

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

February 4, 2024
5th Sunday After Epiphany

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.**

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

Call to Worship

LEADER: Praise the LORD in the Congregation!

**PEOPLE: Let us study God's works,
so we may delight in them!**

**LEADER: The LORD is gracious and merciful,
Providing for their people!**

**PEOPLE: The Works of God are faithful and just,
God's precepts are trustworthy.**

**LEADER: God has sent us Redemption,
and we praise God in response!**

**PEOPLE: God guides us with knowledge,
God leads us with Wisdom!**

LEADER: So let us worship the God who calls us!

PEOPLE: Alleluia! Let us worship the LORD!

Opening Hymn

**Help Us Accept Each Other
#358 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 1:29-39 - See Insert

A Moment with the Children – Where Do I Belong?

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 - See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – Nothing Ordinary About Life In The Community
Reverend Debbi King Quale

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.**

First Scripture Reading

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶ If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a wage, but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸ What then is my wage? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might gain all the more. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to gain Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not outside God's law but am within Christ's law) so that I might gain those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I might become a partner in it.

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 4, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Chris Winther
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwssen
Sound Room	Elsa Wolbrink
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

Communion Sunday
February 11th

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 14th 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.
Call 608-786-0910 Or preschurchws@gmail.com