

**WEST ERIE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. -Genesis 12:1*

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 117:1-2*

Leader: Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!

All: *For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!*

## *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: JOANNA 11.11.11.11.

### *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,  
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove see  
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth 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:** *Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature: Prone to evil; slothful in good. From that nature has come a multitude of shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts; in forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, have pity upon us because we are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving Father,*

*help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 7:1-8*

TUNE: TOULON 10.10.10.10

*"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"*

O LORD my God, in You I refuge take.  
O save me from all those who me pursue.  
Lest he should like a lion tear my soul  
And drag me off, with none to rescue me.

O LORD my God, if wrong is in my hands,  
If I did evil to my friend or foe,  
Let my pursuer overtake me now  
And trample in the dust my life, my soul.

Arise, O LORD ! In anger lift yourself  
Against the fury of my enemies.  
Awake for me! Your judgment You have set.  
Let peoples in assembly compass You.

In triumph over them return on high.  
The LORD now sits to judge the peoples all.  
O vindicate me, LORD , in righteousness,  
According to integrity in me

## 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 8:1-9*

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

*All: Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.*

Leader: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

*All: What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?*

Leader: For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

*All: You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,*

Leader: All sheep and oxen -- Even the beasts of the field,

*All: The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.*

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

## GOSPEL READING

*Luke 6:37-49*

"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup>"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." <sup>39</sup>And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? <sup>40</sup>"A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. <sup>41</sup>"And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? <sup>42</sup>"Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that *is* in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that *is* in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye. <sup>43</sup>"For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>44</sup>"For every tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup>"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. <sup>46</sup>"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say? <sup>47</sup>"Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: <sup>48</sup>"He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>49</sup>"But

he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Hebrews 13:1-25*

Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels. <sup>3</sup>Remember the prisoners as if chained with them -- those who are mistreated -- since you yourselves are in the body also. <sup>4</sup>Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. <sup>5</sup>*Let your conduct be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of *their* conduct. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For *it is* good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. <sup>15</sup>Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name. <sup>16</sup>But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. <sup>17</sup>Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. <sup>18</sup>Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. <sup>19</sup>But I especially urge *you* to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. <sup>20</sup>Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, <sup>21</sup>make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen. <sup>22</sup>And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written to you in few words. <sup>23</sup>Know that *our* brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly. <sup>24</sup>Greet all those who rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you. <sup>25</sup>Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

### *Psalm of Preparation\**

TUNE: PENITENCE 11.11.11.11.

### *"Psalm 4"*

"In the Hour of Trial"

Answer when I call, O God who justifies.  
In my stress You freed me; hear in grace my cries.

Sons of men, how long will you my glory shame?  
Will you love what's worthless? Will lies be your aim?

Know the LORD His saints has set apart in grace,  
And the LORD will hear me when I seek His face.  
Tremble in your anger, yet from sin depart.  
On your bed in silence speak within your heart.

May you sacrifice now sacrifices just.  
In Jehovah only placing all your trust.  
"Who will show us goodness?" many people say;  
The light of Your face, LORD, lift on us, we pray.

You have given my heart greater joy by far  
Than when grain and new wine most abundant are.  
So in peace I lie down; I will rest and sleep,  
For, O LORD, You only will me safely keep

## SERMON

*Genesis 12:1-9*

*"The Call of Abram"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.
- 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.
- 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
- 4 So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.
- 5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan.
- 6 Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites were then in the land.
- 7 Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.
- 8 And he moved from there to the mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; there he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.
- 9 So Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.

## *Sermon Notes*

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

# Hymn of Response\*

TUNE: AMAZING GRACE C.M.

# "Amazing Grace"

John Newton, 1779

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Amazing Grace" in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system includes the first four verses of the hymn. The second system includes the fifth and sixth verses. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal lines: G, G, D7, Em, C, G, G, D7, G in the first system; and C, G, G, Em, G, D7, G, G in the second system.

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.

