

Offertory – *The Holy City*

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 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*
#297 Celebration Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*
v. 1 #300 Celebration Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude *We Will Glorify*
#301 Celebration Hymnal

The People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM
March 29, 2026
Palm/Passion Sunday

Prelude – *The Palms*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Introit – *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Call to Worship

LEADER: What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

PEOPLE: **We have no cloaks today, but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.**

LEADER: As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo,

PEOPLE: **Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

LEADER: So Cry Out to the God who arrives in Triumph!

PEOPLE: **Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Opening Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*
#43 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

In the Name of the LORD
v. 1 #299 Celebration Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1,2 19-29 - See Insert

A Moment with the Children - Hosanna!

Anthem – Crown Him With Many Crowns

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11 - See Insert

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon - Arriving in Triumph

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 hesitate to sing praises in difficult times, forgetting that we should always be singing your glory. 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

Psalm 118:1,2 19-29

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: ⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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March 29, 2026 Worship Team	
Pastor	Dan McCurdy
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Music Director	Vicki Arndt
Accompanist	Lisa Jones
Sound Room	Lily Oldenburg
Usher	Nick Miller

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 – April 22nd - 5-6 pm

Blood Drive - Fellowship Hall - March 30th
 11:30am – 4:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Service – April 2nd – 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday - April 5th

EASTER BREAKFAST will be served before church on Easter Sunday, April 5th, 8:45-9:45a.m. The menu is egg, sausages, fruit and muffins. If anyone can furnish an egg bake, we would appreciate it! You can call or tell us in church. Vickie Bain, 608.769.3041 Sherry Bonsall, 608.786.1280 or Pam Twining, 608.498.1190

EASTER FLOWERS

If you are interested in helping to support the purchase of Easter flowers that are placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday contact Nick Miller or the church office. Contributions can be placed in the offering plate and earmarked "Easter flowers" or given to Nick at church by Palm Sunday.

If you would like to contribute in memory of a loved one, let Nick or the church office know that as well. Names will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Thank you!

Per Capita for 2026 is \$45 per member.

Please make your check payable to Presbyterian Church of West Salem and in the memo portion of your check write Per Capita. Thank you!!

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup – Volunteers Needed!

Join us for our highway cleanup on Sunday, May 3rd!

We'll start with a potluck after church, then head out to clean our adopted stretch of road. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring work gloves. Reflective vests and garbage bags will be provided.

Many hands make light work Come help us keep our community looking great!