

“Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked...” -Genesis 3:7a

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 40:16

Leader: Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually,

All: *"The LORD be magnified!"*

*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*

*Hymn of Praise**

TUNE: LANCAHSIRE 7.6.7.6.D

"Lead on, O King Eternal"

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the melody, and the bass clef staff contains the accompaniment. The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;
2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er thy face ap - pears;

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

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

Psalm 39:4-8

All: "LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor. Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up riches, And does not know who will gather them. And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:8-9

Leader: Hear the good news! "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

Psalm 54

TUNE: EBENEZER 87.87.D

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

By Your name, O God, now save me; Grant me justice by Your strength.
To these words of mine give answer; O my God, now hear my prayer.
Strangers have come up against me, Even men of violence.
And they seek my life's destruction; God is not within their thoughts.

See how God has been my helper, How my Lord sustains my soul:
To my foes He pays back evil— In Your truth destroy them all!
I will sacrifice with gladness; I will praise Your name, O LORD.
He has saved me from all trouble; I have looked on all my foes.

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 12:1-8

Leader: Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.

All: They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

Leader: May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, And the tongue that speaks proud things, ⁴

All: Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is lord over us?"

Leader: "For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for which he yearns."

All: The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.

Leader: You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever.

All: The wicked prowls on every side, When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:1-29

Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. ²And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! ³"Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" And they were offended at Him. ⁴But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." ⁵Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching. ⁷And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. ⁸He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff -- no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts -- ⁹but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰Also He said to them, "In

whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. ¹¹And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!" ¹²So they went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them. ¹⁴Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, "John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵Others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets." ¹⁶But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!" ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. ¹⁸For John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. ²¹Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. ²²And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." ²³He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!" ²⁵Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1st Thessalonians 4:1-18

Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; ²for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ⁵not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. ⁷ For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. ⁸Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit. ⁹But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; ¹⁰and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; ¹¹that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, ¹²that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that

you may lack nothing. ¹³But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.

*Psalm of Preparation**

TUNE: ST. CHRISTOPHER 78.86.86.86

"Psalm 71:1-14"

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

O LORD, in Thee I'm trusting; Ashamed let me not be;
O save me in Thy righteousness, Give ear, and rescue me.
Be Thou my rock, my dwelling place, My constant safe resort.
Thou my salvation hast ordained; Thou art my rock and fort.

From wicked hands, God, free me, Hands cru-el and unjust;
Thou, Lord Jehovah, art my hope; From youth Thou art my trust.
For I have been sustained by Thee Through birth and early days;
Brought from my mother's womb by Thee, I'll give Thee constant praise.

To many I'm a wonder; Thou art my refuge strong.
My mouth is brimming with Thy praise And honor all day long.
Do not reject me in the time When old age I shall see;
And in my days of failing strength Do not abandon me.

My enemies with hatred Against me evil speak;
Those who are watching for my life United counsel seek.
They say, "God has forsaken him! Pursue him! None will save!"
O God, do not be far from me; My God, Thy help I crave.

Let all who strive against me Disgraced and wasted be,
All covered with reproach and shame Who seek to injure me.
But I with lasting confidence Will hope con-tin-u-al-ly,
And I will add still more and more To all the praise of Thee.

SERMON

Genesis 3:1-13

"The Fall"

Pastor Marc Miller

¹ Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"

- 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;
- 3 "but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "
- 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.
- 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
- 6 So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.
- 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.
- 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
- 9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"
- 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."
- 11 And He said, "Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"
- 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."
- 13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What *is* this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: TOPLADY 7.7.7.7.7.7.

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer Requests

- This week’s WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for our Nation’s leaders
- Pray for our elders
- Pray for our deacon training process
- Pray for all of those dealing with physical ailments
- Pray for our covenant children

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, June 5, at 8 a.m., at the IHOP located at Peach St. and 1-90. If you need more information, please contact Pastor Miller.

