

WEST ERIE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“Whatever Sarah has said to you,  
listen to her voice; for in Isaac  
your seed shall be called.”*

*– Genesis 21:12b*

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 72:18-19*

Leader: Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things!

*All: And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.*

## *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: AMSTERDAM 76.76.77.76

### *“Psalm 8”*

Elements form the Psalter, 1912.

LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How excellent Your name!  
You above the heav’ns have set The splendor of Your fame.  
From the mouths of infants young You the power of praise compose  
In the face of enemies To stop avenging foes.

When I view the skies above Which Your own fingers made,  
When I see the moon and stars Which You in order laid,  
What is man so frail and weak That You should remember him?  
What can be the son of man That You should care for him?

Next to God You have made man, With light and honor crowned.  
You placed him above Your works; Beneath him all is found:  
Oxen, sheep, and all wild beasts, Birds, and fish the oceans claim.  
LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How excellent Your name!

## 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

*All: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we humbly confess our sins and seek Your forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude; our pride and willfulness; and all our other failures and short comings toward You and toward our fellowmen. Have mercy upon us, Father, and by Your great goodness grant that we may possess the fullness of the Spirit of adoption, freeing us from guilt, and causing us to pursue holiness. By Your gospel, encourage us and save sinners today. 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 14*

TUNE: MUNICH 76.76.D

"O Word of God Incarnate"

The fool in heart is saying, "There surely is no God."  
Corrupt and vile their deeds are; Not one of them does good.  
The LORD looks down from heaven On sons of men abroad  
To see which one has wisdom, If any seeks for God.

All far astray have wandered; They all to vileness run.  
Not one of them is righteous, No, not a single one.  
Have they of truth no knowledge, These evilworkers all,  
Who eat like bread my people And on GOD do not call?  
There shall they be in terror For God is with the just;  
You would confound one struggling; Jehovah is his trust.  
Salvation out of Zion Who will to Isr'el bring?  
The LORD brings back His captives. Joy, Jacob! Isr'el, sing!

### 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 27:1-11*

**Leader:** The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD *is* the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

**All:** *When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.*

**Leader:** Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me, In this I *will be* confident.

**All:** *One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.*

**Leader:** For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

**All:** *And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.*

**Leader:** Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

**All:** *When You said, “Seek My face,” My heart said to You, “Your face, LORD, I will seek.”*

**Leader:** Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**All:** *When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me.*

**Leader:** Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

## GOSPEL READING

*Luke 21:1-19*

And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, <sup>2</sup>and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. <sup>3</sup>So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; <sup>4</sup>for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had." <sup>5</sup> Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said, <sup>6</sup>"These things which you see -- the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down." <sup>7</sup>So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them." <sup>9</sup>"But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>"And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>"But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. <sup>13</sup>"But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. <sup>14</sup>"Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. <sup>16</sup>"You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>"And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. <sup>18</sup>"But not a hair of your head shall be lost. <sup>19</sup>"By your patience possess your souls.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Acts 5:1-16*

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. <sup>2</sup>And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup>But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? <sup>4</sup>"While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." <sup>5</sup>Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. <sup>6</sup>And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him. <sup>7</sup>Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup>And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much." <sup>9</sup>Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." <sup>10</sup>Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband. <sup>11</sup>So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things. <sup>12</sup>And through the hands of the

apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. <sup>13</sup>Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. <sup>14</sup>And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

*Hymn of Preparation\**

TUNE: SHEPHERD 8.7.8.7.4.4.7. rep.

*"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

Hymns for the Young, 1836

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;  
 2. We are thine; do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare:  
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:  
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bo - soms fill:

bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;  
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee;  
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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## SERMON

**Genesis 21:8-21**

***"God's Plan is Best"***

***Pastor Marc Miller***

- 8 So the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the same day that Isaac was weaned.
- 9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing.
- 10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *namely* with Isaac."
- 11 And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham's sight because of his son.
- 12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called.
- 13 "Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he *is* your seed."
- 14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting *it* on her shoulder, he gave *it* and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba.
- 15 And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs.
- 16 Then she went and sat down across from *him* at a distance of about a bowshot; for she said to herself, "Let me not see the death of the boy." So she sat opposite *him*, and lifted her voice and wept.
- 17 And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he *is*.
- 18 "Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation."
- 19 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink.

- 20 So God was with the lad; and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.
- 21 He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

*Sermon Notes:*

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Capo 1: ♯ (D) (G/D) (D) (A<sup>7</sup>) 7

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

(F<sup>♯</sup>m/A) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D)

Thou art the pot - ter; I am the clay.  
 Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day!  
 Wound - ed and wea - ry, help me, I pray!  
 Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway!

