



“THE FORMER ACCOUNT I MADE, O  
THEOPHILUS, OF ALL THAT JESUS BEGAN  
BOTH TO DO AND TEACH,”

-ACTS 1:1A

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Psalm 116:5-6*

Leader: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful.

*All: The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.*

## ***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\*

## ***Psalm of Praise\****

TUNE: CONSTANCE 87.87.D.

## ***“Psalm 136:1-16”***

“I've Found a Friend”

O thank the LORD, for good is He; His mercy lasts forever.  
Thanks to the God of gods give ye; His mercy lasts forever.

O praises give the King of kings; His mercy lasts forever;  
For He alone does wondrous things; His mercy lasts forever;

Who in His wisdom framed the skies; His mercy lasts forever;  
Who made the earth from waters rise; His mercy lasts forever;  
Who placed the great lights on display; His mercy lasts forever;

The sun to rule the sky by day; His mercy lasts forever;

The moon and stars to rule the night; His mercy lasts forever;  
Who Egypt's firstborn all did smite; His mercy lasts forever;

Who freed all Isr'el from their charm; His mercy lasts forever;

With mighty hand and out-stretched arm; His mercy lasts forever;

Who by His wind the Red Sea clave; His mercy lasts forever;  
Led Isr'el through the parted wave; His mercy lasts forever;

O'er Pharaoh He the Red Sea spread; His mercy lasts forever;

Through desert wastes His people led; His mercy lasts forever

## CONFESsION OF FAITH\*

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 80

Leader: Can true believers be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and that they shall persevere therein unto salvation?

*All: Such as truly believe in Christ, and endeavour to walk in all good conscience before him, may, without extraordinary revelation, by faith grounded upon the truth of God's promises, and by the Spirit enabling them to discern in themselves those graces to which the promises of life are made, and bearing witness with their spirits that they are the children of God, be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and shall persevere therein unto salvation.*

## CONFESsION OF SIN

PSALM 25:4-7, 11

*All: "Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD. For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my iniquity, for it is great." Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus' name.*

## SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 130:3-4

Leader: Hear the good news! "If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup>But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared."

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

### **“Psalm 23”**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

The LORD’S my Shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, Ev’n for His own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

A table Thou has furnished me In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;  
And in GOD'S house forevermore My dwelling place shall be

### **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 67:1-7*

Leader: God be merciful to us and bless us, *And cause His face to shine upon us. Selah*

*All: That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.*

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

*All: Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth. Selah*

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

*All: Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.*

Leader: God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Ezra 1:1-11*

"Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying, <sup>2</sup>Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah. <sup>3</sup>Who is among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (He is God), which is in Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>And whoever is left in any place where he dwells, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the freewill offerings for the house of God which is in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>Then the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all whose spirits God had moved, arose to go up and build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And all those who were around them encouraged them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with precious things, besides all that was willingly offered. <sup>7</sup>King Cyrus also brought out the articles of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem and put in the temple of his gods; <sup>8</sup>and Cyrus king of Persia brought them out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them out

to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. <sup>9</sup>This is the number of them: thirty gold platters, one thousand silver platters, twenty-nine knives, <sup>10</sup>thirty gold basins, four hundred and ten silver basins of a similar kind, and one thousand other articles. <sup>11</sup>All the articles of gold and silver were five thousand four hundred. All *these* Sheshbazzar took with the captives who were brought from Babylon to Jerusalem.

## **GOSPEL READING**

*John 1:1-28*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. <sup>8</sup>He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. <sup>9</sup>That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup>He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' " <sup>16</sup>And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*. <sup>19</sup>Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the LORD," ' as the prophet Isaiah said." <sup>24</sup>Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. <sup>27</sup>"It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose." <sup>28</sup>These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

***Hymn of Preparation\****

TUNE: ST. LEONARDS 8.7.8.5.

***"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"***

Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925.

