

## Offertory

## 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

*Good Christian Friends Rejoice*  
#28 Presbyterian Hymnal

## Benediction

## Song of Sending

*Go, Tell it on the Mountain*  
v. 1 #29 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

**December 28, 2025**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Prayer Requests

## Minute For Missions

## Call to Worship

LEADER: People of God, the child was born!

PEOPLE: **We give our praises to our newborn Savior!**

LEADER: People of God, the story goes on!

PEOPLE: **The Savior came for us, and  
we raise our praises to Christ!**

LEADER: People of God, let's give our praises to Christ our King!

PEOPLE: **Yes! Let us Worship the LORD!**

## Opening Hymn

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*  
v. 1-4 #22 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 63:7-9 - See Insert

## A Moment with the Children – Jesus Loves Me

## Second Scripture Reading

Hebrews 2: 10-18 - See Insert

## Prayer of Illumination

**Sermon - He Didn't Come for the Angels, But For Us** Pastor Dan McCurdy

## 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. We act as if you only came to Earth for the perfect, forgetting that no one is perfect, and everyone is loved. 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**

**Isaiah 63:7-9**

**<sup>7</sup>I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup>For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not act deceitfully,” and he became their savior <sup>9</sup>in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.**

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

**Hebrews 2:10-18**

**<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.” <sup>13</sup>And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.” <sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.**

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

| December 28, 2025 Worship Team |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Liturgist</b>               | Chris Winther |
| <b>Musicians</b>               | Julie Baker   |
| <b>Music Director</b>          | Lisa Jones    |
| <b>Accompanist</b>             | Julie Baker   |
| <b>Sound Room</b>              | Carter Hill   |
| <b>Usher</b>                   | Kelly Crusan  |

**Tithes and Offerings**

Donations can be mailed to:

**Presbyterian Church of West Salem  
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***Tabitha Circle  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

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

**Community Dinner  
January 28th  
5-6 pm**

**New Membership Class  
January 11 & 18, 2026 at 9 a.m. in the Chapel  
Interested? Contact Pastor Dan, (608) 786-0910  
Or Vickie Bain, (608) 769-3041**

***Blood Drive  
January 29<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 am – 4:30 pm***

***Communion Sunday  
January 4<sup>th</sup>***

***Installation Service for Elders and Deacons  
January 4<sup>th</sup>***

***Congregational Meeting  
January 25<sup>th</sup>  
After service***