

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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*And His disciples asked Him, saying,
"Rabbi, who sinned, this man
or his parents, that he was born blind?"
- John 9:2*

**THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 98:1-4

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.*

Gloria Patri*

GLORIA PATRI (MEINKE)

Irreg. Charles Meineke, 1844

"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*

Psalm of Praise*

TUNE: RIPLEY 8.7.8.7.D

Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah! O my soul, Jehovah praise!
I will sing the glo-rious praises Of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, Nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, And his purposes shall end.

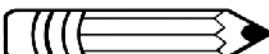
Happy is the man that chooses Jacob's God to be his aid;
He is blessed whose hope of blessing On the LORD his God is stayed.
He has made the earth and heaven, Seas, and all that they contain;
He will keep His truth forever, Rights of those oppressed maintain. – Cont.

Psalm 146

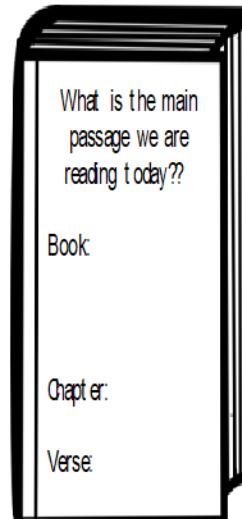
Based on the Book of Psalms, 1871.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

Date: _____



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.



What is the main passage we are reading today??

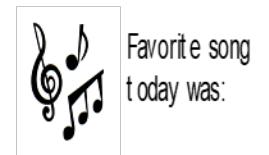
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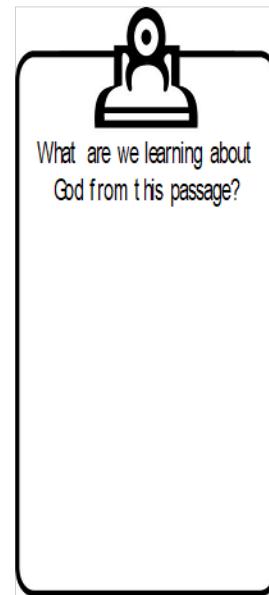
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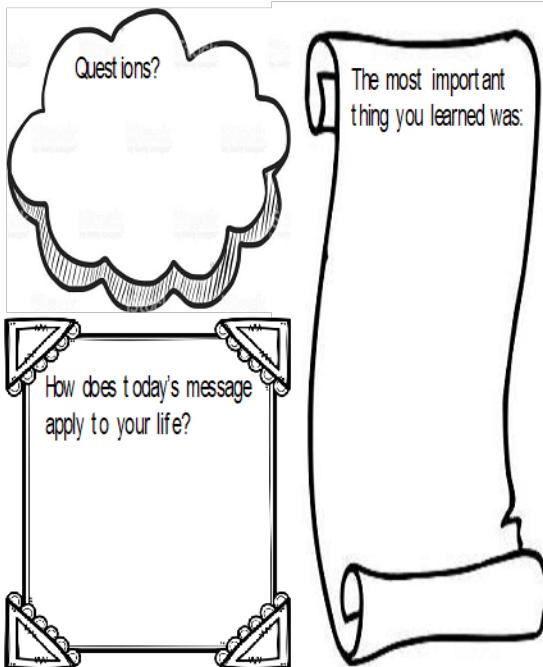
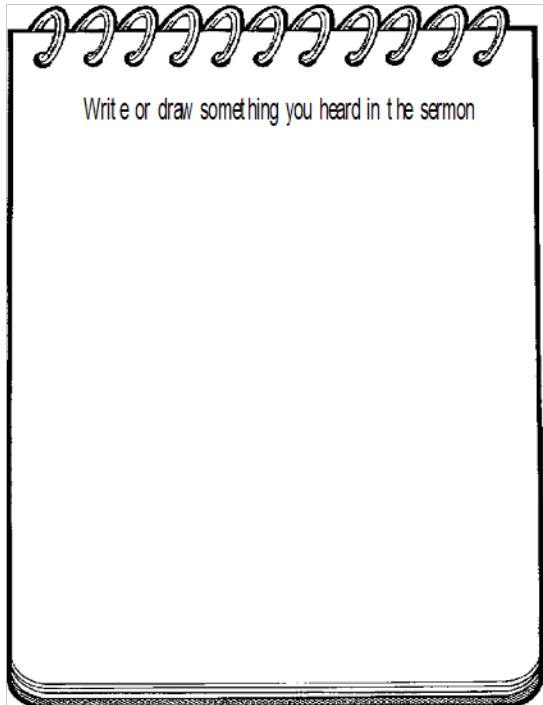
Words you heard but don't know...



Favorite song today was:



What are we learning about God from this passage?