### SERMON

*Acts 1:1-4*

*"The Second Part"*

*Pastor Marc Miller*

- 18 Who is a God like You, Pardonning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights *in* mercy.
- 19 He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.
- 20 You will give truth to Jacob *And* mercy to Abraham, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old

### Sermon Notes:

- Point 1
- Point 2
- Point 3

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### *Hymn of Preparation\**

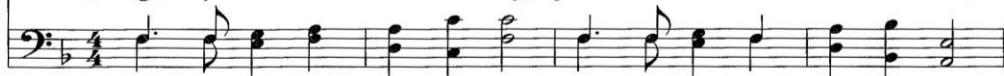
TUNE: ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.

### *"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"*

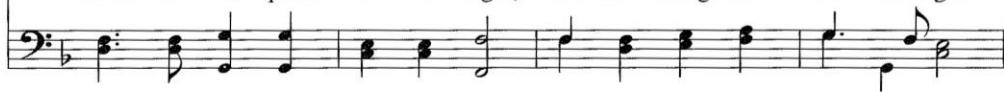
Latin Hymn, 6<sup>th</sup> cent.



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, pow'r's of hell be -neath thee lie;



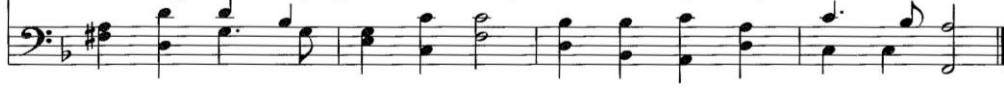
who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
Is - rael's hosts tri - um -phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
death is con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:



praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;  
hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to thee we raise;



gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.



### *WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION*

### *PRAYER OF PREPARATION*

## PASSING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

\*\*THE WAFERS ARE NUT AND GLUTEN FREE.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### *Hymn of Response\**

TUNE: TOPLADY 7.7.7.7.7.7.7.

### *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776.

Γ A D A      D A Γ      Bm<sup>7</sup> A      E<sup>7</sup> A

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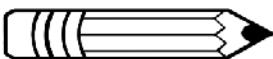
1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy law's de - mand - s;  
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;  
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

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,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

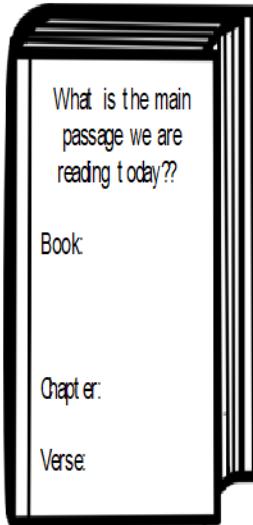
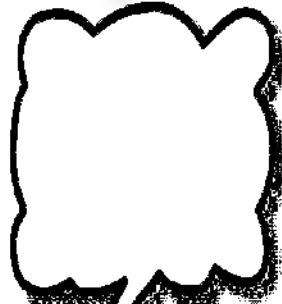
### BENEDICTION\*

# 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??

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:



What are we learning about God from this passage?

