

WEST ERIE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“FOR THE GRACE OF GOD THAT BRINGS  
SALVATION HAS APPEARED TO ALL MEN.”

-TITUS 2:11

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THE LORD’S WORSHIP SERVICE  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 96:1-2*

Leader: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

*All: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.*

## *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: LYONS 10.10.11.11.

## *“O Worship the King”*

Based on Psalm 104. Robert Grant, 1833

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with accompaniment in the other parts. The lyrics are as follows:

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly  
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the  
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your  
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the  
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a  
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 change-less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
 While angels delight to hymn you above,  
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

### CONFESSON OF FAITH\*

*Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 78*

Leader: Whence ariseth the imperfection of sanctification in believers?

*All: The imperfection of sanctification in believers ariseth from the remnants of sin abiding in every part of them, and the perpetual lustings of the flesh against the spirit; whereby they are often foiled with temptations, and fall into many sins, are hindered in all their spiritual services, and their best works are imperfect and defiled in the sight of God.*

### CONFESSON OF SIN

*All: O Lord our God, we are reminded of the Divine purpose for the incarnation: that His name was called Jesus because He would save His people from their sins. We are grieved that our condition was so sinful that it required nothing less than the death of the Son of God. We mourn over our fallen natures and our sins that proceed from it. We confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing. We have broken your commandments in thought, word, and deed. We have committed sins of omission and commission. We have been lazy over Heaven's concerns and selfish over our own. Even in our best efforts we find pride and self. "Wretched man that I am. Who will set me free from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." O Father, we thank You for His birth, His life, His death, His resurrection, and His ascension for sinners like me. In His redeeming name, we ask Your forgiveness and pardon. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Isaiah 53:5-6*

Leader: Hear the good news! "But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

**"Psalm 107:1-9, 15-16"**

"There Is a Fountain"

O praise the LORD, for He is good; His mercies still endure;  
Thus say the ransomed of the LORD, From all their foes secure.  
He gathered them from out the lands, From north, south, east, and west.  
They wandered in the wilderness, No city found to rest.

Their weary soul within them faints When thirst and hunger press;  
In trouble to the LORD they cried; He saved them from distress.  
He made the way before them straight, And He became their guide,  
That they might to a city go In which they would abide.

Let them give thanks unto the LORD For all His kindness shown,  
And for His works so wonderful Which He to men makes known.  
Because the longing soul by Him With food is satisfied;  
The hungry soul that looks to Him With goodness is supplied.

Let them give thanks unto the LORD For all His kindness shown,  
And for His works so wonderful Which He to men makes known.  
For He the mighty gates of bronze Has shattered with a stroke;  
He cut the bars of iron off And them asunder broke.

## 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 8:1-9*

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

**All:** *Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.*

Leader: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

**All:** *What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?*

Leader: For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

**All:** *You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,*

Leader: All sheep and oxen -- Even the beasts of the field,

**All:** *The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.*

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth!

## GOSPEL READING

*Luke 24:1-27*

"Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. <sup>3</sup>Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. <sup>5</sup>Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>"He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' " <sup>8</sup>And they remembered His words. <sup>9</sup>Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary *the mother* of James, and the other *women* with them, who told these things to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. <sup>13</sup>Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And they talked together of all these things which had happened. <sup>15</sup>So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. <sup>17</sup>And He said to them, "What kind of conversation *is* this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" <sup>18</sup>Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. <sup>21</sup>"But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

<sup>22</sup>"Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. <sup>23</sup>"When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. <sup>24</sup>"And certain of those *who were* with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." <sup>25</sup>Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>"Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Hebrews 4:1-16*

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. <sup>2</sup>For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,' " although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh *day* in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works"; <sup>5</sup>and again in this *place*: "They shall not enter My rest." <sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains that some *must* enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts." <sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. <sup>9</sup>There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. <sup>10</sup>For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His. <sup>11</sup>Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### ***Psalm of Preparation\****

TUNE: REDHEAD

### ***"Psalm 51:1-11"***

*"Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me"*

God, be merciful to me; On Thy grace I rest my plea;  
In Thy vast, abounding grace, My transgressions all erase.  
Wash me wholly from my sin; Cleanse from every ill within.

For my sins before me rise, Ever present to my eyes.  
I have sinned 'gainst Thee alone, In Thy sight this evil done;  
That Thy judgment may be clear, And Thy sentence just appear.

Lo, brought forth was I in sin; When conceived I was unclean.  
Lo, Thou dost desire to find Truth sincere within the mind:  
And Thou wilt within my heart Wisdom unto me impart.

Then with hyssop sprinkle me, And from sin I clean shall be.  
Wash me from its stain, and lo, I shall whiter be than snow.  
Make me hear joy's cheering voice; Make my broken bones rejoice.

