

**WEST ERIE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“Now when Abram heard  
that his brother was taken captive,  
he armed his three hundred and eighteen  
trained servants...”-Genesis 14:14a*

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 66:1-3a*

Leader: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

*All: Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.*

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are Your works!

## *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\*

### *Psalm of Praise\**

TUNE: EIN' FESTE BURG 88.88.66.668

### *"Psalm 46"*

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

God is our refuge and our strength, A present help in our distress.  
We will not therefore be afraid Tho' all the earth should be removed,  
Tho' mountains great be hurled Into the ocean's depths,  
Tho' seas may roar and foam And billows shake the shore,  
Tho' mountains tremble at their power.

A river brings refreshing streams To cheer the city of our God,  
The Most High's holy dwelling place. God is in her; she won't be moved;  
At dawn will God help her. The heathen rage; realms quake;  
He lifts His voice; earth melts. The LORD of hosts with us!  
Our fortress strong is Jacob's God.

O come, see what the LORD has done: He desolations brought on earth;  
On earth He puts an end to wars, Breaks bow and spear, and char-iots burns.  
Be still! Know I am God. Exalted o'er all men,  
Exalted o'er all earth. The LORD of hosts with us!  
Our fortress strong is Jacob's God.

## 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

*Adapted from The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*

**All:** *Gracious Lord, no day of my life has passed that has not convicted me of sin. Even my most righteous deeds are filthy rags. I am corrupted by sin and condemned by transgressions. Lord Jesus, let your righteousness count for me. Let your blood win my forgiveness. In you I am guilty but pardoned, lost but saved, wandering but found, sinful but cleansed. Renew in me a new spirit to do your will, a new heart to turn from sin. Bring me trusting to your cross, and there receive me by your grace. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Isaiah 53:5-6*

Leader: Hear the good news! "But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

## 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

### 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 144:1-10*

Leader: Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle --

*All: My lovingkindness and my fortress, My high tower and my deliverer, My shield and the One in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me.*

Leader: LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him?

*All: Man is like a breath; His days are like a passing shadow.*

Leader: Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, and come down; Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

*All: Flash forth lightning and scatter them; Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them.*

Leader: Stretch out Your hand from above; Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, From the hand of foreigners,

*All: Whose mouth speaks vain words, And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.*

Leader: I will sing a new song to You, O God; On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,

*All: The One who gives salvation to kings, Who delivers David His servant From the deadly sword.*

## GOSPEL READING

*Luke 8:1-18*

Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him, <sup>2</sup>and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities -- Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, <sup>3</sup>and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance. <sup>4</sup>And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: <sup>5</sup>"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup>"Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. <sup>7</sup>"And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup>"But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" <sup>9</sup>Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" <sup>10</sup>And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' <sup>11</sup>"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>"Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>"But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. <sup>14</sup>"Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. <sup>15</sup>"But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience. <sup>16</sup>"No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. <sup>17</sup>"For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. <sup>18</sup>"Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*James 4:1-17*

Where do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires* for pleasure that war in your members? <sup>2</sup>You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup>Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? <sup>6</sup>But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts,

you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. <sup>11</sup>Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup>There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another? <sup>13</sup>Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; <sup>14</sup>whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. <sup>15</sup>Instead you *ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup>But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

### Hymn of Preparation\*

TUNE: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.

### "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;  
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er thy face ap - pears;

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,  
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
 thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

## SERMON

*Genesis 14:1-17*

*“Abram to the Rescue”*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 1 And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations,
- 2 that they made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).
- 3 All these joined together in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).
- 4 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.
- 5 In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him came and attacked the Rephaim in Ashteroth Karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim,
- 6 and the Horites in their mountain of Seir, as far as El Paran, which is by the wilderness.
- 7 Then they turned back and came to En Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and attacked all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who dwelt in Hazezon Tamar.
- 8 And the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out and joined together in battle in the Valley of Siddim
- 9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of nations, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar -- four kings against five.
- 10 Now the Valley of Siddim was full of asphalt pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled; some fell there, and the remainder fled to the mountains.
- 11 Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way.
- 12 They also took Lot, Abram's brother's son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

- <sup>13</sup> Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, for he dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner; and they were allies with Abram.
- <sup>14</sup> Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.
- <sup>15</sup> He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus.
- <sup>16</sup> So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.
- <sup>17</sup> And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him.

## *Sermon Notes*

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response\**

*"There is A Redeemer"*



1. There is a Re - dee - mer, Je - sus, God's own Son; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Je - sus, my Re - dee - mer, name a - bove all names, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His face. \_\_\_\_\_



pre - cious Lamb of God, Me-ssi-ah, Ho - ly One.  
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Me-ssi-ah, hope \_\_\_\_\_ for sin - ners slain.  
 There I'll serve my King for-ev-er in \_\_\_\_\_ that ho - ly place.



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us Your Son, \_\_\_\_\_



and leav - ing Your Spir - it 'till the work \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ earth is done.

**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 the peace and purity of our denomination.

## 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, March 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 13 and 14.
- 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, February 21, 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.

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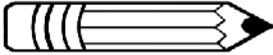
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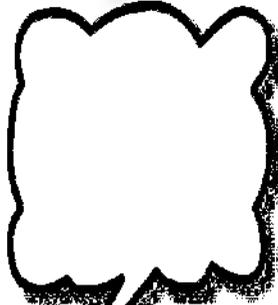


# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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??

Book:

Chapter:

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:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# 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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