

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

**November 7, 2021**

24th Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: The Earth is the LORD's, and all that is in it.

**People: God founded it on the Seas, and established it on the Rivers.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
Who will stand in its holy place?

**People: The Saints of the LORD, who have gone before.**

Leader: They receive a blessing from the LORD,

**People: The Vindication of God is their salvation.**

Leader: So let us worship the God who gave us those  
who went before.

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

**\*Opening Hymn**

# 394 Presbyterian Hymnal  
***There Is a Balm in Gilead***

**\*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, 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**

*When it Hurts*

**Scripture Reading**

*Revelation 21:1-6a*

- <sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
- <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
They will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;  
<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."
- <sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."
- <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon**

*Grief and God*

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**

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**

*You Raise Me Up*

### **\*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 Celebration of All The Saints**

### **Prayer of Remembrance**

Lord, today we remember all of those saints who have gone  
before us. The ones who loved us, the ones who taught us,  
the ones who showed your love to us and helped us to grow  
in your faith. As we speak their names and remember them,  
let them hear our voices from their places with you in the  
Church Victorious, and be with us in our grief. Amen.

### **The Reading of Names**

### **The Lighting of Candles**

# 280 Presbyterian Hymnal  
*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

### **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**

# 332 Presbyterian Hymnal  
*Live Into Hope*

### **\*Benediction**

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

# 540 Presbyterian Hymnal  
*God Be with You Till We Meet Again (vs 1)*

God be with you till we meet again  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you  
God be with you till we meet again.

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## 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 7, 2021 Worship Team:

<b>Acolytes</b>	Brynn Loging Elsa Wolbrink
<b>Liturgist</b>	Shayna Arndt
<b>Musicians</b>	Julie Baker Nick Miller
<b>Sound Room</b>	Ethan 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**

### Fall Festival Raffle

**Ticket sales will end on November 13, 2021.**  
**This is the only fund-raising event our church will be having this year.**

The drawing will take place on Saturday, November 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the church entry way. Thank you to all who have purchased tickets.  
*Come and find out if you are a winner!*

### Youth Group Begins!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited Wednesday, November 17 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.!  
*Find us in the Fellowship Hall for fun games, great fellowship, and the peace that the word of God brings!*

### Adult Bible Study

Sundays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel Room  
We will focus on the lectionary scripture presented that Sunday.  
*Bring your Bible or use one from the church.*

### Community Dinner

**Wednesday, November 24 at 5:00 p.m.**  
Please drive up and meals will be placed in your vehicle.

### Sunday School Teachers and Helpers Needed!

*See Becca Bohnsack, Sara Oldenburg, or Pastor Dan 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.*

### New Office Administrator!

We are excited to announce Deb Miller as our new office administrator!  
She will begin on Monday, November 8.

### New office hours!

*Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday:*  
*8:30 am to 1:30 pm*

**Presbyterian Church of West Salem  
All Saints' Day Worship Celebration**

**November 7, 2021**

James Bahr

Doris A. Carlson

Barbara Cox

Eugene "Gene" Denson

Lois R. Elliott

Loris Ann Griffin

Dorothy "Dottie" Hicks

Paul Manter

Henry "Nick" Nickerson

Gale W. Oldenburg

Norman Richard Olson

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Robert "Chip" Woertendyke

David Wolf

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