

Offertory - *I Need Thee Every Hour*

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 **Victory in Jesus**
 v. 1,2,3 #353 Celebration Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending ***They'll Know We are Christians***
 v. 1 #429 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

September 21, 2025
15th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude – *On Wings Of Songs*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Minute For Missions

Call to Worship

Leader: Our God Sees Us Wherever We go, Whatever We do.

People: **Our God Knows us, because our God MADE us.**

Leader: We cannot hide from God, or Run from God,

People: **God always sees us, is always watching over us.**

Leader: So Let us Celebrate the the Love we cannot escape.

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

Opening Hymn ***Guide Me Oh, Thou Great Jehovah***
 v. 1, 2, 3 #682 Celebration 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 Timothy 2:1-7 - See Insert

A Moment with the Children – Pray for Leaders

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 16:1-13 - See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – Win the Game You’re Playing 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 hide behind a veil of holiness, refusing to deal with the world as it is. 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 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

September 21, 2025 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Nick Miller
Musicians	Caroline Sells
Sound Room	Josiah Wolbrink
Choir & Handbells	Vicki Arndt Julie Baker
Usher	Kelly Crusan

Tithes and Offerings

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Tabitha Circle
1st and 3rd Mondays
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

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.

Sunday Schools start today

Youth Choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 28th following worship in the Chapel area. This is for all youth 3rd to 8th grades. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Arndt.

Blood Drive
September 29th
11:30am-4:30pm
Fellowship Hall

2026 Fall Stewardship Letters
have been sent out.
Pledge box is on table
at back of sanctuary
Please return pledge cards
By October 12th

Jane Wines
Passed away on
September 15th