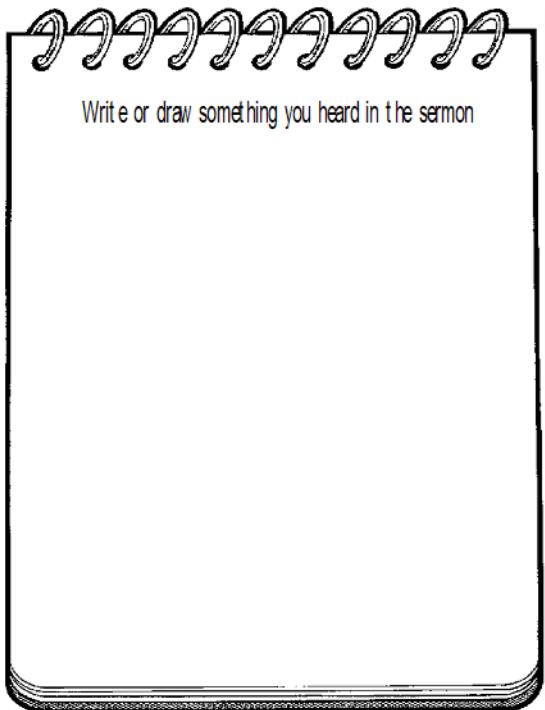


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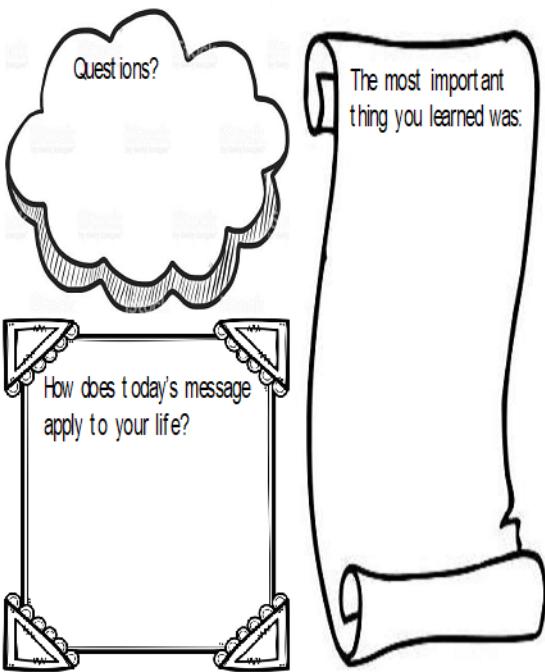
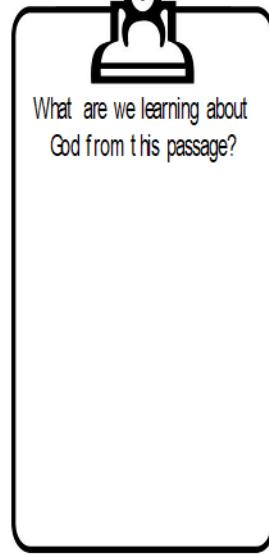
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Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



How does today's message apply to your life?

The most important thing you learned was:

Questions?

## **Prayer requests**

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Spencer and Carmen 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: Tonight at church from 6-7:30 p.m.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, February 7 at 8 a.m. Please read the introduction and chapter 1 in the Romans 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. We will not have Sunday School on Sunday February 15 to help facilitate the luncheon.
- Fellowship Luncheon: Sunday, February 15, after church at the LEAF center located at 1501 W 6th St, Erie, PA 16505. The church will provide the main dish of ox roast and rolls we ask that you bring a dish or two to pass. You can drop off your dishes prior to the morning worship service between 10 and 10:45 if needs be. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

## **Who Should take Communion?**

The question of who is eligible to receive communion is one of vital importance. In order to draw our minds towards examining ourselves in accordance with the Apostle Paul's exhortation to the church in Corinth, the Session of West Erie Presbyterian Church in America encourages all in attendance today to consider the following questions:

Do you believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for your sins and rose again bodily from the dead?

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for your salvation?

Have you been baptized?

Are you a communicate member in good standing of a Bible-believing, gospel proclaiming church?

Are you pursuing a life of obedience by forsaking sin and striving, by grace and help of the Holy Spirit, to glorify God with your entire life?

If you can answer "Yes" to each of these questions, then the Session of West Erie Presbyterian Church in America welcomes and invites you to partake of the Lord's Supper with us today.

If however, you cannot answer "Yes" to each of these questions – or if you are not sure – then we request that you refrain from partaking at this time. We encourage you to take this time to consider your own personal need for Christ, His abundant provision for the salvation of sinners, as well of the biblical requirement to join a local body of believers in humble submission to Christ's provision of elders and overseers. After the service, please come speak with a member of the Session to discuss the steps

# 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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