

WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

THEN PETER SAID, "SILVER AND GOLD I DO NOT HAVE, BUT WHAT I DO HAVE I GIVE YOU: IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH, RISE UP AND WALK."

-ACTS 3:6

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 113:1-2

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD!

All: Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forevermore!

*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**

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

“Across the Lands”

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“You’re the Word of God the Father
From before the world began.
Ev’ry star and ev’ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory;
Let the land and seas rejoice!

CHORUS

You’re the Author of creation;
You’re the Lord of ev’ry man;
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry;
With a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free!

With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting vict'ry from the grave,
And ascended into heaven,
Leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father,
Interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation,
You are leading sinners home!"

CONFESSIOIN OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 90

Leader: What shall be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

All: At the day of judgment, the righteous, being caught up to Christ in the clouds, shall be set on his right hand, and there openly acknowledged and acquitted, shall join with him in the judging of reprobate angels and men, and shall be received into heaven, where they shall be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels, but especially in the immediate vision and fruition of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity. And this is the perfect and full communion, which the members of the invisible church shall enjoy with Christ in glory, at the resurrection and day of judgment.

CONFESSIOIN OF SIN

All: Almighty Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise Your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting Him up, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what You forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by Your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise You that He was born like us that we might become like Him. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Luke 1:68-89, 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 145:1-8"

"Jesus Shall Reign"

"I will Thee praise, my God, O King,
And I will ever bless Thy name;
I will extol Thee every day
And evermore Thy praise proclaim.

The LORD is great; His praise exceeds;
His greatness fully search can none;
Race shall to race extol Thy deeds
And tell Thy mighty acts each one.

Upon Thy glo-rious majesty
And wondrous works my mind shall dwell;
Men shall recount Thy dreadful acts,
And of Thy greatness I will tell.

They utter shall abundantly
The mem'ry of Thy goodness great,
And shall sing praises cheerfully
While they Thy righteousness relate.

Jehovah very gracious is;
In Him compassions also flow;
In lovingkindness He is great,
And unto anger He is slow.

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

Psalms 6:1-10

Leader: O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure.

All: *Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled.*

Leader: My soul also is greatly troubled; But You, O LORD -- how long?

All: *Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake!*

Leader: For in death *there is* no remembrance of You; In the grave who will give You thanks?

All: *I am weary with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears.*

Leader: My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows old because of all my enemies.

All: *Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping.*

Leader: The LORD has heard my supplication; The LORD will receive my prayer.

All: *Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezra 8:1-20

These *are* the heads of their fathers' *houses*, and *this is* the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of King Artaxerxes: ²of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons of David, Hattush; ³of the sons of Shecaniah, of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah; and registered with him *were* one hundred and fifty males; ⁴of the sons of Pahath-Moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males; ⁵of the sons of Shechaniah, Ben-Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males; ⁶of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males; ⁷of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males; ⁸of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him eighty males; ⁹of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males; ¹⁰of the sons of Shelomith, Ben-Josiphiah, and with him one hundred and sixty males; ¹¹of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty-eight males; ¹²of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him one hundred and ten males; ¹³of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names *are* these -- Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah -- and with them sixty males; ¹⁴also of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zabbud, and with them seventy males. ¹⁵Now I gathered them by the river that flows to Ahava, and we camped there three days. And I looked among the people and the priests, and found none of the sons of Levi there. ¹⁶Then I sent for Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan, Zechariah, and Meshullam, leaders; also for Joarib and Elnathan, men of understanding. ¹⁷And I gave them a command for Iddo the chief man at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say

to Iddo *and* his brethren the Nethinim at the place Casiphia -- that they should bring us servants for the house of our God. ¹⁸Then, by the good hand of our God upon us, they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli the son of Levi, the son of Israel, namely Sherebiah, with his sons and brothers, eighteen men; ¹⁹and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brothers and their sons, twenty men; ²⁰also of the Nethinim, whom David and the leaders had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinim. All of them were designated by name.

GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-21

"After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the Sea* of Tiberias. ²Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. ³And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" ⁶But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. ⁷Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." ⁸One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, ⁹"There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" ¹⁰Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. ¹¹And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." ¹³Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. ¹⁴Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone. ¹⁶Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. ¹⁸Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. ¹⁹So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. ²⁰But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: ST. CHRISTOPHER 76.86.86.86

"Psalm 71:1-8, 13-14"

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

O LORD, in Thee I'm trusting; Ashamed let me not be;
O save me in Thy righteousness, Give ear, and rescue me.
Be Thou my rock, my dwelling place, My constant safe resort.
Thou my salvation hast ordained; Thou art my rock and fort.

From wicked hands, God, free me, Hands cru-el and unjust;
Thou, Lord Jehovah, art my hope; From youth Thou art my trust.
For I have been sustained by Thee Through birth and early days;
Brought from my mother's womb by Thee, I'll give Thee constant praise.

