

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

March 3, 2024
Communion Sunday
Third Sunday In Lent

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Choir Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

This Is My Father's World
#293 Presbyterian Hymnal

Prayer of Confession

Most Holy and Merciful God, have mercy upon us, a sinful people. We were made to be a light to the world, but often we walk in darkness. We fail to heed the commands you give, and often we do the things you urge us not to do. We see the Law as a Scourge to drive us, forgetting that in it, you offered comfort. Forgive us our sins, and hear the confessions that we lift up 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.

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

Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak
v. 1 #426 Presbyterian Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-7

¹Then God spoke all these words, ²"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Choir – How Beautiful

A Moment With Children – The Rules

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:8-17

8 “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. 12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. 13 “You shall not murder. 14 “You shall not commit adultery. 15 “You shall not steal. 16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon - The Law of Naptime 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.

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.

Receiving the Elements

Closing Hymn

For The Fruit Of All Creation

#553 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

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

March 3, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Martha Burdick
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwsen
Sound Room	Josiah Wolbrink
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Fred Miller

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.

Community Dinner

March 27th

5-6 pm

Blood Drive

March 25th

12:30 – 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Exercise Group

Tuesdays and Fridays

9:00 to 10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Handbell Ringer Rehearsals – 6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsals – 7:45 pm

Communion TODAY

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

TODAY

Nelda Manter's 90th Birthday Party

11:30 am – 4:00 pm

Briggs Room – Onalaska Care Center