

WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*“O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the
LORD there is mercy, And with Him
is abundant redemption.”
--Psalm 130:7*

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 75:1

Leader: We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks!

All: For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.

*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,

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses provided. The first verse is '1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,'. The second verse is '2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,'. The third verse is '3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,'. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

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!

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

Psalm 5:1-5, 7

All: *“Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up. For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.” Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus’ name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16-17

Leader: Hear the good news! “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 18:1-9

TUNE: SWEET HOUR LMD

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

I love You, LORD ! You are my strength, The LORD , my rock, my fort, my power,
My God, my hiding place, my shield, My horn of safety, and my tower.
Because He’s ever to be praised, Unto the LORD I lift my cry;
For I shall be delivered thus From all the foes who me defy.

With cords of death on every side, I was assailed by floods of sin,
Entangled by the grave’s strong cords, My way with snares of death hemmed in.
In my distress I called the LORD ; My cry to God for help was clear.
He from His temple heard my voice; My cry before Him reached His ear.

The earth then quivered to its depths; The mountains rocked with trembling frame;
The whole world’s firm foundations shook, Because He in His anger came.
His nostrils smoked; His mouth belched fire; And glowing coals flamed forth from Him.
He bent the sky as He came down; Thick darkness hovered under Him

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 143:1-8

Leader: Hear my prayer, O LORD, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness.

All: *Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous.*

Leader: For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, Like those who have long been dead.

All: *Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed.*

Leader: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands.

All: *I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land. Selah*

Leader: Answer me speedily, O LORD; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

All: *Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.*

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-20

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; ⁶And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ” ⁷Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. ⁹” And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into

the fire.”¹⁰ So the people asked him, saying, “What shall we do then?”¹¹ He answered and said to them, “He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.”¹² Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”¹³ And he said to them, “Collect no more than what is appointed for you.”¹⁴ Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, “And what shall we do?” So he said to them, “Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.”¹⁵ Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not,¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”¹⁷ His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”¹⁸ And with many other exhortations he preached to the people.¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,²⁰ also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 8:1-13

Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,^{2a} a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.³ For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.⁴ For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;⁵ who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, “See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”⁶ But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.⁸ Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah --⁹” not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD.¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.¹¹ None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”¹³ In that He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: MARTYRDOM CM.

"Psalm 130"

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

1. LORD, from the depths to Thee I cried.
2. LORD, who shall stand if Thou, my Lord,
3. I wait, my soul a - waits the LORD;
4. O Is - ra - el, hope in the LORD;

4
My Lord, give ear to me. O hear my voice
Shouldst mark in - i - qui - ty? But yet with Thee
My hope is in His word. More than the watch
The LORD saves gra - cious - ly. And He shall Is

9
and hear - en to My sup - pli - cat - ing plea.
for give - ness is, That men may rev' - rence Thee.
men wait for morn My soul waits for my Lord.
ra - el re - deem From all in - i - qui - ty.

SERMON

Psalm 130

"Abundant Redemption"

Dr. Jay Neikirk

- 1 Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD;
- 2 Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my supplications.
- 3 If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.
- 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope.
- 6 My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning -- Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.

- 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him
is abundant redemption.
- 8 And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.

Sermon Notes

*Hymn of Response**
TUNE: SLANE 10.10.10.10

"Be Thou My Vision"
Ancient Irish Poem, ca. 8th cent.

Unison 7

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er,
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

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day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

BENEDICTION*

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Prayer Requests

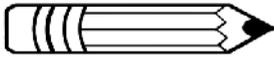
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray for our Sunday School teachers and students

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, December 4, at 8 a.m. We will be working through the book of Philippians using Sinclair Ferguson's "Let's Study Philippians" book. Please read chapter 7 and 8.
- 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.
- Please note that there will be no Sunday School on November 28.
- The next women's book study will be on Monday, November 15, 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 welcoming Dr. Jay Neikirk to our pulpit today. Dr. Neikirk is a professor at Geneva College and a Ruling Elder at Hilcrest PCA.

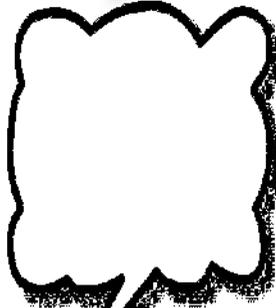
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

Date: _____



Who is speaking?

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.



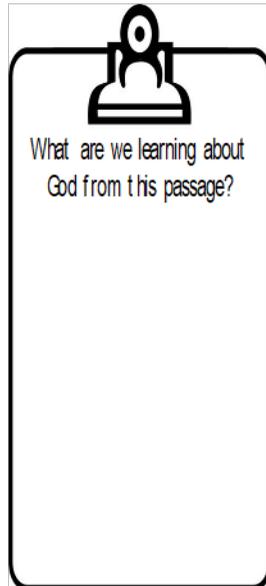
Words you heard but don't know...

What is the main passage we are reading today??

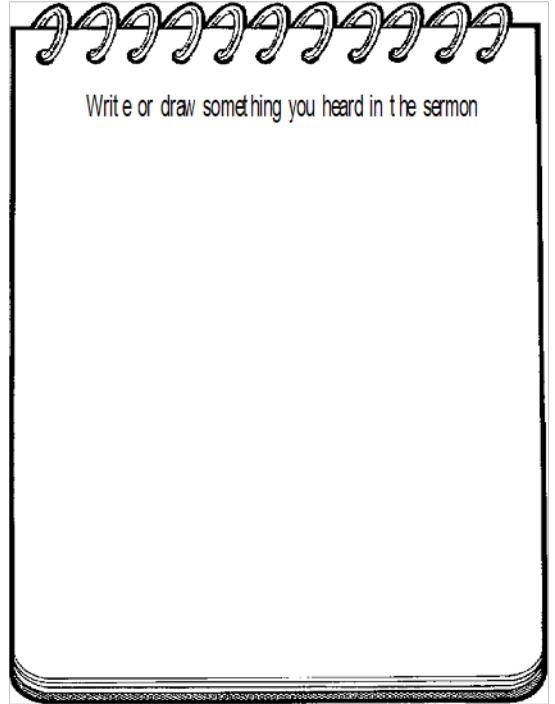
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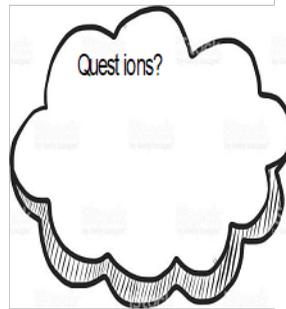
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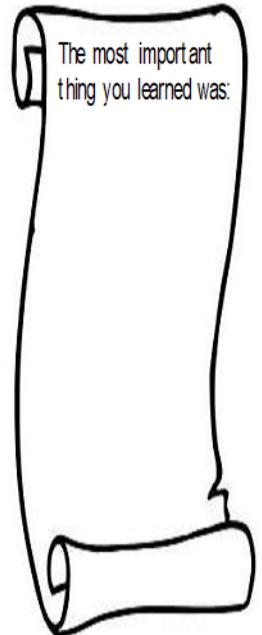
What are we learning about God from this passage?



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



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).

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