

Offertory - *Softly and Tenderly*

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 *The Church's One Foundation*
v. 1, 3, 5 #442 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*
v. 1 #684 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

August 17, 2025
10th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude – *I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, why are we here?

People: **We have come to worship the LORD!**

Leader: People of God, why do we worship!

People: **The LORD has made all that was made,
God's light shines in us forever!**

Leader: So let us sing to our God on High!

People: **Let us lift up our songs to The LORD!**

Opening Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
#288 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

Isaiah 5:1-7 - See Insert

A Moment with the Children – Taking Care of the Garden

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 12:49-56 - See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – Reading the Room 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 ignore the evidence of our senses of the world around us, clinging to what we hope to be true rather than the truth shown us by the eyes and brains you gave us. 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12: 49-56

⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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

August 17, 2025 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Nancy Olson
Musicians	Caroline Sells
Sound Room	Audrey Steinborn
Choir & Handbells Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Shawn McAlister

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.

**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 can now be dropped off on Sunday mornings
from 8:30-10:30 or by appointment.
Please place your items on the back wall in the fellowship hall.
We are not accepting any electronics or appliances.**

**Furniture is only accepted by appointment.
Please call Sharon at 608-797-1732 or
Sara at 608-304-9926 to set up a time.
This is an important mission for PW.
Please consider volunteering before or during the sale.
Any time you can give is of great help!
If you have any questions at all, please reach out to
Sara Oldenburg or Sharon Cullmann.
Thank you!**

**Community Dinner Update
Please contact Diana Engel or Pastor Dan
Volunteers Needed to take over planning
and implementation in January 2026**