

Offertory – *Beautiful Savior*

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

O God Of Every Nation
v. 1,2,4 #289 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

Just A Closer Walk With Thee
v. 1 and Refrain #564 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

April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude – *El Shaddai*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

LEADER: People of God, the LORD is our Shepherd!

PEOPLE: **We walk as God's flock, we sing our God's Praises!**

LEADER: People of God, Christ is the Gate!

PEOPLE: **Those sent by Christ come by Christ!**

LEADER: People of God, let us worship, Let us worship
our Risen Savior!

PEOPLE: **HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

Opening Hymn

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing
v. 1-4 #466 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

Worship Christ, the Risen King
v. 1 #361 Celebration Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47 - See Insert

A Moment with the Children - Living Together With God

Second Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10 - See Insert

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon - A Question of Leadership 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 chase after leaders who scatter and divide us, following fear rather than hope. 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

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10

¹ "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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The Sanctuary is equipped with a Telecoil hearing loop system for those with hearing aid devices

April 26, 2026 Worship Team	
Pastor	Dan McCurdy
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Music Director	Vicki Arndt
Accompanist	Julie Baker
Sound Room	Brynn Loging
Usher	Richard Calvetti

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

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 – May 27th - 5-6 pm

Blood Drive
June 1st
11:30-4:30
Fellowship Hall

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!

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

Get ready for Meals for Missions during the
village wide rummage sale weekend
Friday, May 15th
11:00 AM–2:00 PM

Stop by, grab a bite, and support a great cause. We'll be serving up a tasty lunch featuring hot dogs, brats, chip, soda, and bottled water—perfect for a quick and delicious break while you're out and about rummage sailing. To help make the plant sale a success, we're inviting members of the congregation to donate plants if you have extras to share. Every contribution helps support our mission efforts! Bring a friend, enjoy some good food, and help make a difference. We hope to see you there!

2026 First Quarter Giving Statements
Available on back table of Sanctuary