



WEST ERIE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“Now there was no bread in all the land; for  
the famine was very severe...”*

*-Genesis 47:13a*

WORSHIP LEADER:

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Revelation 7:12*

Leader: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."

## *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\*

## *Hymn of Praise\**

TUNE: NICAEA 11.12.12.10.

## *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Reginald Heber, 1723-1826

The image shows a musical score for two hymns. The first hymn, "Hymn of Praise", is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a treble and bass staff with lyrics for four different verses. The second hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy", is also in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. It features a treble and bass staff with lyrics. Chord symbols are provided above the treble staff for both hymns.

**Chord Symbols:**  
Hymn of Praise: F, D, Bm, A, D, G, D, 7  
Holy, Holy, Holy: A, D, Bm, A, E7, A

**Lyrics for "Hymn of Praise":**  
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

**Lyrics for "Holy, Holy, Holy":**  
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

### 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 39:4-8*

**All:** *"LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor. Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up riches, And does not know who will gather them. And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Psalm 32:3-5*

Leader: Hear the good news! "When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. <sup>4</sup>For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. <sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### *Psalm 122*

TUNE: CWM RHONDDA 87.87.877

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

I was glad to hear them saying, "To the LORD'S house let us go."  
For our feet will soon be standing In your gates, Jerusalem,  
Salem, well constructed city; There assemble all the tribes,  
Tribes that are Jehovah's own.

This the ordinance for Isr'el, Here to thank Jehovah's name.  
There are set the thrones of judgment; There is David's house enthroned.  
Pray then for the peace of Salem; May they prosper who love you.  
Be there peace within your walls.

In your palaces be safety. For the sake of brothers all,  
For the sake of my companions, I am saying, "Peace to you!"  
For Jehovah's house within you, Temple of the LORD our God,  
I will ever seek your good.

## 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 147:1-11*

Leader: Praise the LORD! For *it is* good to sing praises to our God; For *it is* pleasant, *and* praise is beautiful.

*All: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.*

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.

*All: He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.*

Leader: Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

*All: The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground.*

Leader: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God,

*All: Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.*

Leader: He gives to the beast its food, And to the young ravens that cry.

*All: He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.*

Leader: The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy.

## GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 24:29-51*

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup>"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup>"And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. <sup>32</sup>"Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup>"So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near -- at the doors! <sup>34</sup>"Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. <sup>35</sup>"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. <sup>36</sup>"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. <sup>37</sup>"But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>38</sup>"For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>"and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>40</sup>"Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup>"Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>42</sup>"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>"But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>44</sup>"Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. <sup>45</sup>"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? <sup>46</sup>"Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. <sup>47</sup>"Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. <sup>48</sup>"But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' <sup>49</sup>"and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, <sup>50</sup>"the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, <sup>51</sup>"and will cut him

in two and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Romans 12:1-21*

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup>And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. <sup>3</sup>For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup>For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. <sup>6</sup>Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>or ministry, *let us use it in our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup>*Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>*Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; <sup>11</sup>not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup>rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; <sup>13</sup>distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup>Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### ***Psalm of Preparation\****

TUNE: DIX 77.77.77.

### ***"Psalm 115:1-13"***

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Not to us, LORD , not to us, But to Your name glory give,  
For Your steadfast love and grace, For Your cov 'nant faithfulness.  
Why should heathen nations say, "Where now is their mighty God? "

But our God in heaven is; He does all that pleases Him;  
Their gods are of silver, gold, fashioned by the hands of men:  
They have mouths but do not speak; They have eyes but do not see;

They have ears but do not hear, Noses have but do not smell;  
They have hands but do not touch; They have feet but do not walk;  
In their throat they make no sound. Such, all who them make or trust.

Is -ra -el, trust in the LORD He' s their help and He's their shield!  
Aaron ' s house, trust in the LORD He' s their help and He's their shield!  
Who the LORD fear, trust the LORD He' s their help and He's their shield!

As the LORD has thought of us, Mindful still, He 'll bless us now,  
He will bless all Isr'el' s house; He will bless all Aaron ' s house;  
He'll bless all who fear the LORD Whether they be small or great.

### SERMON

*Genesis 47:13-26*

*"Joseph and the Famine"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 13 Now *there was* no bread in all the land; for the famine *was* very severe, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine.
- 14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought; and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.
- 15 So when the money failed in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us bread, for why should we die in your presence? For the money has failed."
- 16 Then Joseph said, "Give your livestock, and I will give you *bread* for your livestock, if the money is gone."
- 17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for the horses, the flocks, the cattle of the herds, and for the donkeys. Thus he fed them with bread *in exchange* for all their livestock that year.
- 18 When that year had ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is gone; my lord also has our herds of livestock. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our lands.
- 19 "Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants of Pharaoh; give *us* seed, that we may live and not die, that the land may not be desolate."
- 20 Then Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for every man of the Egyptians sold his field, because the famine was severe upon them. So the land became Pharaoh's.
- 21 And as for the people, he moved them into the cities, from *one* end of the borders of Egypt to the *other* end.
- 22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy; for the priests had rations *allotted to them* by Pharaoh, and they ate their rations which Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their lands.

