

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS
The Presbyterian Church of West Salem
August 22, 2021 13th Sunday after Pentecost 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

THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

LEADER: The Eyes of the LORD are on the Righteous, God's ears are open to their cry.

PEOPLE: When the Righteous call for aid the LORD hears, and sends them help.

LEADER: The Lord is near the Brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in Spirit.

PEOPLE: He keeps all of them strong, not one will be broken again.

LEADER: So let us worship the God who strengthens us!

PEOPLE: Yes, Let us Worship the LORD!

***HYMN: #482 PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY (PH)**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Gracious God, we come before you as sinners. We have not done all that you would have us do, and there is much we have left undone. We do not always remember to honor you with all of our hearts, minds, and strength, and we do not always love our neighbors as ourselves. We flail about in fear, rather than girding ourselves in the armor you have given us. Lord, we believe, help our unbelief, and listen as we offer up our prayers before you.

(Moment of Silent Confession.)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI**

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Please remain in your seats)*

Let us greet one another as forgiven sinners with the peace of Christ.

"The peace of the Lord be with you". **And also, with you.**

MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON- "The Armor of God"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Debts/Debtors)*

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.

HYMN: #302 I Danced in the Morning (PH)

BENEDICTION

*SONG OF SENDING #537 ***Shalom, Chaverim!*** *(PH)*

Farewell, good friends,

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Shalom, shalom!

Till we meet again, till we meet again,

Shalom, shalom.

Shalom, chaverim!

Shalom, chaverot!

Shalom, shalom!

Lehitraot, lehitraot,

Shalom, shalom.

Pastor: Go in Peace, to Serve the LORD

People: Thanks Be to God!

POSTLUDE

THESE PERSONS HAVE ASSISTED IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP:

MUSICIANS: *Greg Meeuwsen, Julie Baker*

LITURGIST: *Becky Auna*

SOUND ROOM: *Gideon/Josiah Wolbrink*

USHER: *Shawn McAlister*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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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