

WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

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woman, born under the law”*

– Galatians 4:4

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 24:7-10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.

*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: GREENSLEAVES 8.7.8.7.ref

“What Child Is This”

Traditional English Carol, Adapted by William C. Dix, ca. 1865

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'What Child Is This'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple accompaniment. There are three measures of music shown. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing? 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing? 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

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

Luke 1:68-69, Matthew 1:21

Leader: Hear the good news! "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us. You shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins"

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 96:1-12

TUNE: CORONATION 86.86.86

"All Hail the Power"

O sing a new song to the LORD; All earth sing to the LORD.
Sing to the LORD, and bless His name; "He saves!" each day proclaim.
His glory to all nations show; His deeds let peoples know.

The LORD is great. How great His praise! Above all gods He's feared.
For heathen gods are idols vain; The LORD the heavens made.
Before Him honor, majesty, And strength and splendor be!

O families of earth, ascribe All glory to the LORD!
All strength ascribe unto the LORD; The glory of His name
Give to the LORD. To His courts come And bring an offering.

In beautiful and holy robes Bring worship to the LORD.
All earth, before Him stand in awe; Proclaim, "The LORD is King!"
Controlled by Him, the world stands firm; His judgments justice bless.

Let heav'ns be glad and earth rejoice. In vast expanse untold
Let seas speak out with endless roar. Let fields and all they hold
Their glory give; let trees and woods With rustling boughs give praise.

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 98:1-9

Leader: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

All: *The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.*

Leader: He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: *Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.*

Leader: Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm,

All: *With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.*

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it;

All: *Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,*

Leader: For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10-14, 9:2-10

Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹"Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above." ¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!" ¹³Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! *Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?* ¹⁴"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. ⁵For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire. ⁶For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 1:1-10

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; ⁵because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; ⁷as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. ¹⁹For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Hymn of Preparation*

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

TUNE: GOD REST YOU MERRY 8.6.8.6..8.6.ref.

English Carol, 18th cent.

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;
 4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
 this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
 and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind:

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
 and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

REFRAIN

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,

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SERMON

Luke 1:26-33

"Salvation From Above"

Pastor Marc Miller

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of
Galilee named Nazareth,
27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of
David. The virgin's name *was* Mary.
28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the
Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!"
29 But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what
manner of greeting this was.
30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found
favor with God.
31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and
shall call His name JESUS.
32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord
God will give Him the throne of His father David.
33 "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom
there will be no end."

Galatians 4:4-5

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of
a woman, born under the law,
5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption
as sons

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

TUNE: ANTIOCH C.M. rep.

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

Based on Psalm 98. Isaac Watts, 1719.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It features a treble and bass clef staff with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: D, A7, D, G, A, D, A, D/A, A7, and D. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, with the first system containing four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics with a repeat sign. The third system contains a chorus with a repeat sign. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence.

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
play; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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Prayer requests

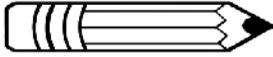
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray our Sunday School Teachers and Students
- Please pray for the for a church plant ongoing in Cranberry Township, PA.

Announcements

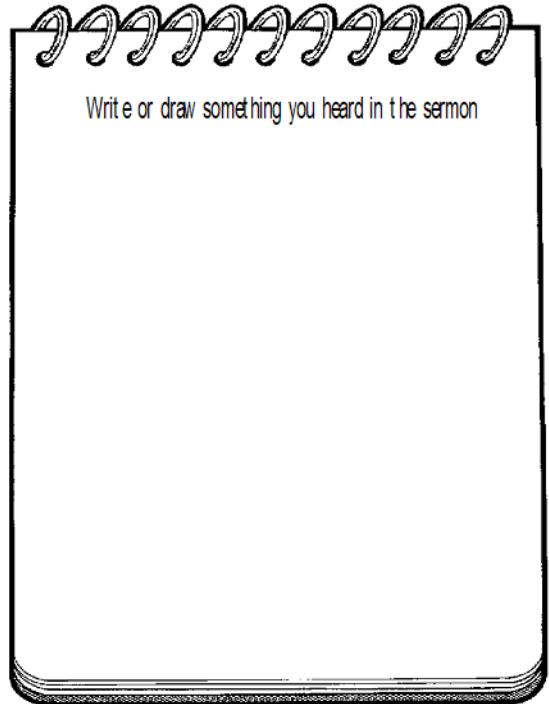
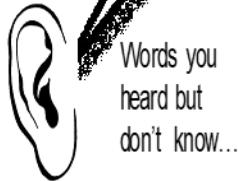
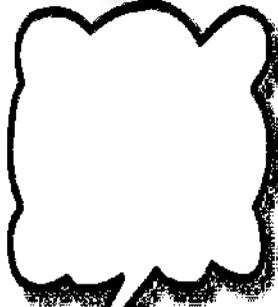
- Prayer meeting: Wednesday Evenings at 8:30 p.m. over Zoom. All are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Miller if you would like to attend and are not already on the email list.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, January 7, at 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Let's Study Philippians" Wrap Up.
- Sunday School 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 are studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism. Sunday School will resume next week. **Please note there will be no Sunday School on January 1.**
- Please mark your calendars for a family movie night to be held at church on Friday, January 27, at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

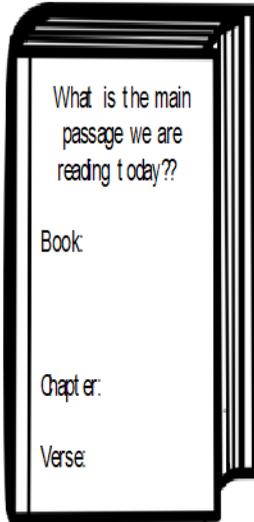
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

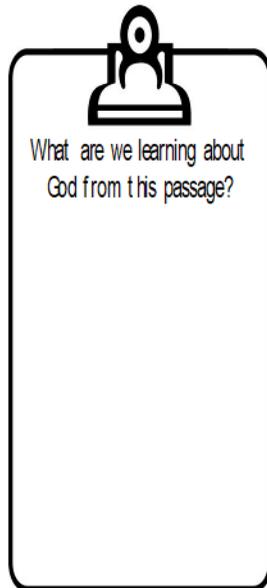


What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book:

Chapter:

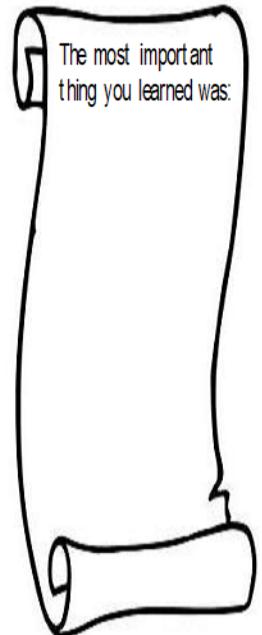
Verse:



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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