

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

February 25, 2024
2nd Sunday of Lent

Closing Hymn

Blest Be The Tie That Binds
#438 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

A Mighty Fortress
#260 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 look to rules and rubrics to save us, forgetting that your forgiveness precedes all law. 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

Genesis 17:1-7 - See Insert

Choir – Amazing Grace

A Moment with the Children – The Biggest Promise Ever

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 4:13-25 – See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – Not The Law, But Faith 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

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

Genesis:17:1-7

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³ Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 4:13-25

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 25, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Josiah Wolbrink
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwssen
Sound Room	Kelly Crusan
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

Milestone to Celebrate!!
Congratulations to
James and Valerie Olson
50 YEARS!!

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

WHITE ROSE!!
Bob Elliott passed away
On February 16, 2024

2023 Contribution Statements
On Table in Fellowship Hall Entranceway