

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

March 1, 2026
Communion Sunday
2nd Sunday In Lent

Prelude – *In Christ Alone*

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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
#298 Presbyterian 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

Genesis 12:1-4

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN – God Said He Was Good

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

1 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? **2** For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. **3** For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” **4** Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. **5** But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. **13** For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. **14** For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. **15** For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. **16** For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, **17** as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Sermon - The Righteousness of Abraham

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 struggle to earn righteousness, forgetting that it is your Word that makes us righteous. 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.**

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 – *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

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 – *Give Me Jesus*

Closing Hymn

***For the Fruit of All Creation
#553 Presbyterian Hymnal***

Benediction

Song of Sending

***To God Be The Glory
v.1 #485 Presbyterian Hymnal***

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude – *Be With Me Lord*

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Not staffed**

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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.

Community Dinner

March 25th

5-6 pm

Blood Drive

Fellowship Hall

March 30th

11:30am – 4:30 pm

Lenten Services

March 4th, March 11th,

March 18th, March 25th at 6:30 PM

preceded by Soup Suppers

at 5:30 PM to 6:15 PM

There are signup sheets
at back table in Sanctuary

If you would like to help bring soup

Maundy Thursday Service

April 2nd at 6:30 PM

Name tags are available for everyone.

Name tags are on back table
in the Sanctuary before service.

Membership and Evangelism
will be there to help!

PCOWS Women – please join us for
the March PW Meeting

Saturday, March 14th at 10:00-11:30 am

Topics: business meeting, fellowship,
gift bags for homebound members, breakfast

Please bring:

- 1. Small non-perishable items (about 12) for gift bags**
- 2. Monetary donation for the Birthday Offering**
- 3. A brunch dish to pass**

Questions – contact Jenni Loging, 608-769-1883