

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

**November 28, 2021**

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** The Signs tell of the day of the LORD's coming!

**PEOPLE:** Behold, the Lamb of God!

**LEADER:** Our God has not forsaken us, our Savior races towards us!

**PEOPLE:** Behold, the Lamb of God!

**LEADER:** No pain is too great, no grief is too dark to keep us  
from our LORD!

**PEOPLE:** Behold, the Lamb of God!

**LEADER:** So let us worship our God who comes to save us!

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

**\*Opening Hymn**

# 8 Presbyterian Hymnal

**Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

**\*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,  
We do not always love our neighbors as ourselves.  
We fail to look to the hope you offer, and so remain trapped in  
our fear and dread. 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**

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 21:25-36**

25 There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations  
confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of  
the heavens will be shaken.

27 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory.

28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your  
redemption is drawing near."

29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees;

30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already  
near.

31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and  
the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly,

35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will  
take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

## **Prayer of Illumination**

### **Sermon**

*Back to the Future Again*

Pastor Jon Schmidt

### **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**

# 2 Presbyterian Hymnal  
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Song of Sending**

# 9 Presbyterian Hymnal  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Oh, come, Oh come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**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.**

### November 28, 2021 Worship Team:

<b>Acolytes</b>	Brooklyn Haverly-Ghelfi William Heeter
<b>Liturgist</b>	Barbara Hopkins
<b>Musicians</b>	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwsen Sara Oldenburg
<b>Sound Room</b>	Evan Crusan
<b>Usher</b>	Richard Calvetti

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### Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

**Presbyterian Church of West Salem**

**PO Box 861**

**West Salem, WI 54669**

## Congregational Meeting After the December 5<sup>th</sup> Worship Service

This meeting will be held to elect Elders, Deacons and congregational members of the Nominating Committee

### Hanging of the Greens

Immediately after worship today!

Come Join The Fun!!

### Christmas Joy Offering

As we make our way to the manger celebrating the wondrous birth of the Christ child, please consider a gift to this worthwhile offering once again this year. Thank You!!

This offering will be collected through December 19th.

### Gloves, Socks, and Fidget Spinners needed!

The West Salem School District is in need of warm winter gloves (those that can withstand snow and wet conditions), socks for all ages, and fidget spinners/poppits (which are proven to help children young and old increase concentration and control anxiety).

Donations can be placed in the box in the back of the sanctuary or dropped off with Nick at Le Coulee Cheese Castle.

### Tabitha Circle

**Bring your crafts and join us!**

*The first and third Monday each month at 1:00 p.m.*

### Sunday School Teachers and Helpers Needed!

*See Becca Bohnsack or Sara Oldenburg if you can help.*