PRAYER REQUESTS

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Kawachi Family
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for Sunday school and our Sunday school teachers
- Pray for those dealing with physical ailments

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The men of the church are invited to attend a breakfast fellowship to be held the first Saturday of the month. The next one will be on Saturday, October 5, at 8 a.m. at IHOP on West 12th St. For More information see Pastor Miller.
- Sunday School starts today. We have three classes for elementary aged children and an adult class.
- We are having a church picnic today at McKean Park located at 8800 Main St, McKean, PA. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- We are planning to march as a church in the McDowell Homecoming Parade again this year. The parade is scheduled for the early evening on Friday, September 27. If you would like to join us and don't already have a church t-shirt (children too) please let Pastor Miller know so he can get you one prior to the parade. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- The Women of Ascension Presbytery are co-sponsoring a Fall Retreat and have invited all women of West Erie PCA to join them in Pittsburgh at First Reformed Presbyterian Church November 8-9. The cost to register is \$17. For more information go to PPWM_AIMEEBYRD.EVENTBRITE.COM See Natalie Miller if you are interested in carpooling and coordinating hotel arrangements.

NURSERY/CHILDCARE

- If at all possible, we want families to worship together. But, at times, it may be necessary, for the orderliness and edification of the church, to utilize the nursery in the library, which is equipped with chairs and a sound system.

Food Jehovah gives the hungry, Sight Jehovah gives the blind,
Freedom gives He to the pris'ner, Cheer to those bowed down in mind.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous To the stranger is a stay,
Helps the fatherless and widow, But subverts the sinner's way.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises Of my God through all my days.
Over all GOD reigns for ever, Through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, Joyful hallelujahs sing.

CONFESION OF FAITH*

All: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen." Apostles Creed

CONFESION OF SIN

Psalm 51:1-9

All: "Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight -- That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:5-6

Leader: Hear the good news! "For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 65:1-5

TUNE: WEBB 76.76.D (65A)

"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" Book of Psalm 1871

Praise waits for Thee in Zion! To Thee vows paid shall be.

O God, of prayer the hearer, All flesh shall come to Thee.

Iniquities are daily Prevailing over me,

But all of our transgressions Are covered o'er by Thee.

How blessed the man Thou choosest And bringest near to Thee,

That in Thy courts forever His dwelling place may be.

We shall within Thy temple Be wholly satisfied

And filled with all the goodness Thy sacred courts provide.

O God of our salvation, Thou in Thy righteousness
With awesome deeds and wonders Thine answer wilt express,

O Thou in Whom confiding All ends of earth agree,

And people who are sailing Upon the farthest sea.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise un-ending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able
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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 110

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.

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name. - Cont.

10,000 Reasons

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

EXODUS 15:1-27

Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: "I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea! ² The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him. ³ The LORD is a man of war; The LORD is His name. ⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. ⁵ The depths have covered them; They sank to the bottom like a stone. ⁶ "Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces. ⁷ And in the greatness of Your excellence You have overthrown those who rose against You; You sent forth Your wrath; It consumed them like stubble. ⁸ And with the blast of Your nostrils The waters were gathered together; The floods stood upright like a heap; The depths congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹ The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; My desire shall be satisfied on them. I will draw my sword, My hand shall destroy them.' ¹⁰ You blew with Your wind, The sea covered them; They sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹ "Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders? ¹² You stretched out Your right hand; The earth swallowed them. ¹³ You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength To Your holy habitation. ¹⁴ "The people will hear and be afraid; Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants of Philistia. ¹⁵ Then the chiefs of Edom will be dismayed; The mighty men of Moab, Trembling will take hold of them; All the inhabitants of Canaan will melt away. ¹⁶ Fear and dread will fall on them; By the greatness of Your arm They will be as still as a stone, Till Your people pass over, O LORD, Till the people pass over Whom You have purchased. ¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them In the mountain of Your inheritance, In the place, O LORD, which You have made For Your own dwelling, The sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established. ¹⁸ "The LORD shall reign forever and ever." ¹⁹ For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them. But the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea. ²⁰ Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. ²¹ And Miriam answered them: "Sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!" ²² So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³ Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. ²⁴ And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" ²⁵ So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them. And there He tested them, ²⁶ and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you." ²⁷ Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 3:16-24

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.¹⁷ But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but indeed and in truth.¹⁹ And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.²⁰ For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.²² And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.²³ And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.²⁴ Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Hymn of Preparation*

Follott S. Peripoint, 1864

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
 • for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 grac - es hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

For the Beauaty of the Earth

DIX 7.7.7.7.7. Conrad Kocher 1838

REFRAIN
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

SERMON

John 9:1-12

"The Man Born Blind Part 1"

Pastor Marc Miller

- ¹ Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.
- ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
- ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him."
- ⁴ "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."
- ⁵ "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
- ⁶ When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.
- ⁷ And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.
- ⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"
- ⁹ Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he."
- ¹⁰ Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"
- ¹¹ He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."
- ¹² Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

Sermon Notes

- Point 1