

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS

The Presbyterian Church of West Salem

October 3rd, 2021

19th 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:

- **Due to the rise in Covid cases, masks are required for all worshipers -regardless of vaccination status.**
- 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**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: People of God, The Table is ready!

PEOPLE: **We have come to share in the feast of our LORD!**

LEADER: People of God, the Bread has been baked!

PEOPLE: **We share the LORD's blessings as we take of God's Body.**

LEADER: People of God, the grapes have been squeezed!

PEOPLE: **We share the LORD's passion as we drink of God's Blood.**

LEADER: So let us worship the God who has gathered and fed us!

PEOPLE: **Yes! Let us Worship the LORD!**

* **THE HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (PH 263)*

* 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 place our trust in earthly things, rather than trusting in you. 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.

"May the Peace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you!". **And also, with you.**

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN - You are Always Welcome

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON - The Purpose of the Law

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostles Creed)*

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, OFFERINGS, GIFTS

People of God, Jesus Christ did not die on the Cross for our money, or for our wealth. Rather, Christ came for us. When we give, we do not do so to purchase our way, but we do so as an act of worship, giving to the LORD in memory of all that God has given to us. So let the ushers come forward, and let us Worship God with our Giving.

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**

Gracious God, accept now the gifts of your people. Bless them so that they may grow and go forth, doing your work in your world. Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's prayer (Debts/Debtors)

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

PASTOR: Lift up your Hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the LORD!**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God!

PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

PASTOR: Most holy and gracious God, we praise you who has gathered us around this table... and who forever sing to the glory of your name;

PEOPLE: **Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of Power and Might,
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD,
Hosanna in the highest!**

PASTOR: Forgiving God, we call upon you in our times of fear and doubt... for great is the mystery of the faith:

PEOPLE: **Christ has died,
Christ is Risen,
Christ will come again!**

PASTOR: And while we wait on that day when we will share this meal in heaven with you, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

PEOPLE: **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.**

Receiving the elements

***HYMN** *Let us Break Bread Together (PH 513)*

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF SENDING**

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds
Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.*

PASTOR: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

***THE POSTLUDE**

THESE PERSONS HAVE ASSISTED IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP:

MUSICIANS: Greg Meeuwssen, Julie Baker
LITURGIST: Barbara Hopkins
SOUND ROOM: Lily Oldenburg
USHER: Charles Engel
COMMUNION SERVERS: Shayna Arndt, Richard Calvetti, Lois Sanwick, Nancy Olson, Charles Engel, Norm Sanwick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday School: starts Sunday, October 10th. Open to all students 4k through 5th grade.

Thank Offering: The Presbyterian Women Thank offering was begun in 1888 by a woman in Springfield, Ohio who asked women to give \$1.00 over their usual mission giving. Funds go both here and overseas There are envelopes in the chair pockets or you can write a check to the church with "Thank offering" listed as the recipient. Please give as you are able and thank you for your help.

Pumpkin Painting: Please join us for pumpkin painting after church on October 24th. Masks will be required and we are asking everyone to social distance. Families will be encouraged to sit together at the tables. We will do our best to stay safe, but still have fun. Pumpkins and supplies will be provided. LET'S HAVE FUN!!!!

Fall Festival: will be held Saturday November 13. Raffle tickets are available now, \$1 each or 6 for \$5! There are some really great prizes this year. See a member of the PW to purchase your tickets. Thanks to all who gave items for the raffle. They are: Becky Auna, Sherry Bonsall, Howard Garves, Nick Miller, Terry Miller, Jean Pearson, Norm Sanwick, Dorothy Schmaltz, Jackie Siekert, Sherry Strauss, Jerry and Karen Quackenbush -Thank you!

All Saints Day: We will be remembering all of the loved ones that were lost since October 2020 at our All Saints' Day Service on Sunday, November 7th. In order not to miss anyone, we need your help. With the change in office staff & clergy it could inadvertently happen that someone is missed. We certainly don't want that to happen. Please send an email or make a phone call to the church or let Barbara Hopkins know at barbarah232@hotmail.com or 608-790-3288. Please submit this information by October 31. Thank you. We appreciate your help!

Temporary Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m

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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