



*“... You follow Me.”
John 21:22b*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 75:1

Leader: We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare
that Your name is near.

*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: EIN' FESTE BURG 88.88.66.668

“Psalm 46”

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

God is our refuge and our strength, A present help in our distress.
We will not therefore be afraid Tho' all the earth should be removed,
Tho' mountains great be hurled into the ocean's depths,
Tho' seas may roar and foam And billows shake the shore, Tho' mountains tremble at their power.

A river brings refreshing streams to cheer the city of our God,
The Most High's holy dwelling place. God is in her; she won't be moved;
At dawn will God help her. The heathen rage; realms quake;
He lifts His voice; earth melts. The LORD of hosts with us! Our fortress strong is Jacob's God.

O come, see what the LORD has done: He desolations brought on earth;
On earth He puts an end to wars, Breaks bow and spear, and char-iots burns.
Be still! Know I am God. Exalted o'er all men, Exalted o'er all earth.
The LORD of hosts with us! Our fortress strong is Jacob's God

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Nicene Creed

All: We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his father before all worlds, God of God, Light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and life in the world to come. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

All: O Lord, we openly admit that You know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before You. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from You. Therefore we ask that You discover unto us our sins so that we may humble ourselves again in Your presence and seek Your forgiveness and grace. We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, malice and other things that grieve Your heart. We have committed sins of omission and commission. But we seek Your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ. And we thank You for Your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 51:16-17

Leader: Hear the good news! "For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart -- These, O God, You will not despise."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

***We ask that for the time being you send your tithe checks by mail to our treasurer.*

Psalm 51:12-19

TUNE: REDHEAD

"Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me"

Give salvation's joy again, And a willing mind sustain.
Then Thy perfect ways I'll show That transgressors may them know;
They converted then shall be; Sinners shall be turned to Thee.

Free me from the guilt of blood, God, of my salvation God;
Then with joy my tongue shall raise Songs Thy righteousness to praise.
Open Thou my lips, O Lord; Then my mouth shall praise accord.

Sacrifice Thou wilt not take, Else would I the off'ring make.
Off' rings burnt bring no delight, But a broken heart, contrite,
God's accepted sacrifice, Thou, O God, wilt not despise.

Prosper Zion in Thy grace; Salem's broken walls replace.
Then shall sacrifices right, Whole burnt off rings Thee delight;
So will men, their vows to pay, Bullocks on Thine altar lay.

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 112:1-10

Leader: Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments.

All: *His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.*

Leader: Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.

All: *Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.*

Leader: A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion.

All: *Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.*

Leader: He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

All: *His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his enemies. - cont.*

Leader: He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor.

All: The wicked will see it and be grieved; He will gnash his teeth and melt away; The desire of the wicked shall perish.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 28:1-31

Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Command the children of Israel, and say to them, 'My offering, My food for My offerings made by fire as a sweet aroma to Me, you shall be careful to offer to Me at their appointed time.' ³ And you shall say to them, 'This is the offering made by fire which you shall offer to the LORD: two male lambs in their first year without blemish, day by day, as a regular burnt offering. ⁴ The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, the other lamb you shall offer in the evening, ⁵ and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering mixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil. ⁶ It is a regular burnt offering which was ordained at Mount Sinai for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD. ⁷ And its drink offering shall be one-fourth of a hin for each lamb; in a holy place you shall pour out the drink to the LORD as an offering. 'The other lamb you shall offer in the evening; as the morning grain offering and its drink offering, you shall offer it as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD. ⁹ And on the Sabbath day two lambs in their first year, without blemish, and two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, with its drink offering -- ¹⁰ this is the burnt offering for every Sabbath, besides the regular burnt offering with its drink offering. ¹¹ At the beginnings of your months you shall present a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, without blemish; ¹² three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram; ¹³ and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with oil, as a grain offering for each lamb, as a burnt offering of sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD. ¹⁴ Their drink offering shall be half a hin of wine for a bull, one-third of a hin for a ram, and one-fourth of a hin for a lamb; this is the burnt offering for each month throughout the months of the year. ¹⁵ Also one kid of the goats as a sin offering to the LORD shall be offered, besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering. ¹⁶ On the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of the LORD. ¹⁷ And on the fifteenth day of this month is the feast; unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days. ¹⁸ On the first day you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work. ¹⁹ And you shall present an offering made by fire as a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year. Be sure they are without blemish. ²⁰ Their grain offering shall be of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah you shall offer for a bull, and two-tenths for a ram; ²¹ you shall offer one-tenth of an ephah for each of the seven lambs; ²² also one goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you. ²³ You shall offer these besides the burnt offering of the morning, which is for a regular burnt offering. ²⁴ In this manner you shall offer the food of the offering made by fire daily for seven days, as a sweet aroma to the LORD; it shall be offered besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering. ²⁵ And on the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work. ²⁶ Also on the day

of the firstfruits, when you bring a new grain offering to the LORD at your Feast of Weeks, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work. ²⁷You shall present a burnt offering as a sweet aroma to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, ²⁸with their grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram, ²⁹and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs; ³⁰also one kid of the goats, to make atonement for you. ³¹Be sure they are without blemish. You shall present them with their drink offerings, besides the regular burnt offering with its grain offering.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 3:1-21

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you *is* not tedious, but for you *it is* safe. ²Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! ³For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, ⁴though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: ⁵circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. ⁷But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. ¹⁶Nevertheless, to *the degree* that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. ¹⁷Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. ¹⁸For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* their belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame -- who set their mind on earthly things. ²⁰For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: AZMON C.M.

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

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.

