

The People of God Gathered to Worship As  
**Presbyterian Church of West Salem**

**December 19, 2021**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** People of God, our LORD is coming!

**PEOPLE:** We Greet our God with Love!

**LEADER:** Our LORD holds us close, our LORD cares deeply,

**PEOPLE:** We cannot escape such love, there is no where we can go it won't find us.

**LEADER:** What can come between us and the Love of the LORD?

**PEOPLE:** Nothing in heaven or on Earth can separate us from God's  
love!

**LEADER:** So let us the worship our God who loves us!

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

\*Bell Choir - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

\*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before you as people in desperate need of a Savior. We are surrounded by sin, both in the world around us and in ourselves. We often fail to love you with all of our being, and in the same way, fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ignore the voices of your children, when often they tell us the message we need the most. Come, Lord Jesus, and bring the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love that we all need in our lives, and listen to us, as we confess our sins silently 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."*

## Youth Christmas Pageant

### Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

People of God, in a season of giving, we are reminded that all that we have received from God were given as gifts, freely, and in love. Therefore, when WE give, let us do so not in an attempt to earn what we have been given, but instead in worshipful imitation of what our God has given us.

### 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, our gifts are small next to all that you have given us. Take our gifts, LORD, and make them holy, so that they may bring Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love to all whose lives that they touch. Amen.

### Installation of Elders and Deacons

#### \*Closing Hymn

# 249 Celebration Hymnal  
O Come All Ye Faithful

#### \*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

#277 Celebration Hymnal

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored;  
Christ the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time, behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

#261 Celebration Hymnal

**Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger, No crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus Lay down His sweet  
head

The stars in the bright sky  
looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing; The Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus - No crying He makes  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the  
sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children In Thy tender  
care  
And fit us for Heaven, To live with Thee  
there.

#265 Celebration Hymnal

**The First Noel**

The first Noel the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
In fields as they lay,  
In fields where they,  
Laying their sheep  
On a cold winter's night  
That was so deep.

Noel Noel Noel Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

Noel Noel Noel Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel

#270 Celebration Hymnal

**Joy to the World**

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

## 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.**

December 19, 2021 Worship Team:	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Annabelle Baker Brynn Loging
<b>Liturgist</b>	Jackie Siekert
<b>Musicians</b>	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwsen Sara Oldenburg
<b>Sound Room</b>	Logan Oldenburg
<b>Usher</b>	Kristjan Sells

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### Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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

### **Outdoor Church Sign**

Our outdoor church sign will be refurbished in December.  
The sign will be taken to the shop for a couple weeks  
for repainting and new acrylic covers.  
The plan is to have it back in place before Christmas.

### **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.

**Christmas Eve Service**  
**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 pm**

**Tabitha Circle**  
**Bring your crafts and join us!**

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

**Community Dinner**  
**Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Sunday School Teachers and Helpers Needed!**

See Becca Bohnsack or Sara Oldenburg if you can help.