- 23 Then Joseph said to the people, "Indeed I have bought you and your land this day for Pharaoh. Look, *here is* seed for you, and you shall sow the land.
- 24 "And it shall come to pass in the harvest that you shall give one-fifth to Pharaoh. Four-fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and for your food, for those of your households and as food for your little ones."
- 25 So they said, "You have saved our lives; let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants."
- 26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt to this day, *that* Pharaoh should have one-fifth, except for the land of the priests only, *which* did not become Pharaoh's.

### Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3



## *Hymn of Response\**

Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

## *"By Faith"*

“By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation’s grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul’s reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul’s reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul’s reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight ”

## BENEDICTION\*

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### Prayer requests

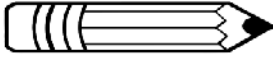
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for our Sunday School teachers and children.
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our elders and deacons.

### Announcements

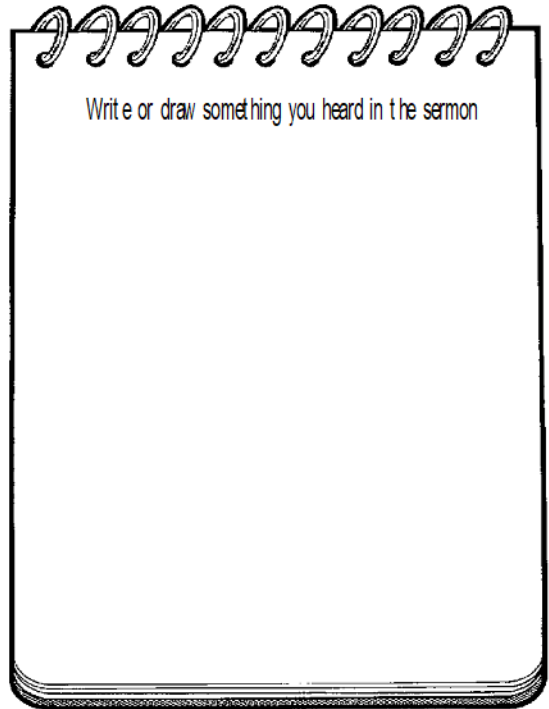
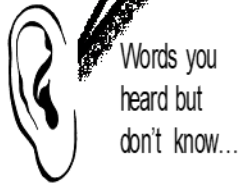
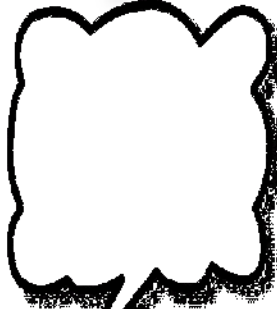
- Prayer meeting: Over Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. If you would like more information please talk to Pastor Miller.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, February 3, at 8 am at the church. Please read chapter 9 in the study on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel.
- Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday 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, February 4, 6-7:30 p.m. at church.
- Women's Prayer and Fellowship time: Saturday, January 20, at 9 a.m.
- Family Movie Night: Friday, January 26, 6 p.m.
- Church Luncheon: Sunday, February 25, after the morning worship service. The church will provide the main dish we ask you bring a dish or two to pass. All are welcome!

# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

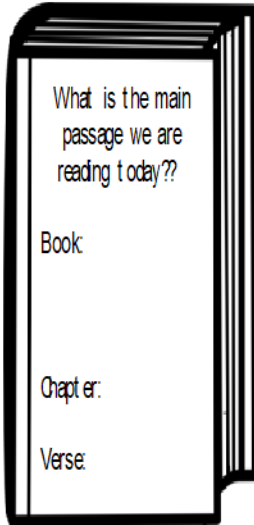
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

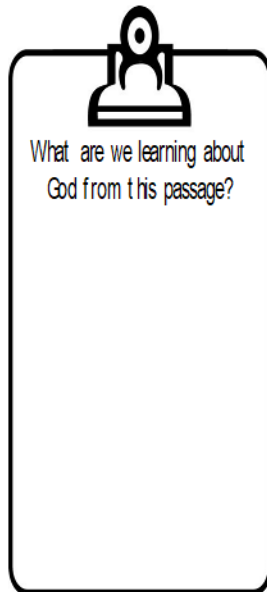


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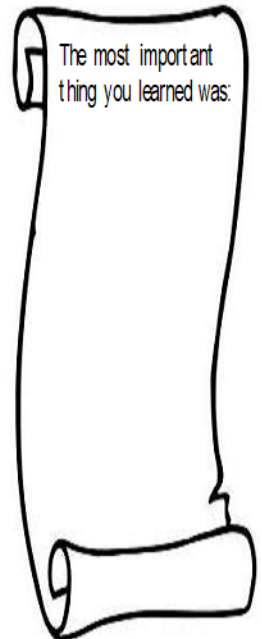
Verse:



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:

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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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