

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

March 17, 2024
5th Sunday of Lent

Closing Hymn

What a Friend We Have In Jesus
#403 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

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Seek Ye First
#333 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 for authority in the world around us, and forget the Law that you wrote in our hearts. 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

Hebrews 5:5-10- See Insert

Choir – God So Loved The World

A Moment with the Children – The Rule of Love

Second Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31: 31-34– See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – The Law Within Us Pastor Dan McCurdy

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed – See Insert

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

Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by¹ the one who said to him, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”; ⁶ as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Second Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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 17, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Jane Foner
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwssen
Sound Room	Kelly Crusan
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

Handbell Ringer Rehearsals – 6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsals – 7:45 pm
Thursdays

Exercise Group
Tuesdays and Fridays
9:00 to 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall
Not meeting
March 26th or 29th,
April 2nd, 5th or 12th

Community Dinner
March 27th
5-6 pm

Lenten Soup Suppers
February 21st - March 20th
Wednesdays
5pm - 6pm

Mid-Week Lenten Services
February 21st - March 20th
Wednesdays
6:30 pm

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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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Maundy Thursday Service
March 28th
6:30 PM