

WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“For the word of God is living
and powerful, and sharper than any
two-edged sword...”*

– Hebrews 4:12a

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 145:17-18

Leader: The LORD *is* righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.

All: The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

*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**

TUNE: EIN FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Based on Psalm 46. Martin Luther, 1529

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

CONFESION 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 John Calvin's liturgy of 1543

All: *"Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:8-9

Leader: Hear the good news! "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 119:129-144

TUNE: GUIDANCE LMD

'He Leadeth Me'

Your testimonies I observe, For they are wondrous in my eyes.
The op'ning of Your word gives light, And makes the simplehearted wise.
I open wide my mouth and pant For all commandments You proclaim.
O turn to me! Deal graciously As to all those who love Your name.

My steps establish in Your word And let no sin o'er me have sway.
Redeem me from the power of man, And I Your precepts will obey.
Your face make on Your servant shine; Teach me Your statutes; for I weep;
The tears in streams flow from my eyes, Because Your law they do not keep.

You ever righteous are, O LORD; And all Your judgments upright stand.
Your righteous testimonies all You do in faithfulness command.
By zeal I am consumed, because Your words my adversaries spurn.
Your promise is so very pure. Toward it Your servant loves to turn.

Though I am small and much despised, Your precepts I do not forget
Eternal is Your righteousness; Your law in truth is firmly set,
Distress and anguish have me found, Yet joy by Your commands You give.
Your testimonies righteous are; O make me wise that I may live.

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 19:1-11

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

All: *Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.*

Leader: *There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.*

All: *Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world.
In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,*

Leader: Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

All: *Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.*

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

All: *The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;*

Leader: The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

All: *More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.*

Leader: Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-13

"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. ²Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread, And your wages for *what* does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what is* good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. ³Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you -- The sure mercies of David. ⁴Indeed I have given him *as* a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. ⁵Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations *who* do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you." ⁶Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. ⁸"For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. ⁹"For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, ¹¹So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it. ¹²"For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a name, For an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off."

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" ¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: SWEET HOUR LMD

"Psalm 18:27-37"

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

A humble people You lift up; But haughty eyes You humble low.
You light my lamp and make it shine. The LORD my God makes darkness glow.

By You I can attack a troop, And by my God I leap a wall.
Our God! How perfect is His way! No promise of the LORD can fall.

He is a shield around all those Who flee to Him from foes abroad.
For who is God, except the LORD? Who is a rock, except our God?
My God girds up my loins with strength; My way He perfects with His hand.
He makes my feet swift like the doe's; On heights triumphant makes me stand.

My arms can bend a bow of brass; Hands trained by Him for battle wait.
Your gift, my shield! Your hand, my help! Your gentleness has made me great.

You for my steps have cleared the way; My feet slide not while I pursue;
I overtake my fleeing foes; I turn not till I thrust them through.

SERMON

2 Peter 1:19-21

"Sola Scriptura"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;
- ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,
- ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 4:12-13

- ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³
- ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
- ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Sermon Notes:

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: MY REDEEMER 8.7.8.7.ref.

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Phillip P. Bliss, 1876.

1. I will sing of my Re - deem - er, and his
2. I will tell the won - drous sto - ry, how my
3. I will praise my dear Re - deem - er, his tri -
4. I will sing of my Re - deem - er and his

won - drous love to me; on the cru - el cross he
lost es - tate to save, in his bound - less love and
um - phant pow'r I'll tell, how the vic - to - ry he
heav'n - ly love to me; he from death to life has

suf - fered, from the curse to set me free.
mer - cy, he the ran - som free - ly gave.
giv - eth o - ver sin and death and hell.
brought me, Son of God, with him to be.

Sing, O sing of my Re - deem - er!
Sing, O sing of my Re - deem - er! Sing, O sing of my Re - deem - er!

He pur - chased me,
 With his blood he pur - chased me;
 With his blood he pur - chased me, he pur - chased me;

He pur - chased me, with his blood he pur - chased me;
 on the cross he sealed my par - don,
 on the cross he sealed my par - don, on the cross he sealed my par - don,

paid the debt and made me free,
 paid the debt and made me free, and made me free, and made me free.

