

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

Blest Be The Tie that Binds
v. 1-4 #438 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

Shalom, Chaverim!
#537 Presbyterian 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

July 12, 2026

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

LEADER: The Sower threw seed on the path, and on the thin soil

PEOPLE: The Birds took the seed away,
the new plants withered and died

LEADER: But on the rich soil, the plants grew and blossomed,

PEOPLE: And the return was more than all that had been sown!

LEADER: Worship our God, who tills the soil and makes the seed!

PEOPLE: LET US WORSHIP THE LORD!

Opening Hymn

I Danced in the Morning
v. 1,3,5 #302 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

Romans 8:1-11 - See Insert

A Moment with the Children - It's About DOING

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 - See Insert

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon - It's about Giving, Not Receiving 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 try to fast our way to you, forgetting that the life of faith is about action, not denial. 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

Romans 8:1-11

¹Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹If you have ears, hear!" ¹⁸"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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July 12, 2026 Worship Team	
Pastor	Dan McCurdy
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Musician	Julie Baker
Sound Room	Lily Oldenburg
Usher	Dave Bohnsack

Tithes and Offerings

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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
 July 22nd - 5-6 pm

Blood Drive
 July 30th
 11:30-4:30
 Fellowship Hall

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

Women's Bible Study
Day Changed to Tuesdays
 through August 18th
 Tuesdays at 7 pm
 Contact Jenni Logging or Sara Oldenburg

PCOWS Annual Pool Party - West Salem Swarthout Pool
 Sunday, July 26th – 6-8pm – Free Admission
 Snacks, drinks and prizes provided! Bring a friend

Church September Rummage Sale
Day and Time Changed

Items can now be dropped off on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7 or the last Sunday of the month – 7/26 and 8/30, a ½ hour before & after church service (8:30 & 10:00). Please be sure all donated items are clean and ready to sell.

We are not accepting any large electronics or appliances.

If you have furniture to donate or are unable to make the times above, call Sharon at 608-797-1732 or Sara at 608-304-9926 to set up a time.

This is an important mission for PW. Please consider volunteering before or during the sale. Any time you can give is of great help!

Thank you!

National Night Out
 Tuesday, August 4, 2026
 5:00 – 7:30 PM - Village Park of West Salem
 PCOWS will have a table at this fun, free community event. Come join the fun!

VBS
 August 5th, 6th and 7th
Cancelled