

WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“So Jacob went on his journey and came
to the land of the people of the East.”*

– Genesis 29:1

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

1 Chronicles 16:8-10

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

*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**

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

“Across the Lands”

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“You’re the Word of God the Father From before the world began.
Ev’ry star and ev’ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together By the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!

CHORUS

You’re the Author of creation; You’re the Lord of ev’ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry; With a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered That the guilty may go free!

With a shout You rose victorious, Wresting vict’ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven, Leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, Interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!”

CONFESSION 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 102:1-4, 11-13, 17

All: *"Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come to You. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, answer me speedily. For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned like a hearth. My heart is stricken and withered like grass... ..My days are like a shadow that lengthens, And I wither away like grass. But You, O LORD, shall endure forever, And the remembrance of Your name to all generations. You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come. He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, and shall not despise their prayer." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: Hear the good news! "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 62:8-12

TUNE: ST. FLAVIAN CM

'In Sweet Communion, Lord'

On Him, O people, ever more Rely with confidence;
Before Him pour ye out your heart, For God is our defense.

The sons of man are vanity, The best of men a lie;
Together in the balance they Are lighter than a sigh.

Then in oppression do not hope; Nor yet for plunder lust;
Though power and force may seem to thrive, In this build not your trust.

For truly God has spoken once; He twice to me made known:
That strength and power belong to God And unto Him alone;

For so it is that sovereign grace Belongs to Thee, my Lord;
For Thou according to his work Dost every man reward

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 146:1-10

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: *While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom *there is* no help.

All: *His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish.*

Leader: Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope *is in* the LORD his God,

All: *Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever,*

Leader: Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

All: *The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous.*

Leader: The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

All: *The LORD shall reign forever -- Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!*

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-16

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. ²Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹²"Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵"Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 12:1-24

Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. ²Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. ³And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. ⁴So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover. ⁵Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. ⁶And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. ⁷Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. ⁸Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." ⁹So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. ¹¹And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people." ¹²So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying. ¹³And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate. ¹⁵But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "It is his angel." ¹⁶Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

¹⁷But motioning to them with his hand to keep silent, he declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Go, tell these things to James and to the brethren." And he departed and went to another place. ¹⁸Then, as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers about what had become of Peter. ¹⁹But when Herod had searched for him and not found him, he examined the guards and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed there. ²⁰Now Herod had been very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but they came to him with one accord, and having made Blastus the king's personal aide their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was supplied with food by the king's country. ²¹So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. ²²And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" ²³Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died. ²⁴But the word of God grew and multiplied. ²⁵And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: AUSTRIAN HYMN 87.87.D

"Psalm 94:1-8, 16-23"

"Glorious Thing of Thee Are Spoken"

God of vengeance, O Jehovah, God of vengeance, O shine forth!
 Rise up, O You Judge of Nations! Render to the proud their worth.
 O LORD, how long shall the wicked, How long shall the wicked boast?
 Arrogant the words they pour out, Ill men all, a taunting host.

They, Jehovah, crush Your people And Your heritage distress;
 They kill sojourner and widow, Murder they the fatherless.
 And they say, "Jehovah sees not; Jacob's God does not have eyes."
 Understand, O foolish people! When, O fools, will you be wise?

Who for me withstands the wicked? Who against wrong pleads for me?
 If the LORD were not my helper, Soon my soul would silent be.
 If I say, "My foot is slipping!" LORD, Your mercy will uphold.
 When my anxious thoughts are many, How Your comforts cheer my soul!

Can destructive rulers join You And by law disorder build?
 They conspire against the righteous, Sentence just ones to be killed.
 But the LORD is still my stronghold; God, my Refuge, will repay.
 He'll for sin wipe out the wicked; Them the LORD our God will slay.

SERMON

Genesis 29:1-30

"Jacob's Journey Continues"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ¹ So Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the East.
- ² And he looked, and saw a well in the field; and behold, there *were* three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks. A large stone *was* on the well's mouth.

3 Now all the flocks would be gathered there; and they would roll the stone from the well's mouth, water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the well's mouth.

4 And Jacob said to them, "My brethren, where *are* you from?" And they said, "We *are* from Haran."

5 Then he said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" And they said, "We know him."

6 So he said to them, "Is he well?" And they said, "*He is* well. And look, his daughter Rachel is coming with the sheep."

7 Then he said, "Look, *it is* still high day; *it is* not time for the cattle to be gathered together. Water the sheep, and go and feed *them*."

8 But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together, and they have rolled the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep." ⁹

9 Now while he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's relative and that he *was* Rebekah's son. So she ran and told her father.

13 Then it came to pass, when Laban heard the report about Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. So he told Laban all these things.

14 And Laban said to him, "Surely you *are* my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him for a month.

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you *are* my relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what *should* your wages *be*?"

16 Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel.

17 Leah's eyes *were* delicate, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance.

18 Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter."

