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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“SO DAVID'S ANGER WAS GREATLY  
AROUSSED AGAINST THE MAN, AND HE SAID  
TO NATHAN, "ASTHE LORD LIVES, THE  
MAN WHO HAS DONE THIS SHALL SURELY  
DIE!”

-2<sup>ND</sup> SAMUEL 1 2:5

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 97:1-2*

Leader: The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad!

*All: Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.*

## *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: NICEA 11.12.12.10.

## *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. Chord symbols are placed above the staves: D, Bm, A, D, G, D, 7 in the first system, and A, D, Bm, A, E7, A in the second system. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some words aligned under specific notes.

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

### CONFESSION OF FAITH\*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 67-68

Leader: What is effectual calling?

**All:** *Effectual calling is the work of God's almighty power and grace, whereby (out of his free and special love to his elect, and from nothing in them moving him thereunto he doth, in his accepted time, invite and draw them to Jesus Christ, by his word and Spirit; savingly enlightening their minds, renewing and powerfully determining their wills, so as they (although in themselves dead in sin) are hereby made willing and able freely to answer his call, and to accept and embrace the grace offered and conveyed therein.*

Leader: Are the elect only effectually called?

**All:** *All the elect, and they only, are effectually called; although others may be, and often are, outwardly called by the ministry of the word, and have some common operations of the Spirit; who, for their willful neglect and contempt of the grace offered to them, being justly left in their unbelief, do never truly come to Jesus Christ.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

PSALM 27:7-9, 11

**All:** *"Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek." Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a smooth path. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1<sup>st</sup> John 2:1-2

Leader: Hear the good news! “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### **“Psalm 1”**

“This is the Day the Lord Has Made”

O greatly bless-ed is the man Who walketh not astray  
In counsel of ungodly men, Nor stands in sinners’ way,

Nor sitteth in the scorner’s chair, But placeth his delight  
Upon GOD’S law, and meditates On His law day and night.

He shall be like a tree that grows Set by the water side,  
Which in its season yields its fruit, And green its leaves abide;

And all he does shall prosper well. The wicked are not so,  
But are like chaff which by the wind Is driven to and fro.

In judgment, therefore, shall not stand Such as ungodly are,  
Nor in th’assembly of the just Shall wicked men appear.

Because the way of godly men Is to Jehovah known,  
Whereas the way of wicked men Shall quite be overthrown.

## 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 32:1-11

Leader: Blessed is *he whose* transgression is forgiven, *Whose* sin is covered.

**All: Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long.

**All:** *For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah*

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

**All:** *For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him.*

Leader: You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

**All:** *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.*

Leader: Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you.

**All:** *Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.*

Leader: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all *you* upright in heart!

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 8:1-18*

Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel. <sup>2</sup>The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; *they were* judges in Beersheba. <sup>3</sup>But his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice. <sup>4</sup>Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, <sup>5</sup>and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." <sup>6</sup>But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. <sup>8</sup>"According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day -- with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods -- so they are doing to you also. <sup>9</sup>"Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them." <sup>10</sup>So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked him for a king. <sup>11</sup>And he said, "This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint *them* for his own chariots and *to be* his horsemen, and *some* will run before his chariots. <sup>12</sup>"He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, *will set some* to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and *some* to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. <sup>13</sup>"He will take your daughters *to be* perfumers, cooks, and bakers. <sup>14</sup>"And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give *them* to his servants. <sup>15</sup>"He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants. <sup>16</sup>"And he will take your male servants, your

female servants, your finest young men, and your donkeys, and put *them* to his work. <sup>17</sup> "He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants. <sup>18</sup> "And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will not hear you in that day."

## GOSPEL READING

*John 10:7-18*

Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>"All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. <sup>9</sup>"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>"But a hireling, *he who is* not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>"The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. <sup>14</sup>"I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own. <sup>15</sup>"As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock *and* one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. <sup>18</sup>"No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

## *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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11:1-2, 12:5*

*"David's Royal Sin"*

*Dr. T. David Gordon*

- <sup>1</sup> It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.
- <sup>2</sup> Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold.
- <sup>5</sup> So David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die!

## *Sermon Notes:*

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3



## Hymn of Response\*

TUNE: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.

## "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Charles Wesley, 1774.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a bridge. The fourth system concludes the hymn. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, time signatures, key signatures, and dynamic markings like 'f' (forte) and 'p' (piano).

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;  
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;  
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!  
by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:  
Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
"Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."  
this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

**BENEDICTION\***

### **Prayer requests**

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for our country's leaders and those who serve in the military.
- 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, December 7 from 6-7:30 at Faith Reformed Church.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, December 6, at 8 am. Please read Chapter 13 in the James 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, November 30.
- After Church fellowship: Today after the morning worship service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

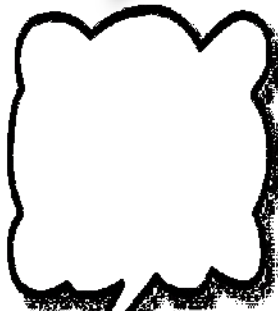
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Who is speaking?



Words you heard but don't know...

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:



Favorite song today was:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What are we learning about God from this passage?



Questions?

How does today's message apply to your life?

The most important thing you learned 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](http://www.pcanet.org)).

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