



WEST ERIE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

“THE LORD'S VOICE CRIES TO THE CITY –
WISDOM SHALL SEE YOUR NAME: "HEAR
THE ROD!"

-MICAH 6:9A

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 91:1-2

Leader: He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

All: I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

*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: GOD REST YOU MERRY 8.6.8.6.8.6.ref.

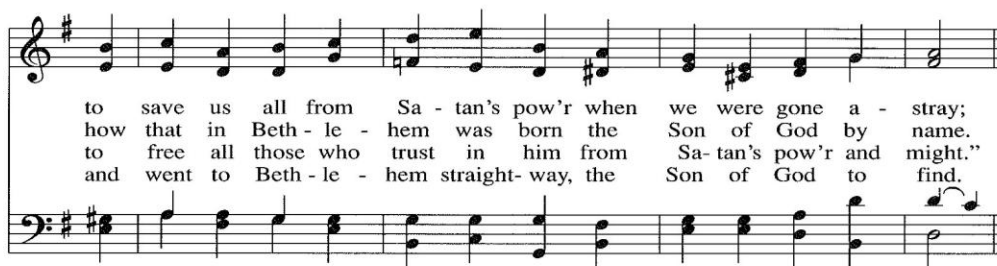
"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

English Carol, 18th cent.

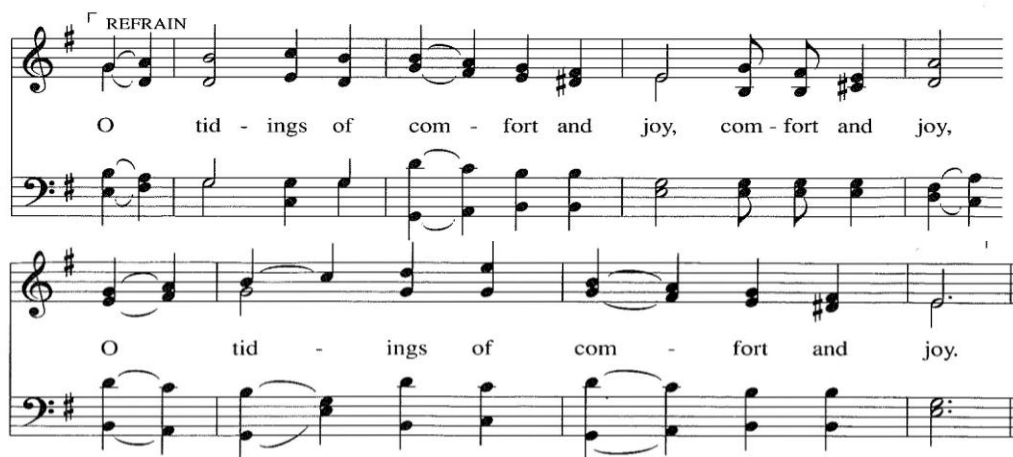
The image displays a musical score for the hymn "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains four lines. The melody is simple and traditional, with a final cadence at the end of each system.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 74

Leader: What is adoption?

All: *Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of his children, have his name put upon them, the Spirit of his Son given to them, are under his fatherly care and dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises and fellow-heirs with Christ in glory.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: *Almighty God, I am a sinner. Your Word and my heart confirm that to me. I have done things You have forbidden and left undone things You have commanded. I have not loved You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. As judge of the whole earth You would be just to condemn me. Yet in Your love You sent Christ to bear the guilt of my sin and suffer my punishment. To Him now I flee; forgive me for His sake, and by Your Spirit help me to live in the light of His sacrifice, a life worthy of Your name. Judge me not according to my work but according*

to Your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in Him I hope and in Him I come before You this day. Hear now our silent confession sin Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Proverbs 28:13

Leader: Hear the good news! "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

"Psalm 45:1-7, 17"

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

My heart doth overflow; A noble theme I sing.
My tongue's a skillful writer's pen To speak about the King.
More fair than sons of men Thy lips with grace o'erflow,
Because His blessing evermore Did God on Thee bestow.

Thy sword gird on Thy thigh, O Thou supreme in might,
And gird Thyself with majesty And with Thy splendor bright.
To victory ride forth For meekness, truth, and right;
And may Thy right hand teach to Thee The deeds of dreadful might.

Thine arrows sharpened are, Men under Thee to bring,
To pierce the heart of enemies Who fight against the King.
Thy royal throne, O God, From everlasting is;
A righteous scepter evermore Thy kingdom's scepter is.

Thou righteousness hast loved And wickedness abhorred;
On Thee, 'bove all, has God, Thy God, The oil of gladness poured.
Through every coming age I'll make Thy name to live;
The peoples therefore evermore Their praise to Thee shall give.