(G/D) (D) (D<sup>7</sup>) (G)

Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,  
 Whit - er than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
 Pow - er, all pow - er, sure - ly is thine!  
 Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall see

♯ (D/A) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) 7

while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.  
 as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.  
 Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!  
 Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

## BENEDICTION\*

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### Prayer requests

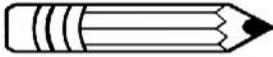
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi Family
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray our Sunday School Teachers and Students
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.

### Announcements

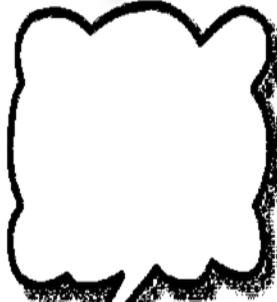
- Prayer meeting: Wednesday Evenings at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom. All are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Miller if you would like to attend and are not already on the email list.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, October 1, 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Let's Study Philipians" Chapter 22-23
- Sunday School Starts at 10 a.m. We have a class for Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and an adult class. The Adults will be studying Assurance of Faith using a Ligonier DVD.
- We are in need of substitute teachers for Sunday School. If you have any interest in serving your church in this way please see Pastor Miller.

# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

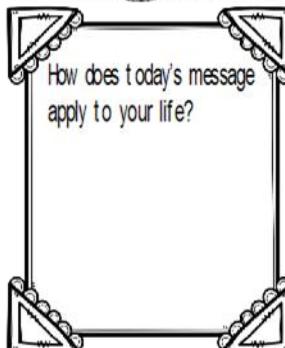
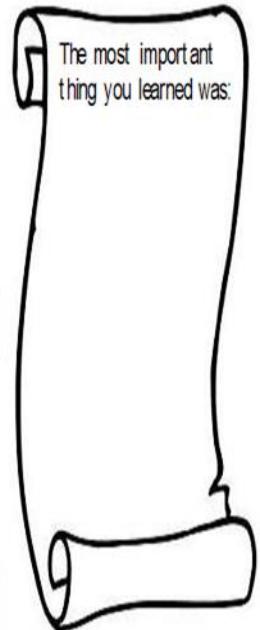
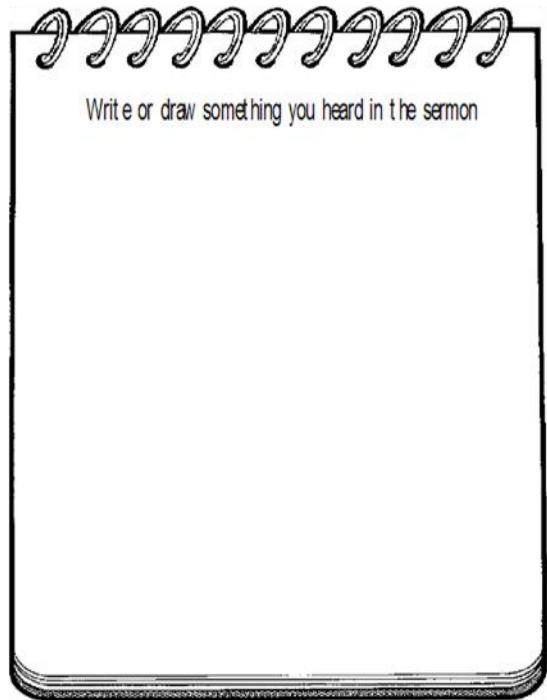
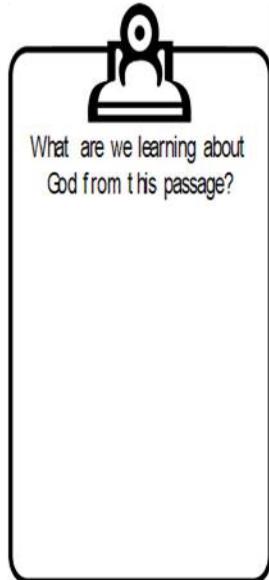
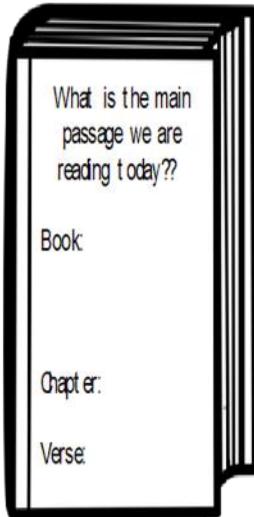
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Words you heard but don't know...



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 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](http://www.pcanet.org)).

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