

The People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM

October 17, 2021

21th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

The Call to Worship

Leader: Our God speaks to us from the storm, will we listen?

People: We have come to hear our LORD, and will listen to God's voice.

Leader: Our God shouts from the mountaintops, will we notice?

People: We have come to worship our LORD, and will heed our God's commands.

Leader: We have no power to hide from God, the LORD knows us through and through.

People: We have come before our LORD, awesome in all of God's power.

Leader: So let us worship the God who speaks to us!

People: Yes! Let us Worship the LORD!

***Opening Hymn**

455 Presbyterian Hymnal

All Creatures of Our God and King

***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 call out for God's wisdom, but when it is something we don't want to hear, we hide away. 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, 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 the Children

The Light of the Lord

Scripture Reading

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

¹ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

² "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³ Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you,
and you shall declare to me.

⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements – surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone
⁷ when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

³⁴ "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?

³⁵ Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, 'Here we are'?

³⁶ Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?

³⁷ Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens

³⁸ When the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together?
³⁹ “Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
⁴⁰ when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert?
⁴¹ Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Talk to Me, I Talk Back

Pastor Dan McCurdy

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, and 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 and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

***Closing Hymn**

281 Presbyterian Hymnal
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

***Benediction**

***Song of Sending**

438 Presbyterian Hymnal
Blest Be the Tie That Binds (verse 3)

**We share our mutual woes
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.**

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***The Postlude**

Updated protocols for Covid-19

Session has considered 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 are live song leaders and special music. Worshipers are invited to sing along.
- Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary during the Children's Message. There are seating marks to maintain social distance.
- The offering will be collected by the ushers.
- **Nursery services are not currently available.**
The church nursery is available for use by parents.

October 10, 2021 Worship Team:	
Acolytes	Brynn Loring Lily Oldenburg
Liturgist	Jackie Siekert
Pianist	Julie Baker
Sound Room	Josiah Wolbrink
Usher	Charles Engel

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Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

Presbyterian Church of West Salem
PO Box 861
West Salem, WI 54669

Handbell Choir

More hands are needed for our handbell choir!

See Barbara Hopkins or Helen Harold for more information.

Pumpkin Painting

Join us after worship next Sunday, October 24!

Masks are required and social distancing encouraged.

Pumpkins and supplies will be provided.

Come and have fun!

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers Needed!

See Becca Bohnsack or Sara Oldenburg if you can help.

Fall Stewardship Campaign

Pledge cards have been mailed

and are available in the back of the sanctuary.

*Through our giving, we continue to be a light of Christ
in our church, our community, and the world.*

All Saints' Day Worship Service

Sunday, November 7, 2021

*If you have lost a loved one since October 2020,
please notify the church office by October 31 at:
preschurchws@gmail.com*

Fall Festival

Saturday, November 13

Raffle tickets are available for purchase:

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00!

See a member of the PW to purchase a ticket.

All funds from the Fall Festival will be donated to missions.

Community Dinner

Wednesday, November 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Please drive up and meals will be placed in your vehicle.

Thank Offering

Thank Offering funds are distributed here and overseas.

There are envelopes located in the chair pockets.

*Please make checks payable to the church and indicate
"Thank Offering" in the memo.*