**THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS**

**The Presbyterian Church of West Salem**

**July 25, 2021 Christmas in July 10:15AM**

**Updated protocols for Covid-19.**

Session has considered the May 13 guidance from the CDC on the wearing of masks by vaccinated individuals. The CDC does leave it up local jurisdictions, businesses, and venues to set their own rules for Covid protections.

The following guidelines will be followed to ensure a safe experience for In-person Worship:

* For the safety of those who can’t be vaccinated – children and extremely vulnerable individuals- masks are required for people that are not vaccinated. For those individuals who are vaccinated, masks are optional.
* Seating has returned to normal (pre-Covid) capacity.
* There will be live song leaders and special music. Worshipers are welcome to sing along.
* For the children’s message, kids are invited to come up front. There will be marks on the floor for them to sit on to maintain social distance.
* Offerings will again be collected by the ushers.
* **There will be no nursery provided**
* There will be fellowship time Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 A.M.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PRAYER**

**HYMN O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

**1** O come, all ye faithful,

Joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold Him,

Born the King of angels!

**Refrain:**

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ, the Lord!

**2** Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,

Born this happy morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father,

Now in flesh appearing!

**3** Sing, choirs of angels,

Sing in exultation!

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all

Glory in the highest!

**FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 3:1-15**

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*

**HYMN:  *"*O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"**

**1** O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

**4**O come Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

**Refrain**
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**SECOND LESSON: GENESIS 17, 21**

*God establishes his everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah, to whom God promised a son in her old age*

**HYMN: PREPARE THE WAY**

**1** Prepare the way O Zion
Your Christ is drawing near
Let every hill and valley
A level way appear
Greet One who comes in glory
Foretold in sacred story
**Chorus:**
O blest is Christ that came
In God's most holy name

**2** Christ brings God's rule O Zion
He comes from heaven above
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice truth and love
Lift high your praise resounding
For grace and joy abounding**.**

**THIRD LESSON: GENESIS 29, 49**

*Leah gives birth to Judah; God promises that the scepter would not depart from Judah.*

**HYMN WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT**

**1**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

**3**"To you in David’s town this day
"Is born of David’s line,
"The Savior who is Christ the Lord;
"And this shall be the sign:

**FOURTH LESSON: JOSHUA 2:1-21**

*Rahab hides the spies and is saved to become part of the lineage of Jesus.*

**HYMN SILENT NIGHT**

**1** Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

**4** Silent night, holy night
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born

**FIFTH LESSON: RUTH 3-4**

*God provides a home for Ruth, who became the great-grandmother of King David.*

**HYMN LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING**

**1** Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung;
of Jesse's lineage coming,
by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter
when half spent was the night.

**2** Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
she bore for us a Savior
when half spent was the night.

**MOMENT FOR CHILDREN**

**SIXTH LESSON: 2 SAMUEL 11-12**

*In spite of David's sin with Bathsheba, the Lord blesses them with another son, Solomon, who is listed in the lineage of Jesus.*

**HYMN I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

**1** I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace of earth, good-will to men.

**3**And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth, " I said,

"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."

 **4** Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."

 **SEVENTH LESSON: LUKE 1-2***The angel of God is sent to Nazareth to a virgin named Mary. The Birth of Jesus Christ.*

**PEOPLE:**

 **Everything was ready. The moment God had been waiting for. The earth held its breath and when no one was looking, in the darkness, he came. There was a young girl, Mary, who was engaged to a man named Joseph (the great, great, great, great grandson of King David).**

**One morning, this girl was minding her own business when a warrior of light appeared. He was Gabriel, the angel, the messenger from heaven. Mary was frightened. Gabriel said, "You don't need to be scared. God is happy with you."**

**He then said, "Mary, you're going to have a baby. A little boy. You will call him Jesus. He is God's own Son. He's the One! He's the Rescuer!"**

**"But it's too wonderful!". Mary said and felt her heart beating hard. "How can this be true?" "Is anything too wonderful for God?" Gabriel asked. So, Mary trusted God more than what her eyes could see. And she believed. "I am God's servant," she said. Whatever God says, I will do.**

**Nine months later was ready to have her baby.**

**OFFERING**

LEADER: Let us magnify the Lord, rejoicing in the one who scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly, and fills the hungry with good things.

**OFFERTORY HOLY IS HIS NAME** *John Michael Talbot*

**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Song and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PEOPLE: Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh**. **Amen.**

**HYMN JOY TO THE WORLD!**

**1** Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

**4** He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

**THE BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**

***THESE PERSONS HAVE ASSISTED IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP:***

***MUSICIANS:*** *Sara Oldenburg Greg Meeuwsen*

***LITURGIST:*** *Vicky Bain*

***USHER:*** *Nick Miller*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 **We have returned to In-Person Worship**. Live Stream Worship will continue.

**Summer Sunday School**Please join us for VBS content; current 4K - 8th grade
Rocky Railway - Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through!
Sunday, August 8th, Thursday and Friday, August 5th and 6th from 5:30-7:45 with dinner!

**Fellowship Time:** Sunday morning from 9:30 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. Coffee and juice will be served.

**Per Capita** is an obligation for each member of the Presbyterian Church.
The Per Capita is $33.70 for 2021.

**Tithes & Offerings can be mailed to: PO BOX 861, West Salem, WI 54669** (Use PO Box NOT Street address)

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