

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

July 6, 2025
Communion Sunday
4th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude – *Take Time To Be Holy*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call To Worship

Leader: Clap your hands, all you People!

People: Shout to the LORD with a voice of Triumph!

Leader: Clap your hands, all you People!

People: Shout to the LORD with a voice of Praise!

Leader: People of God, Christ the Savior calls to us!

People: Let all God's people praise the LORD!

Opening Hymn

Praise Ye The LORD, the Almighty
#482 Presbyterian Hymnal

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

2 Kings 5:1-8

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his

clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.” ⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.”

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN – Wisdom in Listening

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 5:9-14

⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Sermon - It doesn’t HAVE to be Hard Pastor Dan McCurdy

Special Music – Wolbrink Brass

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are a sinful people. We struggle to be who you call us to be, we constantly fall short of your expectations, and we find ourselves all too often becoming more who the world expects us to be. We have not done what we are called to do, and often we do the things we are called to avoid. We fear to speak of the downfall of persecutors, forgetting that your call to Justice should be our only guide. LORD, we believe, help our unbelief, and hear us as we raise our silent prayers 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.**

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.

Offertory – *I Am Thine O Lord*

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

Let us Talents and Tongues Employ
#514 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

Jesus Loves Me
v. 1 #185 Celebration Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

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

July 6, 2025 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Helen Harold
Musicians	Caroline Sells
Sound Room	Lily Oldenburg
Choir & Handbell Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Brynn Logging

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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Tabitha Circle

First and Third Mondays

11:30am – 2:30pm

Bring a lunch

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

**The ongoing mission of The Presbyterian Women is to
support the Salvation Army and WINN (What I Need
Now) by 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.**

Exercise Group

9:00 to 10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

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

Blood Drive

July 30th

11:30am - 4:30pm

Women's Summer Bible Study

Wednesdays

6:30 – 7:30pm

Community Dinner

July 23rd

5-6pm

VBS

July 28th-30th

5:30-8pm

Summer Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 26th

3-5 pm

**Suggested donation of \$2/person. The Driftless River
Band will perform. Slices of pie, whole pies and
other baked goods will be available for sale.**

**Proceeds from the event will fund the missions of
the Presbyterian Women of West Salem.**

**Contact Becca Bohnsack or Becky Auna
with questions.**

**If you would like to help with the ice cream social we
are in need of the following: * Volunteers to set up,
serve and cleanup for the event * Baked goods *
Homemade pies (about 10-12 pies) * Lemonade and
iced tea * Card tables to borrow**

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

Outdoor Worship Service

July 27th

9 am

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**

Community Dinner Update

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

PCOWS Pool Party

West Salem Community Pool

July 20th - 6-8 pm

Free Admission

Snacks & Drinks provided

Bring a friend!