

Offertory - *This Is My Father's World*

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

Be Thou My Vision
#339 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 31, 2025
12th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude – *Safe In The Arms Of Jesus*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, The LORD called us here to worship.

People: Let us Worship our God most High!

Leader: People of God, the LORD calls on our voices!

People: We lift up our voices to the LORD!

Leader: We Gather in God's Presence, we sing of God's great power!

People: Let us worship the LORD!

Opening Hymn

Lead On, Oh King Eternal
#447 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

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 - See Insert

A Moment with the Children – Love IS the Rule

Second Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 2:4-13 - See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – Who Quit Who? 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 watch as the People of God abandon their God, and do not raise a protest. 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

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

¹Let mutual affection continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 2:4-13

⁴Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves? ⁶They did not say, “Where is the Lord, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?” ⁷I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. ⁸The priests did not say, “Where is the Lord?” Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit. ⁹Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children’s children. ¹⁰Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look; send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. ¹¹Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. ¹²Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the Lord, ¹³for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

August 31, 2025 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Erika Crusan
Musicians	Julie Baker
Sound Room	Kelly Crusan
Choir & Handbells Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Shawn McAlister

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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***Tabitha Circle
Resumes September 15th
11:30am-2:30pm
Bring A Lunch***

***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.**

**Community Dinner
Wednesday, September 24th
5-6pm**

**Church Fall Rummage Sale
*Thursday, September 11th - 4:00 to 7:00pm
Friday, September 12th - 7:00am to 4:00pm
Saturday, September 13th - 8:00am to 12:00pm***

Items can be dropped off through Sunday, September 7th.
In order to be ready for Thursday, we are not able to take items after that day. Furniture is only accepted by appointment, and we are unable to accept any electronics or appliances.
Please call Sharon at 608-797-1732 or Sara at 608-304-9926 if you want to schedule a drop off time.
This is an important mission for PW. We are in NEED of volunteers for the week of and during the sale.
PLEASE let Sharon or Sara know if you are able to help. Any time you give is of great help! Thank you!

Community Dinner Update
Our dinner has been a big part of our church mission the past 20 years and a few people have shown interest in continuing it but don't want to be solely in charge. If you are one of those, please contact Pastor Dan or Diana Engel. We would like to schedule a time to meet sometime in September.

**Time Changes for Worship and Fellowship
Beginning on September 7th
Worship will begin at 10 am
Fellowship Time will be from 9:15-9:45am**

**Sunday Schools will resume on
September 21st at 9 am**