

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

**January 2, 2022**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: People of God, A New Day is Coming!

**People: The Day of our LORD is almost upon us!**

Leader: People of God, All fighting shall cease, true Peace will reign!

**People: The One Ruler shall Rule, our God all Supreme!**

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**

# 302 Presbyterian Hymnal (verses 1, 3, 5)

*I Danced in the Morning*

**\*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 imagine our separation is permanent, rather than looking to the day when we are all only yours. 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 – Coming Back Together**

**Scripture Reading**

*Jeremiah 31:7-14*

<sup>7</sup> For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

<sup>11</sup> For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon**

*I Will Bring Them Back*

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.

## 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.**

### \*Closing Hymn

# 376 Presbyterian Hymnal  
***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

### \*Benediction

### \*Song of Sending

# 9 Presbyterian Hymnal  
***Song of Hope***

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.

### January 2, 2022 Worship Team:

<b>Acolytes</b>	Audrey Steinborn Lily Oldenburg
<b>Liturgist</b>	Kevin Arndt
<b>Musicians</b>	Greg Meeuwesen Julie Baker
<b>Sound Room</b>	Gideon Wolbrink
<b>Usher</b>	Brian Baker

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### Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

**Presbyterian Church of West Salem**

**PO Box 861**

**West Salem, WI 54669**

**Nursery services are now open  
and will be fully staffed.**

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Monday, January 3rd

12:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Located here in the Church

### **Tabitha Circle**

**Bring your crafts and join us!**

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

### **Community Dinner**

**Wednesday, January 26th**

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.

### **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.