

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS**  
**The Presbyterian Church of West Salem**  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 16<sup>th</sup> 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 to 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:** The Heavens are telling the glory of God, the Firmament proclaims God's handiwork

**PEOPLE:** **Day to Day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

**LEADER:** The voice goes out over all the Earth, the words to the ends of the world.

**PEOPLE:** **They are to be more desired than Gold, and taste sweeter than honey.**

**LEADER:** By learning them are God's servants warned, and by keeping them are we rewarded.

**PEOPLE:** **So let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable.**

**LEADER:** So let us worship the God who teaches us!

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

**\* THE HYMN**      #464      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*      *(Blue Hymnal)*

**\* 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 refuse to learn from the world around us, preferring instead to choose the truths we wish to believe. 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.**

## **A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN-** Why We Learn

### **SCRIPTURE READING** Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street;

in the squares she raises her voice.

<sup>21</sup> At the busiest corner she cries out;

at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

<sup>22</sup> "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing

and fools hate knowledge?

<sup>23</sup> Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you;

I will make my words known to you.

<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused,

have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

<sup>25</sup> and because you have ignored all my counsel

and would have none of my reproof,

<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity;

I will mock when panic strikes you,

<sup>27</sup> when panic strikes you like a storm,

and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,

when distress and anguish come upon you.

<sup>28</sup> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;

they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

<sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge

and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

<sup>30</sup> would have none of my counsel,

and despised all my reproof,

<sup>31</sup> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way

and be satiated with their own devices.

<sup>32</sup> For waywardness kills the simple,

and the complacency of fools destroys them;

<sup>33</sup> but those who listen to me will be secure

and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** - Wisdom Crying in the Streets

## **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**

The Salvation of Jesus Christ is not for sale. When we give, we do not do so to earn our salvation, as that has already been freely given. Instead, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all that has been given to us. So let us worship the LORD 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**

**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**        #387        *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*        (Blue Hymnal)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG OF SENDING**        #536        *Lord, Make us More Holy* (*v 1 Blue Hymnal*)

Lord, make us more holy,  
Lord, make us more holy,  
Lord, make us more holy,  
Until we meet again.  
Holy, holy, holy,  
Until we meet again

**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 Meeuwsen, Lisa Jones*

**LITURGIST:**                *Helen Harold*

**SOUND ROOM:**            *Logan Oldenburg*

**USHER:**                      *Howard Garves*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Fall Rummage Sale:** September 17<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 7 PM and on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM to 3 PM.

This sale will include lots of Fall and Winter items. We have:

- Coats & sweaters
- Boots
- Winter hats & mittens
- Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas items
- Hunting clothes
- Multiple heaters

We will have lots of regular rummage as well.

Please plan on helping set up starting the week of September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please call Diana Engel at 608-386-0860 or Jean Pearson at 608-786-3344 to set up a time to work. We will also need lots of help on September 18<sup>th</sup> after 3 PM to clean up after the sale.

*We will be accepting clean, usable items for the sale starting on September 13<sup>th</sup>.*

**Celebration of Life** for Sue (Brown) Winterfield on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 4pm to 7pm at B's Place in West Salem. Sue's family invites you to share memories and enjoy beverages and appetizers in her memory. Sue shared her many talents with the church and for many years made blankets for the children being baptized. She was a quilter, seamstress, worked at the Food Pantry and always there to help others. Sue and her parents, Marion and Bert Brown, were lifetime members of our church. Sue passed away on August 6, 2020.

**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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