

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

March 10, 2024
4th Sunday of Lent

Closing Hymn

Holy, Holy
#140 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

Spirit of the Living God
#322 Presbyterian Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Minute for Missions

Call to Worship

LEADER: Give Thanks to the LORD for God is good!

PEOPLE: God's Steadfast Love Endures Forever

LEADER: The LORD redeemed us from troubled lands,

PEOPLE: God's Steadfast Love Endures Forever

LEADER: God gave us Christ to cross the breach

PEOPLE: God's Steadfast Love Endures Forever

LEADER: So let us worship the God who loved us long before the Law.

PEOPLE: Alleluia! Let us worship the LORD!

Opening Hymn

Jesus Thy Boundless Love to Me
#366 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 forget the gifts you have given us, and so forget to give to others. 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

Ephesians 2:1-10 - See Insert

A Moment with the Children – Believe!

Second Scripture Reading

John 3:14-21 – See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – The Greatest Gift 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

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, ⁴ but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

Second Scripture Reading

John 3:14-21

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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 10, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Barbara Hopkins
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwsen
Sound Room	Brynn Loging
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

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
March 27th
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

Blood Drive
March 25th
12:30 – 5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Interested in being sent
The PCOWS email each week?
Contact the Office at 608-786-0910
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