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1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy law's de - mands;
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

E A E⁷ A E A E⁷ A

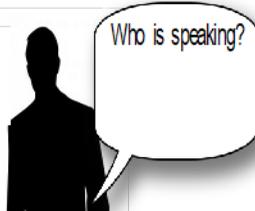
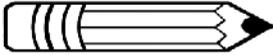
let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

D A D A ♯ Bm⁷ A E⁷ A ♯

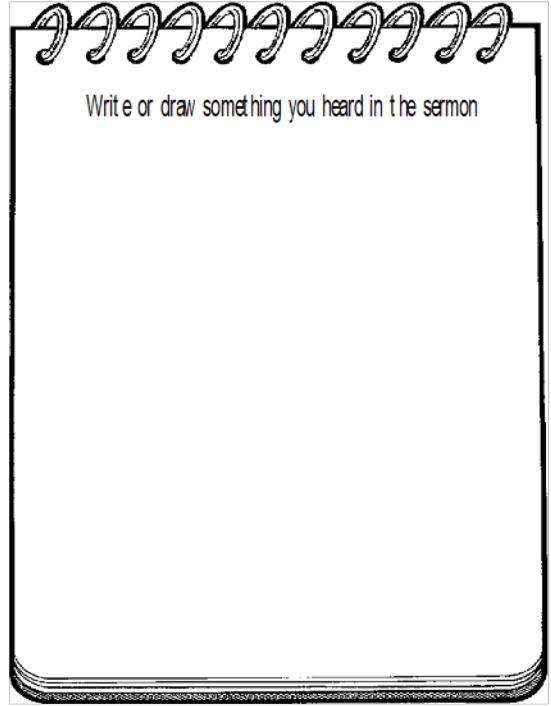
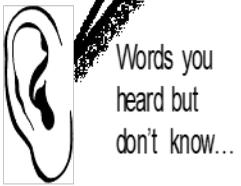
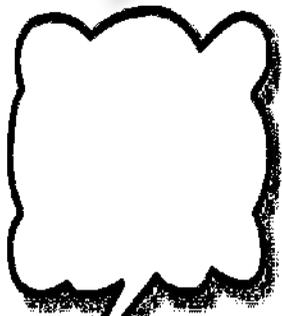
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 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

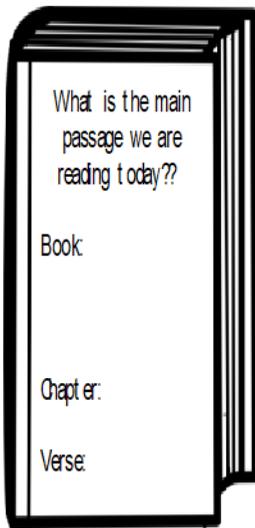
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As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

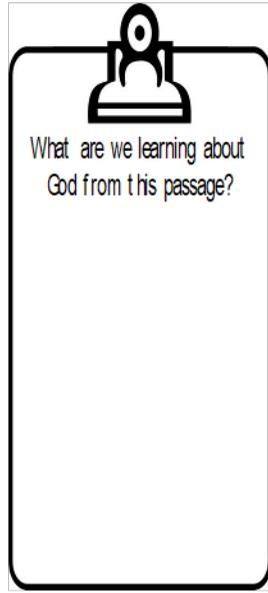


What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Verse: _____



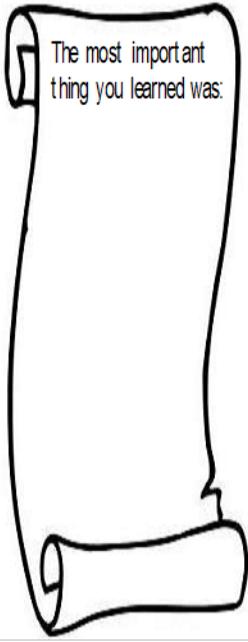
What are we learning about God from this passage?



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.**
 - 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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