

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

**January 28, 2024**  
**4th Sunday After Epiphany**

**Closing Hymn**

*Though I May Speak*  
**#335 Presbyterian Hymnal**

**Benediction**

**Song of Sending**

*Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*  
**v. 1 #538 Presbyterian Hymnal**

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**The Postlude**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**Choral Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn**

*How Great Thou Art*  
**#467 Presbyterian Hymnal**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, hear the confessions of your people, hear us as we admit to all the ways in which we have failed. Hear us as we confess the things we did and should not have done, hear us as we confess the things we should have done and didn't. We focus on winning the argument, and fail to consider if we are being pleasing to you. Forgive us LORD, and hear our silent confessions.

**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**

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.”*

## **Hymn of Illumination**

*Open My Eyes That I May See  
v. 1 #324 Presbyterian Hymnal*

## **First Scripture Reading**

Mark 1:21-28– See Insert

## **Choir – Order My Steps**

## **A Moment with the Children – With Authority**

## **Second Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 - See Insert

## **Prayer Of Illumination**

Sermon – How to be Wrong while being Right 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**

Everything we have, we received from God. When we give back to  
God, it is not to earn our way or to repay a debt, as what we have  
was given. Instead, we give in imitation of the Lord, to be generous  
as God is generous, and so to worship the LORD with our giving. So,  
people of God, let us bring our gifts before the LORD in worship.

## **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 help to feed the hungry, grow the church,  
and share your Light with a world lost in Darkness.  
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.**

## First Scripture Reading

Mark 1:21-28

**<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup> and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.**

## Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

**8 Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup> Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge, <sup>3</sup> but anyone who loves God is known by him. <sup>4</sup> Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists" and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup> Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup> It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup> But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup> So by your knowledge the weak brother or sister for whom Christ died is destroyed. <sup>12</sup> But when you thus sin against brothers and sisters and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never again eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.**

**Sunday School**  
**9:00 am – Grades 2-5, Youth Group**  
**During Church – Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Kids will be dismissed to Sunday School**  
**following the Children’s Message**

**Nursery Available – 4k and under only**  
**Not staffed**

**Coffee and Cookies**  
**Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall**  
**9:30-10:00 am**

January 28, 2024 Worship Team	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Tiffani LaJeunesse
<b>Musicians</b>	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwsen
<b>Sound Room</b>	Brynn Loging
<b>Choir Director</b>	Vicki Arndt
<b>Usher</b>	Ron Seeger

**Tithes and Offerings**

Donations can be mailed to:  
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**Tabitha Circle**  
**Bring your crafts, sack lunch and join us!**  
**The first and third Monday of each month**  
**11:30-2:30 pm**

**Exercise Group**  
**Tuesdays and Fridays**  
**9:00 to 10:00 am**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Handbell Ringer Rehearsals – 6:30 pm**  
**Choir Rehearsals – 7:45 pm**  
**Thursdays**

**Annual Meeting**  
**February 11, 2024**  
**After Service**

**Community Dinner**  
**February 28th**  
**5-6 pm**

**Calling all Soup and Bread Lovers!**  
**This Lent we are continuing our Lenten Soup Series, and we**  
**need Soup Volunteers! If you can bring a Pot of Soup or bread for**  
**one of our Wednesday Night Soup Suppers, please sign up at the**  
**back of the church, or contact the church office. Thanks!**

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**Lenten Soup Suppers**  
**February 21st - March 20th**  
**Wednesdays**  
**5pm - 6pm**

**Mid-Week Lenten Services**  
**February 21st - March 20th**  
**Wednesdays**  
**6:30 pm**

**Would you like a visit from the Pastor?**  
**You are important to the Presbyterian Church of West**  
**Salem. Please contact the church office if you would like a**  
**pastoral visit or to set up an appointment with the pastor.**  
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