

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

November 9, 2025
Communion Sunday
22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude – *Melodie*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

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 Love we cannot escape.

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

Opening Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
v. 1,3,4 #648 Celebration 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 Thessalonians 2:13-17

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN – Never Stop Learning

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Sermon - Whose Wife is She? (And Other Questions That Don't Really Matter)
Pastor Dan McCurdy

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 tie ourselves up in meaningless theology, ignoring the magnificent truths you offer to us. 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 Know That My Redeemer Lives*

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 – Praise Band

Closing Hymn

The Solid Rock

v. 1,3,4 #526 Celebration Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

Precious LORD, Take my Hand

#684 Celebration Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

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

November 9, 2025 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Martha Burdick
Musicians	Caroline Sells Praise Band
Music Director	Lisa Jones
Accompanist	Julie Baker
Sound Room	Carter Hill
Usher	Charles Engel

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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Tabitha Circle
1st and 3rd 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
December 2nd
11:30am - 4:30pm

UPDATE – Date Change
Community Dinner
November 19th
5-6 pm

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 soon.

Apple Pies for Sale - \$10 per pie
You can purchase them after church today or
Call Diana Engel at (608) 786-1560 or
1 (608) 386-0860 to purchase them during the week

Ecumenical Service
November 26th
Here at 6:30pm

Holiday Market
Saturday, December 6, 9am-1pm Cookie Walk –
\$6/lb Craft Fair – Outside Vendors and Congregation
Crafters (some craft tables still available for \$25)
Baked Breakfast Buffet – \$5.00/person, 5 and under
free Congregation: 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
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