



“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope...” - 1 Peter 1:3a

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 93:1-2

Leader: The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty;

All: The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength.

Leader: Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

All: Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

*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: NICEA 11.12.12.10.

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Reginald Heber, 1783-’826

The musical score is written for a four-part setting in G major and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 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! The score includes guitar chords: D, Bm, A, D, G, D, and a fermata over the final D chord. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady bass line.

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*

Nicene Creed

All: *We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his father before all worlds, God of God, Light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius

Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and life in the world to come. 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

Romans 6:23

Leader: Hear the good news! "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 13

TUNE: PASSION CHORALE 76.76.D

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

How long wilt Thou forget me? Shall it forever be?
O LORD, how long neglect me, And hide Thy face from me?
How long my soul take counsel, Thus sad in heart each day?
How long shall foes, exulting, Subject me to their sway?

O LORD, my God, consider, And hear my earnest cries;
Lest I in death should slumber, Enlighten Thou mine eyes:
Lest foes be heard exclaiming, "Against him we prevailed";
And they that vex my spirit Rejoice when I have failed.

But on Thy tender mercy I ever have relied;
With joy in Thy salvation My heart shall still confide.

And I with voice of singing Will praise the LORD alone,
Because to me His favor He has so largely shown

CONGREGATIONAL 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 86:1-13

Leader: Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me; For I am poor and needy.

All: *Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are my God; Save Your servant who trusts in You!*

Leader: Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to You all day long.

All: *Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

Leader: For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

All: *Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications.*

Leader: In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me.

All: *Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works.*

Leader: All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall glorify Your name.

All: *For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God.*

Leader: Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

All: *I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore.*

Leader: For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1-19

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; ²and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it. ³"And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here." ⁴So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. ⁵But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?" ⁶And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. ⁸And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. ⁹Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' ¹⁰Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹¹And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve. ¹²Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. ¹³And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard *it*. ¹⁵So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹⁶And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. ¹⁷Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'" ¹⁸And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching. ¹⁹When evening had come, He went out of the city.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 6:1-21

Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed. ²And those who have believing masters, let them not despise them because they are brethren, but rather serve them because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. Teach and exhort these things. ³If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, ⁴he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, ⁵useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself. ⁶Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. ¹¹But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of faith, lay

hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, ¹⁵which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen. ¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. ¹⁸Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, ¹⁹storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. ²⁰O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge -- ²¹by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: AURELIA 76.76.D

"Psalm 101"

"The Church's One Foundation"

Of mercy and of justice, O LORD, I'll sing to Thee.
In uprightness and wisdom Shall my behavior be.
O when in lovingkindness Wilt Thou to me come near?
I'll walk within my dwelling With heart and life sincere.

I will permit no base thing Before my eyes to be.
I hate unfaithful doing; It shall not cleave to me.
The man whose heart is froward Shall from my presence go;
And nothing that is evil Will I consent to know.

I'll cut him off that slanders His neighbor secretly;
I'll not endure the proud heart Nor eyes that haughty be.
My eyes are with the faithful That he may dwell with me;
The man whose walk is upright My minister shall be.

No man of works deceitful Within my house shall dwell;
Nor in my sight shall tarry A man who lies will tell.
Each morning with destruction The wicked I'll reward,
To free from evildoers The city of the LORD.

SERMON

1 Peter 3:3-5

"The Father's Mercy"

R.E Jay Niekerk

- ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

- ⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away,
reserved in heaven for you,
⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be
revealed in the last time.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.

“How Firm a Foundation”

Rippon’s Selection of Hymns, 1797; alt. Mod.

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1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

G D7 G G D/F# Em Am7 C

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

G D G C G D7 G 7

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

BENEDICTION*

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Prayer Requests

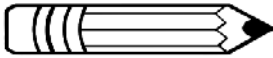
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi Family
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for our elders and deacons
- Pray for all of those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our covenant children

Announcements

- We welcome Ruling Elder Dr. Jay Niekerk to the pulpit this morning.
- Prayer Meeting will resume next week Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- The next men's fellowship Breakfast will be on Saturday, August 4 at 8 a.m. at the IHOP located at Upper Peach street and I-90. For more information please see one of the elders.
- The women of the church are invited to attend a book study meeting on Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m. at the church. For more information, please see Mary Moser.
- We are making plans for Sunday School in the fall. We need teachers for three classes. A lower elementary class, a middle elementary class, and a Middle school class. We would ask you to prayerfully consider serving the church in this way. For more information please talk to Pastor Miller.

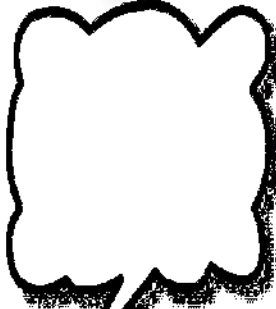
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

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...

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:



Favorite song today was:

How does today's message apply to your life?

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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