SERMON

John 21:20-25

"You Follow Me"

Pastor Marc Miller

- 20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"
- 21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what *about* this man?"
- 22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me."
- 23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what *is that* to you?"
- 24 This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

Hymn of Response*

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

"O Church Arise"

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O Church, arise, and put your armour on; Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth, We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle-cry is Love, Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, We will fight with faith and valour.

When faced with trials on every side We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride, Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day When with Christ we stand in glory.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer Requests

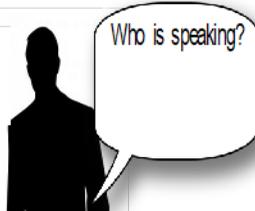
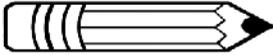
- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Garrett Family
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our Nation's leaders
- Pray for our deacon nomination process

Announcements

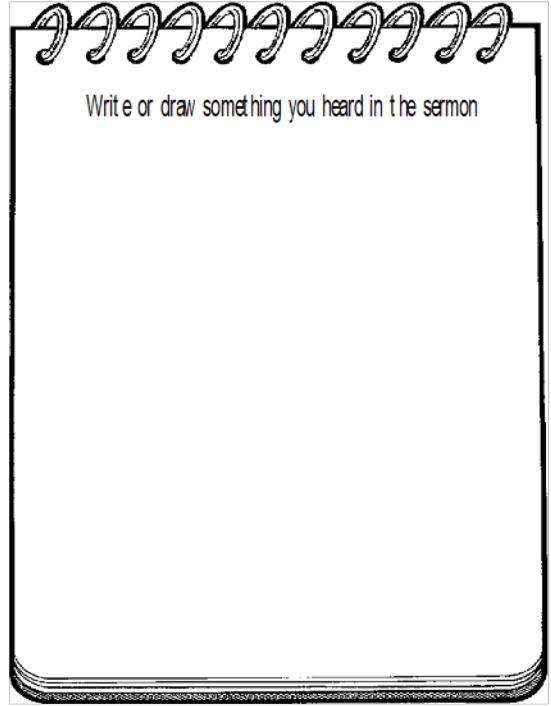
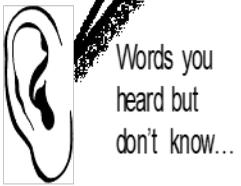
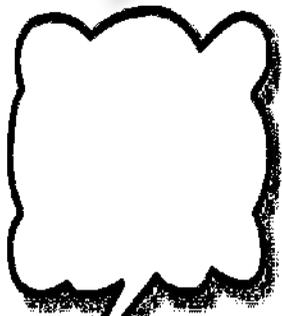
- We will be having a prayer meeting over Zoom on Wednesday evenings starting at 8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on Saturday, March 6, at 8 a.m., at the IHOP on west 12th street. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Miller.
- The ladies and girls of the church are invited to a bridal shower for Andrea Dobi on Sunday, February 28 right after church. Please RSVP to Natalie Miller.
- Our Presbytery is having a virtual missions conference on March 13-14. Jerry Knight, one of our missionaries, will be presenting in this conference. If you would like more information there is a schedule posted on the mission's board in the back of the sanctuary.
- The session has decided that it is time to put forth nominations for the office of deacon and to receive nominations from the congregation. Nominations are to be received from communicate members of the church. The **duties** and **qualifications** for the office of deacon are summarized below along with some more information.
 - The PCA's book of church says this about the duty of the deacon: *"The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need."*
 - The Bible say this as to the qualifications of the deacon in 1 Timothy 3:8-12: *"Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless"*
 - The session is nominating Tim Whitbeck, Steve Crane, and Mike Scarpitti.
 - If you believe there are other men who are members of the congregation that may be qualified for this office please ask them first, and if they are willing to be nominated, inform the elders of the church.
 - After a two-week nomination period, a time of training will begin, followed by a called congregational meeting to elect those the session has approved.
 - If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Miller or one of the elders of the church.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

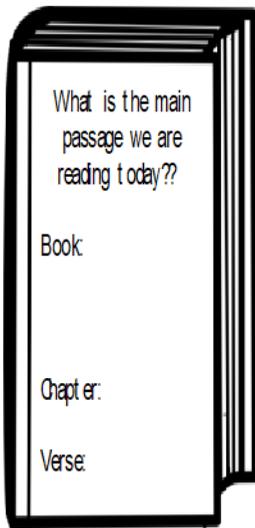
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

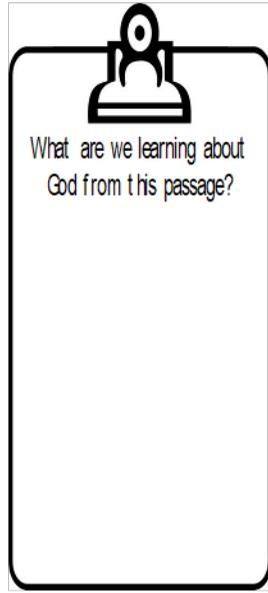


What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Verse: _____



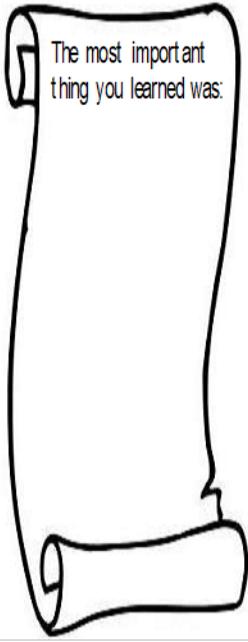
What are we learning about God from this passage?



Favorite song today was:



Questions?



The most important thing you learned was:



How does today's message apply to your life?

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.**
 - This means that we believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
 - This means we believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
 - This means we hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
 - This means that 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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