

The People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM
December 26, 2021
1st Sunday of Christmas

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Joy to the World!

PEOPLE: The Child is Born, our Savior has Come!

LEADER: All of the Earth rejoices to meet the newborn Savior!

PEOPLE: Hope and Love shine forth in darkness, in our pain
comes love and life!

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 the child who brings light to our
Darkness!

PEOPLE: Yes! Let us Worship the LORD!

***Opening Hymn**

56 Presbyterian Hymnal (verses 1, 2, 3)

The First Nowell

***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 try to control how you interact with the world, when we should be letting you guide us. 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."*

A Moment with the Children- Joy is Fun!

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Where Did You Think I'd Be?

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, 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.

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**

44 Presbyterian Hymnal

O Little Town of Bethlehem

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF SENDING**

31 Presbyterian Hymnal (verse 1)

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***The Postlude**