

Offertory – *As Lately We Watched*

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

Prepare The Way
#13 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

Shine, Jesus, Shine
v. 1 #431 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

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude – *When Hope Was Born*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Minute For Missions

Call to Worship

Leader: The Victory of the LORD is from Everlasting to Everlasting

People: **The Promise of God encompasses all,
leaving none behind.**

Leader: When we praise God we do not do so from fear,

People: **But in the true knowledge that in Christ,
all things are possible!**

Leader: So Let us Celebrate the Love all encompassing!

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

Lighting The First Advent Candle

Opening Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*
#8 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

Amos 5:11-12, 21-24 and Ezekiel 37:1-10 - See Insert

A Moment with the Children

Special Music — Thanks and Praise - Greg Meeuwsen and Sara Oldenburg

Second Scripture Reading

John 3:16-17 - See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon — Gospel According To Amos and Ezekiel - Rev. Jean Schmidt

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are sinful people living in a sinful world. All around us, everyday we see more and more signs of how the world requires your love, your power, and your beauty. We have not done all that you call us to do, and we do many things you tell us not to do. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, and might, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, LORD, hear our cry for you to come and set all that is wrong right, and listen to the silent confessions of our hearts.

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

Amos 5:11-12, 21-24 and Ezekiel 37:1-10

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe and push aside the needy in the gate. ²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. 37 ¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:16-17

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

November 30, 2025 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Dan Wolbrink
Musicians	Caroline Sells Greg Meeuwsen Sara Oldenburg
Music Director	Lisa Jones
Accompanist	Julie Baker
Sound Room	Brynn Loging
Usher	Charles Engel

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.**

Holiday Market

Saturday, December 6, 9am-1pm Cookie Walk – \$6/lb Craft Fair – Outside Vendors and Congregation Crafters.

Baked Breakfast Buffet \$5.00/person, 5 and under free Congregation: Sign-up sheet in back of Sanctuary for items needed and help. Please bring 4-5 dozen cookies per family for the cookie walk. Other baked goods accepted as well. All craft donations welcome. Bring cookies and crafts to the church by 7:30am on Saturday, December 6th. The church will be open for donations until 7pm on Friday, December 5th. Contact the PW board with questions. Becca Bohnsack 608-738-2975, Becky Auna 608 786 0097, Sharon Cullmann 608-797-1732, Jenni Loging 608-769-1883 or Val Olson 608-397-1568

**A Special Congregational Meeting
to elect Elders and Deacons
will be held on Sunday, December 7th
immediately following morning worship**

**PW Potluck Meeting – After church on Sunday, December 14th
ALL women of the church are invited to this meeting.
We will decide on the disbursement of funds to various missions
and talk about what's ahead in 2026.
We will be taking up a collection for the Hunger Offering.
Please consider attending!**

**The Giving Tree Mission
Use an envelope from the Giving Tree in the back of the Sanctuary
to donate towards a Family Farm Bundle.**