

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

**May 5, 2024**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**Choir Call To Worship**

**Opening Hymn**

*Praise Ye The LORD, the Almighty*  
**#482 Presbyterian Hymnal**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, we remember your resurrection, and celebrate your victory over the grave. But we also remember that it was our sin that put you on the cross, and our failures that meant we needed a Savior in the first place. We do not always do what we should, and we often do the things we shouldn't. We try to survive on our own ability, forgetting that your grace always walks with us. Forgive us our sins, and listen to us as we raise up our silent confessions to 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**

*Christ Is Alive!*  
**v. 5 #108 Presbyterian Hymnal**

## ***First Scripture Reading***

### **John 15:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Choir – I Came To Believe

A Moment With Children – Making A Choice

Confirmation

## ***Second Scripture Reading***

### **Acts 10:44-48**

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon -      The Spirit Upon You                      Pastor Dan McCurdy

Special Music – Shifting Sand by Caedmon's Call

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           *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*  
                                  #341 Presbyterian Hymnal**

### **Benediction**

**Song of Sending       *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*  
                                  v. 1 #113 Presbyterian Hymnal**

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **The Postlude**

**Sunday School**  
**ENDS May 12th**

9:00 am – Grades 2-5, Youth Group  
During Church – Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup>  
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

May 5, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Avis Evenson
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwsen
Sound Room	Elsa Wolbrink
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Mike Siekert

**Tithes and Offerings**

Donations can be mailed to:

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**Bible Camp Scholarships for Youth**

Interested in attending a summer bible camp?  
Applications on back table and due May 10<sup>th</sup>  
If you prefer digital, please email  
[preschurchws@gmail.com](mailto:preschurchws@gmail.com)

**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**  
**Practices End May 15th**

**Men's Choir**  
**Sings on Mother's Day**

**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](mailto:preschurchws@gmail.com)

The ongoing mission of **The Presbyterian Women** is  
to support the **Salvation Army** and **WINN (What I  
Need Now)** by collecting needed items. See the  
Lamplighter for list of items. All items can be  
placed in the purple tote at the back of the  
sanctuary. Money donations are accepted as well.

**Adult Sunday School Ends Today**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Senior Graduate Sunday!**

**Exercise Group**  
Tuesdays and Fridays  
9:00 to 10:00 am  
Fellowship Hall

**Confirmation Today!**