19 And Laban said, "*It is* better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me."

20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed *only* a few days to him because of the love he had for her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her."

22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place and made a feast.

23 Now it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.

24 And Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah *as* a maid.

- 25 So it came to pass in the morning, that behold, it *was* Leah. And he said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?"
- 26 And Laban said, "It must not be done so in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.
- 27 "Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another seven years."
- 28 Then Jacob did so and fulfilled her week. So he gave him his daughter Rachel as wife also.
- 29 And Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as a maid.
- 30 Then *Jacob* also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban still another seven years.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: HE LEADETH ME L.M.D.

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862; alt.

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O words with heav'n - ly
2. Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times where E - den's
3. Lord, I would' clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur
4. And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the

com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, still
bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters calm, o'er trou - bled sea, still
nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, since
vic - t'ry's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since

'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
'tis his hand that lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me;
'tis my God that lead - eth me.
God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

by his own hand he lead - eth me: his faith - ful fol - l'wer

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I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

BENEDICTION*

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Prayer requests

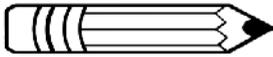
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Nachtergaele Family
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray our Sunday School Teachers and Students
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.

Announcements

- Prayer meeting: Wednesday Evenings at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom. All are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Miller if you would like to attend and are not already on the email list.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, February 4, at 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM.
- Sunday School Starts at 10 a.m. We have a class for Pre-K to 1st Grade, 2nd to 4th grade, 5th to 8th grade, and an adult class. The Adults are studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism.
- Please mark your calendars for a family movie night to be held at church on Friday, January 27, at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

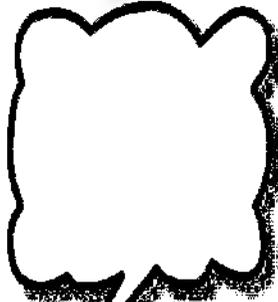
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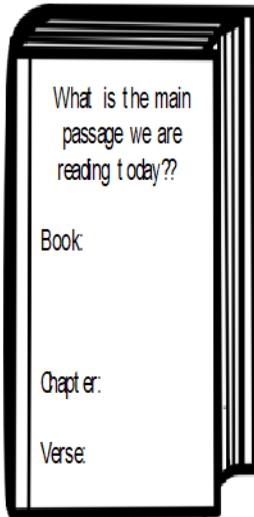
As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Who is speaking?



Words you heard but don't know...

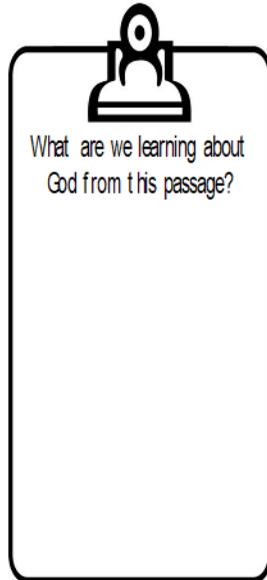


What is the main passage we are reading today??

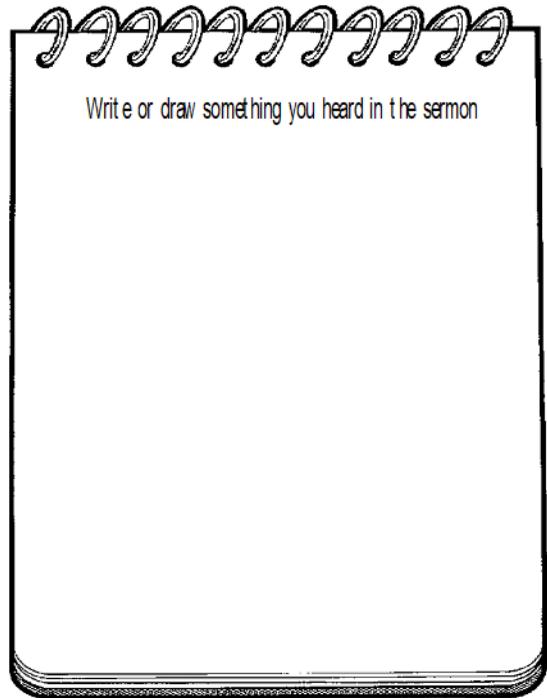
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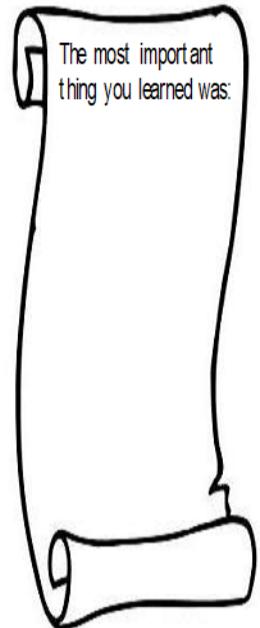
What are we learning about God from this passage?



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 Apos 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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