Chords: D⁷, G, C, G, G, D, G, C/G, G, 7

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer requests

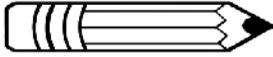
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray our Sunday School Teachers and Students
- Pray for outreach and evangelism
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township,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

Announcements

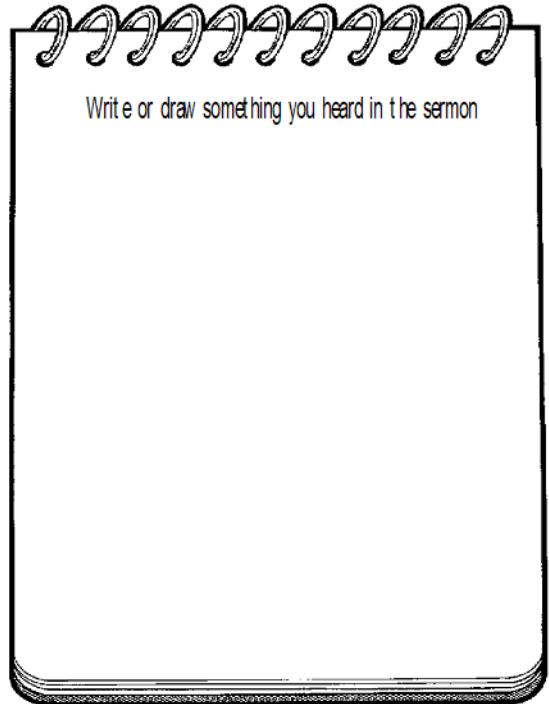
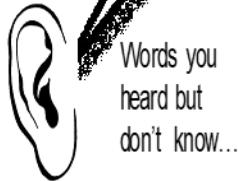
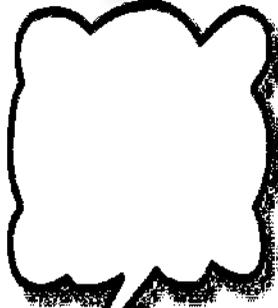
- Prayer meeting: Wednesday Evenings at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom. All are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Miller if you would like to attend and are not already on the email list.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, November 5, 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Let's Study Philipians" Chapter 24-25
- Sunday 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 will be studying Assurance of Faith using a Ligonier DVD.
- Please mark your calendars for our annual congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, November 13, following the morning worship service.
- We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next week. Please take some time this week to prepare your hearts through prayer and the reading of Scripture.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

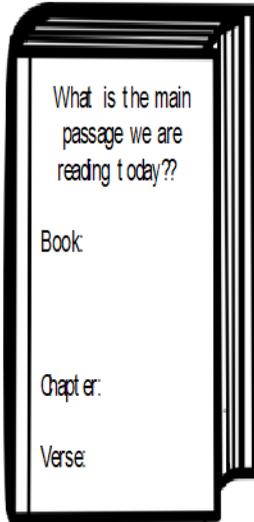
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

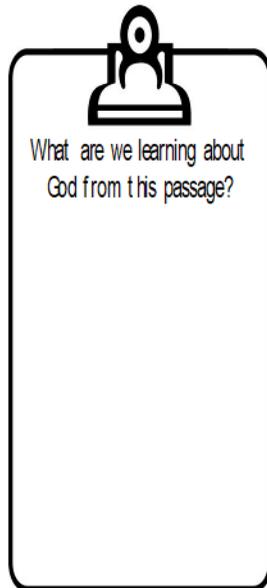


What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book:

Chapter:

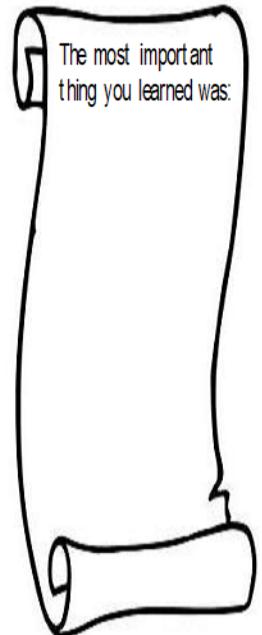
Verse:



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 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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