## BENEDICTION\*

\* --Please stand if able

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## **Prayer Requests**

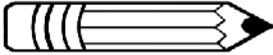
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray for our Sunday School teachers and students
- Pray for our upcoming Presbytery meeting.

## **Announcements**

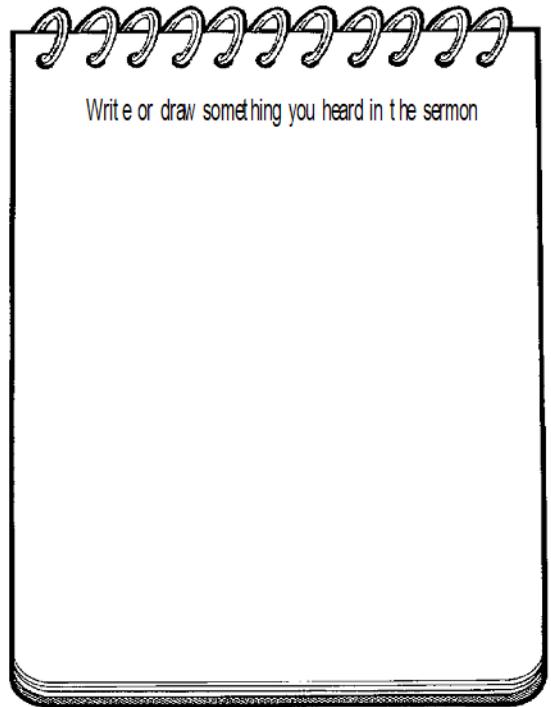
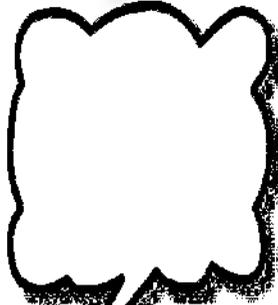
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. If you need more information, please see Pastor Miller.
- The next men's Bible study will be on Saturday, February 5, at 8 a.m. We will be working through the book of Philippians using Sinclair Ferguson's "Let's Study Philippians" book. Please read chapters 11 and 12.
- 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.
- The next women's book study will be on Monday, January 24, 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.
- We will be having a Family Movie night on Friday, February 4, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the church. We will be watching the Veggie Tales movie "The Pirates who Don't Do Anything". Drinks and snacks will be provided. All are encouraged to attend.

# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

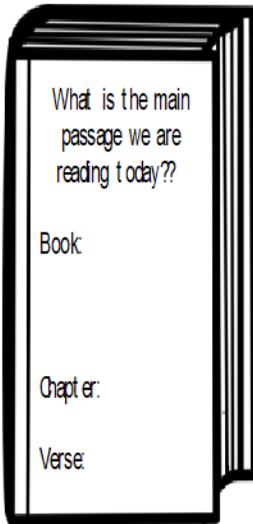
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



What is the main passage we are reading today??

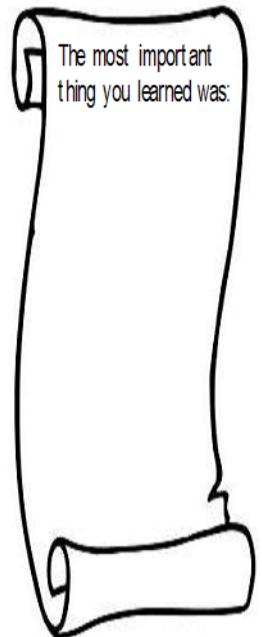
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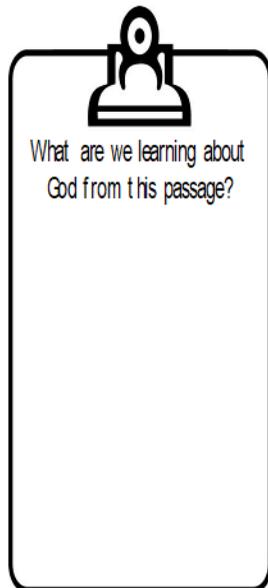
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Questions?



The most important thing you learned was:



What are we learning about God from this passage?



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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