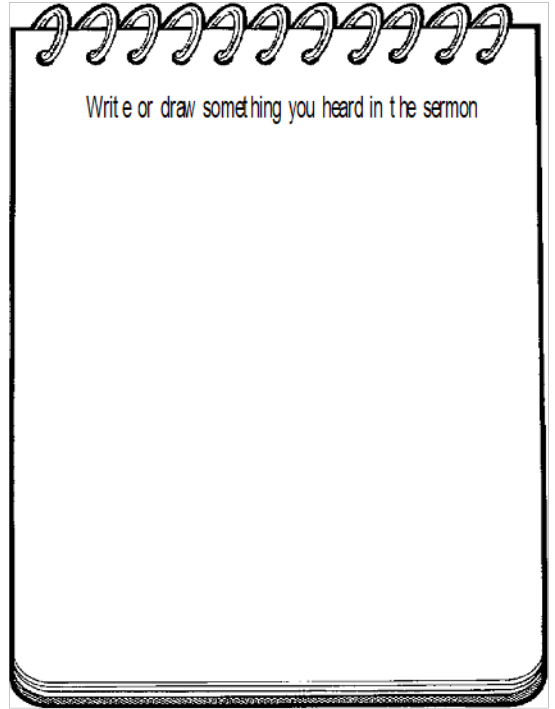
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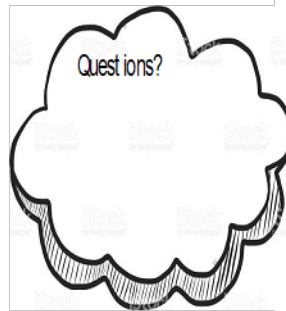
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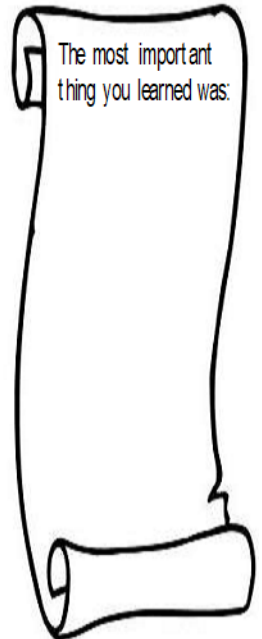
What are we learning about God from this passage?



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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