

*So Jesus said to them again,
“Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me,
I also send you.” - John 20:21*

THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 97:1-2

Leader: The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad!

All: Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

*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*

*Psalm of Praise**

TUNE: DIADEMATA SMI

“Psalm 45:1-7, 17”

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

My heart doth overflow; A noble theme I sing.
My tongue's a skillful writer's pen To speak about the King.
More fair than sons of men Thy lips with grace o'erflow,
Because His blessing evermore Did God on Thee bestow.

Thy sword gird on Thy thigh, O Thou supreme in might,
And gird Thyself with majesty And with Thy splendor bright.
To victory ride forth For meekness, truth, and right;
And may Thy right hand teach to Thee The deeds of dreadful might.

Thine arrows sharpened are, Men under Thee to bring,
To pierce the heart of enemies Who fight against the King.
Thy royal throne, O God, From everlasting is;
A righteous scepter evermore Thy kingdom's scepter is.

Thou righteousness hast loved And wickedness abhorred;
On Thee, 'bove all, has God, Thy God, The oil of gladness poured.
Through every coming age I'll make Thy name to live;
The peoples therefore evermore Their praise to Thee shall give.

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

Psalms 51:1-9

All: "Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight -- That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:8

Leader: Hear the good news! "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

***We ask that for the time being you send your tithe checks by mail to our treasurer.*

Psalm 128

TUNE: NETTLETON 87.87.D

"Come. Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Blessed the man that fears Jehovah And that walketh in His ways;
Thou shalt eat of thy hands' labor And be prospered all thy days.
Like a vine with fruit abounding In thy house thy wife is found,
And like olive plants thy children, Compassing thy table round.

Lo, on him that fears Jehovah Shall this blessedness attend;
For Jehovah out of Zion Shall to thee His blessing send.
Thou shalt see Jerus'lem prosper All thy days till life shall cease;
Thou shalt see thy children's children, Unto Is-ra-el be peace.

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 125:1-5

Leader: Those who trust in the LORD Are like Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

All: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever.

Leader: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest On the land allotted to the righteous, Lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.

All: Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, And to those who are upright in their hearts.

Leader: As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways, The LORD shall lead them away With the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 23:1-26

Then Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here, and prepare for me here seven bulls and seven rams." ²And Balak did just as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam offered a bull and a ram on each altar. ³Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the LORD will come to meet me, and whatever He shows me I will tell you." So he went to a desolate height. ⁴And God met Balaam, and he said to Him, "I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered on each altar a bull and a ram." ⁵Then the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak." ⁶So he returned to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, he and all the princes of Moab. ⁷And he took up his oracle and said: "Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram, From the mountains of the east. 'Come, curse Jacob for me, And come, denounce Israel!' ⁸'How shall I curse whom God has not cursed? And how shall I denounce whom the LORD has not denounced? ⁹For from the top of the rocks I see him, And from the hills I behold him; There! A people dwelling alone, Not reckoning itself among the nations. ¹⁰'Who can count the dust of Jacob, Or number one-fourth of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, And let my end be like his!" ¹¹Then Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and look, you have blessed them bountifully!" ¹²So he answered and said, "Must I not take heed to speak what the LORD has put in my mouth?" ¹³Then Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place from which you may see them; you shall see only the outer part of them, and shall not see them all; curse them for me from there." ¹⁴So he brought him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bull and a ram on each altar. ¹⁵And he said to Balak, "Stand here by your burnt offering while I meet the Lord over there." ¹⁶Then the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, "Go back to Balak, and thus you shall speak." ¹⁷So he came to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab were with him. And Balak said to him, "What has the LORD spoken?" ¹⁸Then he took up his oracle and said: "Rise up, Balak, and hear! Listen to me, son of Zippor! ¹⁹'God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? ²⁰Behold, I have received a command to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it. ²¹'He has not observed iniquity in Jacob, Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel. The LORD his God is with him, And the shout of a King is among them. ²²God brings them out of Egypt; He has strength like a wild ox. ²³'For there is no sorcery against Jacob, Nor any divination against Israel. It now must be said of Jacob And of Israel, 'Oh, what God has done!' ²⁴Look, a people rises like a lioness, And lifts itself up like a lion; It shall not lie down until it devours the prey, And drinks the blood of the slain." ²⁵Then Balak said to Balaam, "Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all!" ²⁶So Balaam answered and said to Balak, "Did I not tell you, saying, 'All that the LORD speaks, that I must do'?"