From my sins hide Thou Thy face; My iniquities erase.  
O my God, renew my heart, And a spirit right impart.  
Cast me not away from Thee, Nor Thy Spirit take from me.

### SERMON

*Titus 2:11-15*

*"Living Between Epiphanies"*

*Dr Jay Neikirk*

- <sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,  
<sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live  
soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,  
<sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and  
Savior Jesus Christ,  
<sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed  
and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.  
<sup>15</sup> Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise  
you.

## Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

# Hymn of Response\*

TUNE: HENDON 7.7.7.rep.

# "Take My Life and Let it Be"

Frances R. Haveergal, 1874

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse  
3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly,  
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them  
of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and  
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with  
I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry

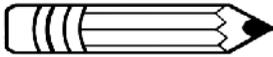
flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take my self, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

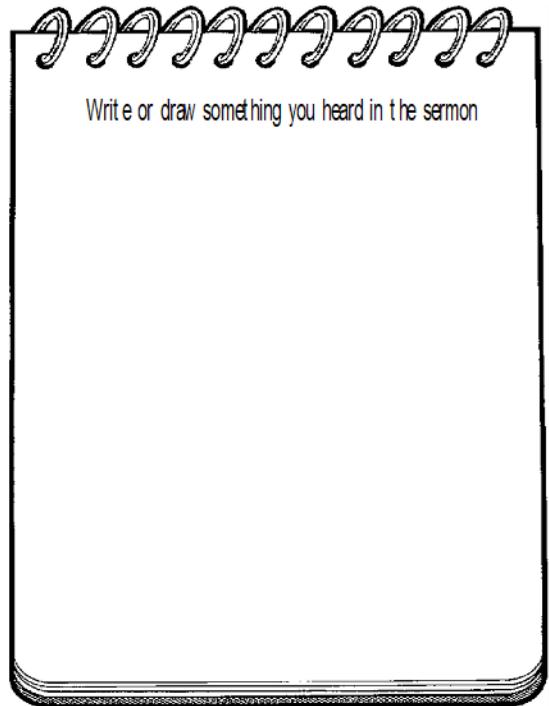
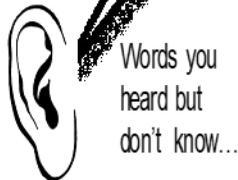
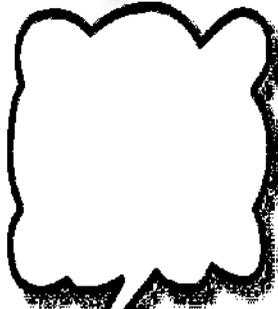
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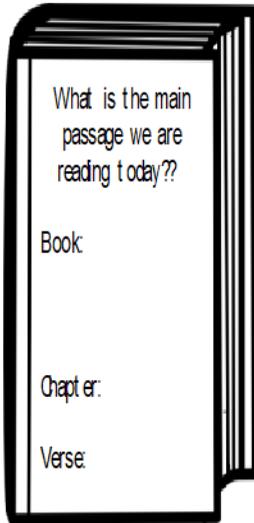
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

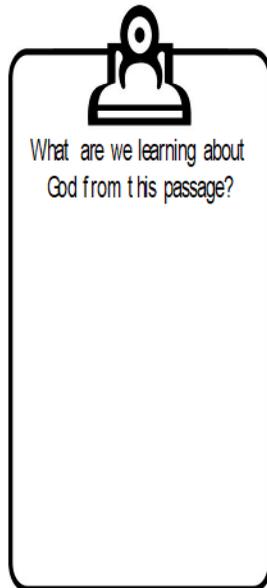


What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book:

Chapter:

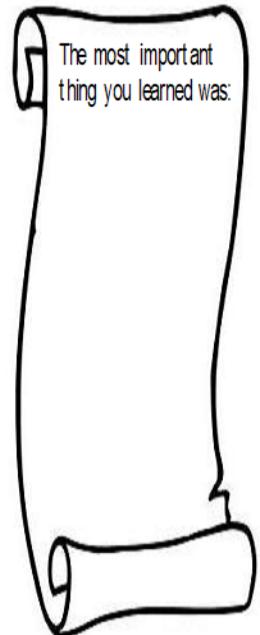
Verse:



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:

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## **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: February 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. at church.
- We will be starting a new Men's Bible study on Romans in February. There is a sign-up sheet in the back along with the books.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, February 7 at 8 a.m. Please read the introduction and chapter 1 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. We will not have Sunday School on Sunday February 15 to help facilitate the luncheon.
- Family Movie Night: Friday, January 23, 6 p.m. The church will provide some snacks.
- Fellowship Luncheon: Sunday, February 15, after church at the LEAF center located at 1501 W 6th St, Erie, PA 16505. The church will provide the main dish we ask that you bring a dish or two to pass. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

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

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