

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

February 18, 2024
1st Sunday of Lent

Closing Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
#150 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

Minute For Missions

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

To God Be The Glory
#485 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 go on and on about your vengeance, and violence, forgetting the promise made to love us. 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

1 Peter 3:18-22 - See Insert

A Moment with the Children – Feel The Rainbow

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17 - See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – What if God WASN'T looking to destroy us?
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.

Handbell Choir – In The Cross of Christ I Glory

Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

The Gifts of God are just that, gifts. God's love does not come with a price tag, salvation does not require a subscription, and Christ's love was freely given to us all on the cross. When we give, it is an act of worship, of mimicking the incredible generosity we were shown with our own generosity to help support others. So let us worship our God with our giving.

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

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Sunday School
9:00 am – Grades 2-5, Youth Group
During Church – Grades K-2nd
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

February 18, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Caroline Sells
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwssen
Sound Room	Dane Bohnsack
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Dave Bohnsack

Tithes and Offerings

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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 in Fellowship Hall

Handbell Ringer Rehearsals – 6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsals – 7:45 pm
Thursdays

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!

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.
Call 608-786-0910 Or preschurchws@gmail.com

PW Breakfast Buffet Meeting
Saturday, February 24th at 9:00 AM
Fellowship Hall
All women invited. Please bring a breakfast item you would like to share on the buffet. Coffee and juice provided. Birthday Offering will be taken. Project afterwards will be filling 12 gift bags to be distributed to members. Please bring (12) non-perishable food/snacks or gift items to contribute to those bags. Hope to see you on the 24th!

2023 Contribution Statements
On Table in Fellowship Hall Entranceway