

**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**

*Just As I Am Without One Plea*  
v. 1,2,4 #370 Presbyterian Hymnal

**Benediction**

**Song of Sending**

*They'll Know We Are Christians*  
v. 1 #429 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**

**March 8, 2026**  
**3rd Sunday In Lent**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**Choral Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn**

*When Morning Guilds The Sky*  
v. 1,3,4 #487 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 My Eyes That I May See*  
v. 1 #563 Celebration Hymnal

## First Scripture Reading

John 4:5-29 - See Insert

## A Moment with the Children – Jesus Knows You

## Anthem – Amazing Grace

## Second Scripture Reading

John 4:31-42 - See Insert

## Prayer of Illumination

Sermon - The First Evangelist 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 our actions are unknown to you, or not of relevance, and dismiss others for not appearing the way we think messengers of God should appear. 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

John 4:5-29 <sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

### John 4:31-42

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." <sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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**Tithes and Offerings**

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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.**

**Community Dinner**  
**March 25th**  
**5-6 pm**

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

**Lenten Services**  
**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**

*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*

**PCOWS Women – please join us for the March PW Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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**