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 3:1-21

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles -- ²if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, ³how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, ⁴by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), ⁵which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His

holy apostles and prophets: ⁶that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, ⁷of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. ⁸To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, ¹¹according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. ¹³Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height -- ¹⁹to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: NEANDER 8.7.8.7.8.7

"All Authority and Power"

Christopher Idle, 1973

1. All au - thor - i - ty and pow - er, ev - 'ry sta - tus
 2. All the na - tions owe him wor - ship, ev - 'ry tongue shall
 3. All the clear com - mands of Je - sus must be heed - ed
 4. All the time he will be with us, al - ways, to the

and do - main, now be - longs to him who suf - fered
 call him Lord; how are men to call up - on him
 and o - beyed; full pro - vi - sion for our weak - ness
 end of days, with his own be - liev - ing peo - ple,

our re - demp - tion to ob - tain; an - gels, de - mons,
 if his name they have not heard? There - fore go and
 in his teach - ing he has made; in the Gos - pel
 who keep stead - fast in his ways; God the Fa - ther,

kings and rul - ers, o - ver all shall Je - sus reign!
 make dis - ci - ples, preach his gos - pel, spread his word.
 words and sym - bols, sav - ing truth to us con - veyed.
 Son, and Spir - it, bless us, and to him the praise!

SERMON

John 20:19-23

"The Mission Given"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."
- 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.
- 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
- 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- 23 "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

"O Church Arise"

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O Church, arise, and put your armour on; Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth, We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love, Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, We will fight with faith and valour.

When faced with trials on every side We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride, Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day When with Christ we stand in glory.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer Requests

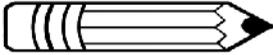
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi Family
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for God's all sufficient grace to be known in all our lives

Announcements

- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on Saturday, February 6, at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on west 12th street. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Miller.
- We praise God for his faithfulness to us in providing us with a place of our own to worship and the ability to pay it off!

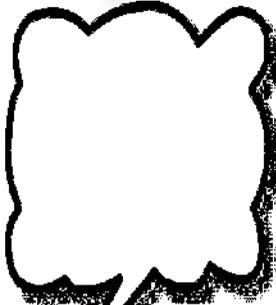
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

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.



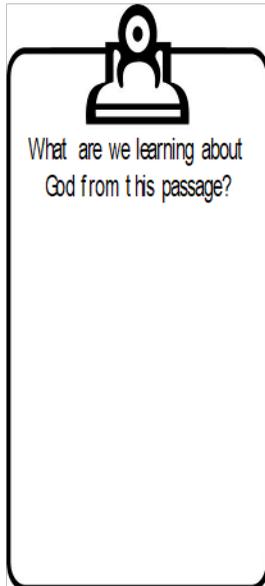
Words you heard but don't know...

What is the main passage we are reading today??

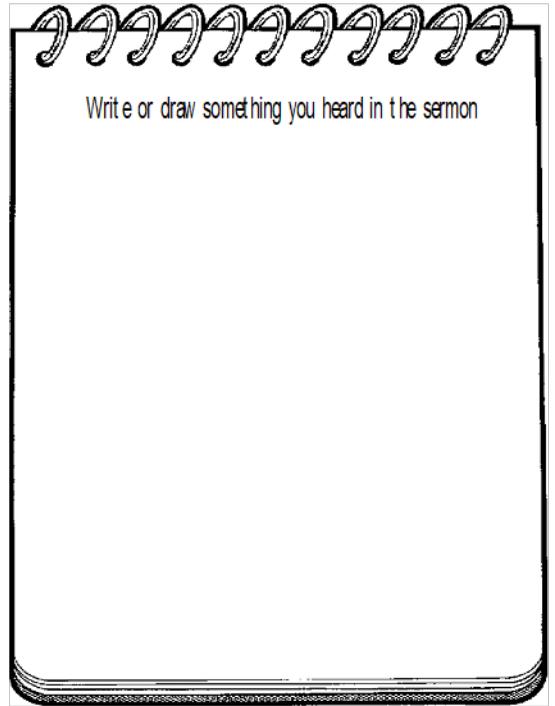
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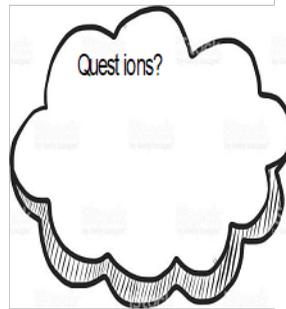
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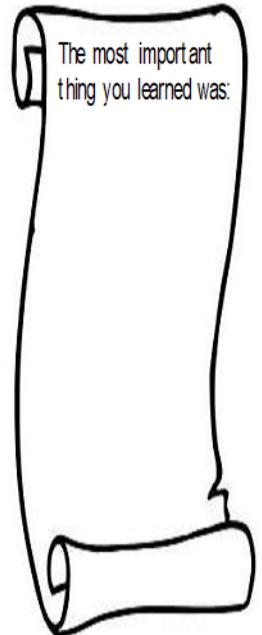
What are we learning about God from this passage?



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.**
 - This means that we believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
 - This means we believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
 - This means we hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
 - This means that 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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