



*“These things I write to you... so that you
may know how you ought to conduct
yourself in the house of God, which is the
church of the living God” - 1 Timothy
3:14a-15a*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

1 Peter 1:20-21

Leader: He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

All: *who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*

*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: ANGEL'S STORY 76.76.D.

(“O Jesus, I Have Promised”)

1. O LORD, I will ex - alt You, For You have lift - ed me; My
2. His saints, O praise Je - ho - vah, And thank His ho - ly name. His
3. In prosp - 'rous days I boast - ed, "Un - moved I shall re - main." O
4. Is there in my blood pro - fit When in the grave I dwell? Will
5. You now have turned my sor - row To danc - ing full of joy; You

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foes You have al - lowed not To glo - ry ov - er me. O
 an - ger lasts a mo - ment, His grace a whole life - time. For
 LORD, You by Your fav - or My mount in strength main - tain; For
 dust pro - claim Your prais - es, Your truth and glo - ry tell? O
 loos - ened all my sack - cloth And gird - ed me with joy. To

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LORD my God, I plead - ed That You might heal and save; LORD,
 sor - row, like a pil - grim, May tar - ry all the night, But
 when Your face was hid - den, I soon was trou - bled sore, I'll
 hear me now, Je - hov - ah! Be gra - cious un - to me! To
 You sing psalms, my glo - ry, And nev - er sil - ent be! O

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You from death have ran - somed And kept me from the grave.
 then a shout of joy comes When dawns the morn - ing light.
 cry to You, Je - hov - ah; The LORD I will im - plore.
 You I cry, Je - hov - ah! O now my help - er be!
 LORD my God, I'll thank You Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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CONFESSON 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

Lamentations 5:15-17, 19, 21

All: *¹⁵The joy of our heart has ceased; Our dance has turned into mourning. ¹⁶The crown has fallen from our head. Woe to us, for we have sinned! ¹⁷Because of this our heart is faint; Because of these things our eyes grow dim;... ¹⁹You, O Lord, remain forever; Your throne from generation to generation. ²¹Turn us back to You, O Lord, and we will be restored; Renew our days as of old..." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lamentations 3:22-26

Leader: Hear the good news! *²²Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. ²³They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. ²⁴"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" ²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him. ²⁶It is good that one should hope and wait quietly For the salvation of the Lord."*

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 11

TUNE: TERRA BEATA SMD

("This Is My Father's World")

1. My ___ trust is in the LORD; How ___ can you say to me, "Now ___
2. "Foun - da - tions are des - troyed! What ___ can the right - eous try?" The ___
3. Up - on all wick - ed men He'll ___ rain en - tang - ling snares. Brim -

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like a bird from per - il haste And to your moun - tain flee!
 LORD is in His ho - ly place; The LORD'S throne is on high.
 stone and fire and burn - ing wind He for their cup pre - pares.

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The wick - ed bend the bow With ar - row fixed for flight, And
 His eyes will sure - ly see, His eye - lids try men's sons. The
 For right - eous is the LORD, And He loves righ - teous - ness; And

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steal - thi - ly in dark - ness go The true in heart to smite.
 LORD tries just and wick - ed men; His soul hates cru - el ones.
 ev - ery one who up - right is Will see His gra - cious face.

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 9:1-11

Leader: I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

All: *I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.*

Leader: When my enemies turn back, They shall fall and perish at Your presence.

All: *For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.*

Leader: You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever.

All: *O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities; Even their memory has perished.*

Leader: But the Lord shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment.

All: *He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.*

Leader: The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble.

All: *And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.*

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:32-52

³²Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: ³³Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; ³⁴and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." ³⁵Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." ³⁶And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" ³⁷They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. ⁴²But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." ⁴⁶Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude,

blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." ⁵⁰And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. ⁵¹So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 5:1-25

¹Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, ²older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity. ³Honor widows who are really widows. ⁴But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God. ⁵Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day. ⁶But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives. ⁷And these things command, that they may be blameless. ⁸But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. ⁹Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, and not unless she has been the wife of one man, ¹⁰well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work. ¹¹But refuse the younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry, ¹²having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith. ¹³And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not. ¹⁴Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully. ¹⁵For some have already turned aside after Satan. ¹⁶If any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows. ¹⁷Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. ¹⁸For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages." ¹⁹Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses. ²⁰Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear. ²¹I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality. ²²Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure. ²³No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities. ²⁴Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later. ²⁵Likewise, the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.

Hymn of Preparation*

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;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
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!

SERMON

1 Timothy 3:14-16

“The Mystery of Godliness”

Pastor Matt Fair

- ¹⁴ These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly;
¹⁵ but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
¹⁶ And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
 God was manifested in the flesh,
 Justified in the Spirit,
 Seen by angels,
 Preached among the Gentiles,
 Believed on in the world,
 Received up in glory.

Sermon Notes:

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: SAGINA LMD.

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

Charles Wesley, 1738

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
• in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning
all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
• love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

C A7 D G C

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth adore, let angel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

D G REFRAIN D D7

die for me?
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 • found out me.
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How
 Christ, my own.

G F C G Am/C G/D D7 G 7

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams 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

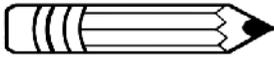
Announcements

- We welcome R.E. Matt Fair to the pulpit this morning.
- Please note we will be taking the month of July off from Prayer meeting and Men's fellowship breakfast. We will resume both in August.
- 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 are in need of 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.

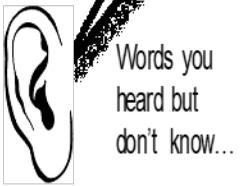
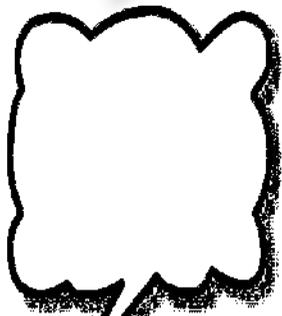
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Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

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?

Favorite song today was:

Questions?

The most important thing you learned 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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