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.*

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

Dwain and MARRISA GRAHAM

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 110:1-7

Leader: The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

All: *The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!*

Leader: Your people *shall be* volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

All: *The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."*

Leader: The Lord *is* at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

All: *He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.*

Leader: He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:24-46

"Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. ²⁵And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.' ²⁶"But not so *among* you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. ²⁷"For who *is* greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? *Is* it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. ²⁸"But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. ²⁹"And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed *one* upon Me, ³⁰"that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." ³¹And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. ³²"But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren." ³³But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." ³⁴Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me." ³⁵And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing." ³⁶Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take *it*, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. ³⁷"For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end." ³⁸So they said, "Lord, look, here *are* two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough." ³⁹Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. ⁴⁰When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." ⁴¹And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not

My will, but Yours, be done." ⁴³Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. ⁴⁶Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philemon 1:1-25

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy *our* brother, To Philemon our beloved *friend* and fellow laborer, ²to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, ⁵hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, ⁶that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. ⁷For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother. ⁸Therefore, though I might be very bold in Christ to command you what is fitting, ⁹*yet* for love's sake I rather appeal *to you -- being* such a one as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ -- ¹⁰I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten *while* in my chains, ¹¹who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, ¹³whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel. ¹⁴But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary. ¹⁵For perhaps he departed for a while for this *purpose*, that you might receive him forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave -- a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷If then you count me as a partner, receive him as *you would* me. ¹⁸But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing with my own hand. I will repay -- not to mention to you that you owe me even your own self besides. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord. ²¹Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. ²²But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you. ²³Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, ²⁴*as do* Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow laborers. ²⁵The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

Psalm of Preparation*

TUNE: EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10.

"Psalm 39:1-6"

"Abide With Me"

"I will take heed and guard my ways," I said,
"So that my tongue no sinful word shall stain;
As with a bridle I will keep my mouth,
While in my presence wicked men remain."

In silence dumb I ceased from speaking good;
My heart within was hot, my sorrow stirred;
And while I mused the fire began to burn;
Then spake I with my tongue this earnest word:

“My end, O LORD, and measure of my days
Make me to know, and thus my frailty see.
Lo, Thou hast made my days an handbreadth long;
My lifetime is a nothing unto Thee.

“Each man at best is altogether vain.
Each man doth surely walk in empty show;
They heap up wealth and vex themselves for naught,
Nor know to whom their garnered riches go

SERMON

Micah 6:9-16

“Back on The Judgment Highway”

Pastor Marc Miller

- ⁹ The LORD's voice cries to the city -- Wisdom shall see Your name: "Hear the Rod! Who has appointed it?
- ¹⁰ Are there yet the treasures of wickedness In the house of the wicked, And the short measure *that is* an abomination?
- ¹¹ Shall I count pure *those* with the wicked scales, And with the bag of deceitful weights?
- ¹² For her rich men are full of violence, Her inhabitants have spoken lies, And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.
- ¹³ "Therefore I will also make *you* sick by striking you, By making *you* desolate because of your sins.
- ¹⁴ You shall eat, but not be satisfied; Hunger *shall be* in your midst. You may carry *some* away, but shall not save *them*; And what you do rescue I will give over to the sword.
- ¹⁵ "You shall sow, but not reap; You shall tread the olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil; And *make* sweet wine, but not drink wine.
- ¹⁶ For the statutes of Omri are kept; All the works of Ahab's house *are done*; And you walk in their counsels, That I may make you a desolation, And your inhabitants a hissing. Therefore you shall bear the reproach of My people."

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: FOUNTAIN 8.6.8.6.6.6.8.6.

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

William Cowper, 1771.

Capo 1: ♭ (A) (D) (A) (D) (A) ♭ (D) (A) (E)

1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins;
 2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;
 3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply,
 4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
 5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,

(A) (D) (A) (D) (A) (E⁷) (A)

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains;
 and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way:
 • re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
 when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave:
 till all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more:

(E⁷) (A) (D) (A) (D) (A) (E)

lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;
 washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;
 • and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
 lies si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the grave;
 be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;

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BENEDICTION*

Prayer requests

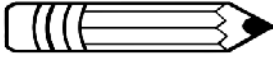
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for our country's leaders and those who serve us.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for our covenant children.

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, January 4, from 6-7:30 p.m. at church.
- Men's Bible Study: **Saturday, January 10, at 8 am.** Please read Chapter 14 in the James Study book.
- 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.
- 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 December 28 and January 4.
- After Church fellowship: Sunday, January 11, after the morning worship service. Please inform Pastor Miller or a member of the fellowship committee of any allergies. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- Christmas Eve Service of Scripture and Carols: Wednesday, December 24 at 6 p.m.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

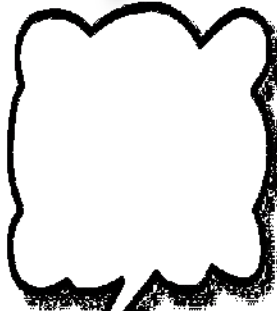
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



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).

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