To many I'm a wonder; Thou art my refuge strong.
My mouth is brimming with Thy praise And honor all day long.
Do not reject me in the time When old age I shall see;
And in my days of failing strength Do not abandon me.

Let all who strive against me Disgraced and wasted be,
All covered with reproach and shame Who seek to injure me.
But I with lasting confidence Will hope con-tin-u-al-ly,
And I will add still more and more To all the praise of Thee.

SERMON

Acts 3:1-10

"The First Miracle"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*.
- 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;
- 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.
- 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."
- 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.
- 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."
- 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
- 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them -- walking, leaping, and praising God.
- 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God.
- 10 Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. Acts 3:8

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-'ner free;

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
 new life the dead receive;
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
 the humble poor believe.
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 your loosen'd tongues employ;
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

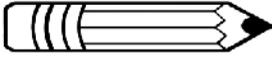
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi Family
- Pray for our country's leaders and those who serve us.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for our covenant children.

Announcements

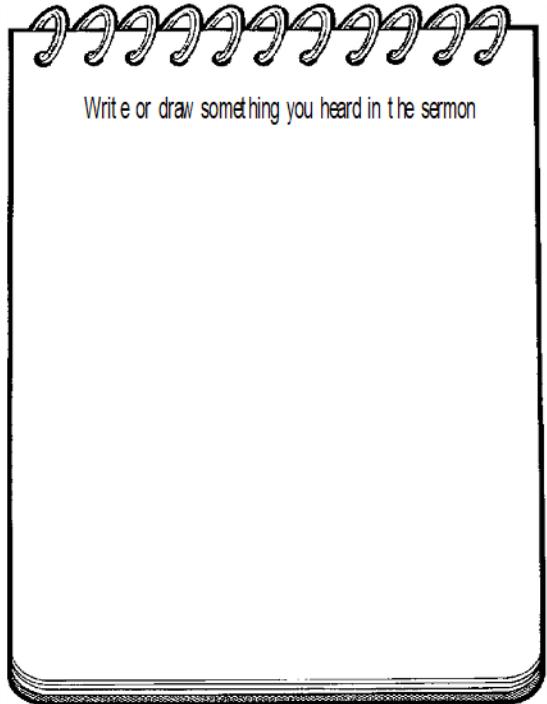
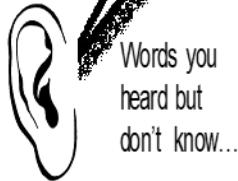
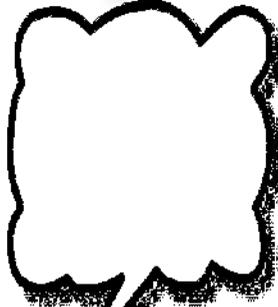
- Prayer meeting: Wednesdays, at 8:30 p.m. over zoom. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Miller.
- Youth Group for Grades 6-12: Sunday, April 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. Invite your friends!
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, April 11 at 8 a.m. Please read chapter 3 in the Romans study book.
- Sunday School: Sunday at 10 am. We have classes for ages 4 to adults. Please talk to Pastor Miller if you have any questions. **Please note we will not have Sunday School on Sunday, April 5.**
- Good Friday Service of Scripture, Psalms and Hymns: Friday, April 3 at 6 p.m.
- After Church Fellowship: Sunday, April 12. Light refreshments will be provided.
- 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

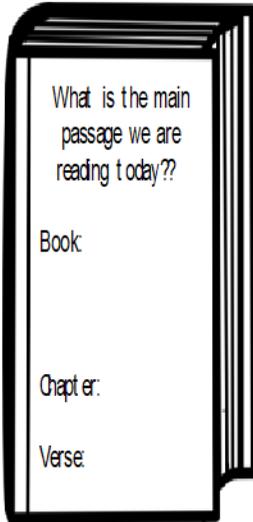
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

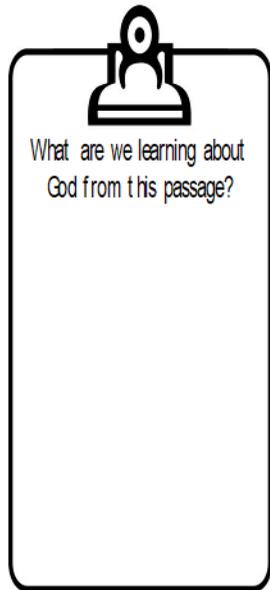


What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book:

Chapter:

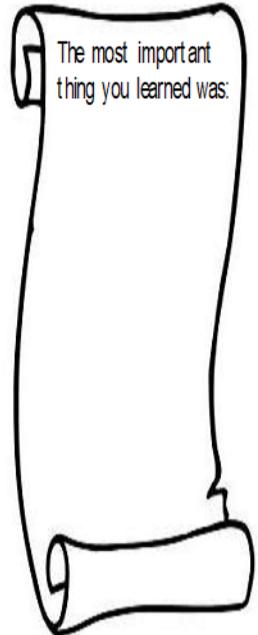
Verse:



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 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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