

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN – Many Rooms

Anthem – Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Sermon - Real Martyrdom

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 for Glory instead of love, afraid to face consequences for our actions. 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

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!

Nursery Available – 4k and under only
Not staffed

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<https://www.presbyterianchurchwestsalem.com>

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preschurchws@gmail.com

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

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.

May 3, 2026 Worship Team	
Pastor	Dan McCurdy
Liturgist	Avis Evenson
Musicians	Handbell Choir Choir
Music Director	Vicki Arndt
Accompanist	Lisa Jones
Sound Room	Elsa Wolbrink
Usher	Nick Miller

Community Dinner
May 27th
5-6 pm

Blood Drive
Fellowship Hall
June 1st
11:30am – 4:30 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!

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!

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!

We are accepting applications for
Summer Camp Scholarships.
The application form can be found attached to the weekly
PCOWS email. There are also printed copies
at the back of the church.
All applications are due May 17th.

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

Presbyterian Church of West Salem
PO Box 861

West Salem, WI 54669

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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.

