

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS

The Presbyterian Church of West Salem

December 5th, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

10:15AM

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: People of God, Prepare the way of the LORD!

PEOPLE: **The Prince of Peace is Coming, Thanks be to God!**

LEADER: People of God, Prepare the LORD's table!

PEOPLE: **The LORD shares all blessings, Thanks be to God!**

LEADER: People of God, Pour the cup and break the bread!

PEOPLE: **The LORD sustains us and grows us, Thanks be to God!**

LEADER: So let us worship the God who brings us peace!

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

*** Opening Hymn**

#12 Presbyterian Hymnal

People Look East - Verses 1, 3, 5

*** 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 look at Peace as a simple ending of hostilities, rather than a change that
needs to be made inside of ourselves.**

**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**

Passing Of The Peace *(Please remain in your seats)*

Let us greet one another as forgiven sinners with the peace of Christ.

"May the Peace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you!"
And also, with you.

A Moment With Children – When We Need A Change

Scripture Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;

³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon – The Cost of Peace

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, 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.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's prayer (Debts/Debtors)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your Hearts.

We lift them up to the LORD!

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Most holy and gracious God, we praise you who has gathered us around this table... and who forever sing to the glory of your name;

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD, God of Power and Might,
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD,
Hosanna in the highest!**

Forgiving God, we call upon you in our times of fear and doubt... for great is the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is Risen,
Christ will come again!**

And while we wait on that day when we will share this meal in heaven with you, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

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.

Receiving the Elements

*Closing Hymn

#5 Presbyterian Hymnal

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*Benediction

*Song of Sending

#9 Presbyterian Hymnal

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

***O come, Thou Dayspring, come
and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.***

***Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel Shall
come to thee O Israel!***

PASTOR: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

*The Postlude