

Offertory – *Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer*

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.

Closing Hymn *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*
v. 1,2,4 #483 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending *How Majestic Is Your Name*
 #121 Celebration Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

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

June 22, 2025
2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude – *The Hands of Jesus*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

Leader: Elijah listened as the Wind Blew,

People: But God was not in the Wind.

Leader: Elijah listened as the Earth Quaked,

People: But God was not in the Earthquake.

Leader: Elijah listened as the fires raged,

People: But God was not in the Fire.

Leader: God came not in the violence, but in the stillness.

People: Let us lift up our voices to God!

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

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.

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 Our Eyes, LORD
v. 1 #633 Celebration Hymnal*

First Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19: 8-15a - See Insert

A Moment with the Children – Speaking in the Silence

Special Music – Ain't No Grave – Greg Meeuwsen

Second Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65: 1-9 – See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – What to do with These People - Pastor Dan McCurdy

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Merciful Savior, we come to you in a time of fear and doubt. You have filled us with the power of your Holy Spirit, but often we fail to live and walk as those you have empowered. We seek to turn our enemies into monsters and demons, rather than seeing the humanity inside of them. We have done things you bid us not to do, and we leave undone the things you call us to. Help us live into the Spirit, and be the bright lights on the hill you call us to be, and hear us as we lift our silent confessions up 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, Amen.**

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 all around us, our lives and our homes, our talents and our joys, our family and friends, and the greatest gift of all was the Salvation promised, the life of Christ seeking to end our division from God and each other. When we give, we do not do so to purchase anything... for the gifts of God were already given. Instead, we give in imitation of our LORD, offering what we have to support others, and to be ourselves the gift that God gives the World, so let us worship God with our Giving.

First Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:8-15a

⁸ He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Second Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs and spend the night in secret places; who eat the flesh of pigs, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself; do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸ Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

**Nursery Available – 4k and under only
Not staffed**

June 22, 2025 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Barbara Hopkins
Musicians	Caroline Sells
Sound Room	Audrey Steinborn
Choir & Handbells Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Kristjan Sells

Tithes and Offerings
Donations can be mailed to:
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***Tabitha Circle
Will Not Be Meeting Until
After Labor Day***

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

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

**Community Dinner
June 25th
5pm – 6pm**

**Support the West Salem Food Pantry
Please bring food and home donations
and place them in the shopping carts
between the entryway doors.**

**Church Fall Rummage Sale
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
September 11, 12, 13**

**Items for the fall sale can now be dropped off on Sunday
mornings from 8:30-10:30. Please place your items on the back
wall in the fellowship hall. We are not accepting any electronics
or appliances. Larger items such as furniture will be accepted
closer to the date**

**Women's Summer Bible Study
6-7pm
Wednesdays**

**Community Dinner Update
Please contact Diana Engel or Pastor Dan
Volunteers Needed to take over planning
and implementation in January 2025**

**VBS
July 28th-30th
5:30-8pm**

***Summer Ice Cream Social
Saturday, July 26th
3-5 pm
(Lamplighter has details)***

***Senior Scholarships are due
on July 16th***

**Outdoor Worship Service
July 27th
9 am**