

Offertory – *How Great The Wisdom And The Love*

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 A Closer Walk With Thee
v. 1-3 w/refrains #564 Celebration 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

July 26, 2026

9th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude – *Instrument of Worship*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

LEADER: LORD, listen to your people, who do not know how to pray.

PEOPLE: **The Holy Spirit holds our hearts,
our prayers are always heard.**

LEADER: LORD, walk with your people, who do not know
where we are going.

PEOPLE: **The Spirit walks beside us, guiding us even in confusion.**

LEADER: Worship our God, who is always with us,
who always hears us, everywhere!

PEOPLE: **LET US WORSHIP THE LORD!**

Opening Hymn

This is My Father's World
v. 1-3 #143 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

Open My Eyes, That I May See
v. 1 #563 Celebration Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12 - See Insert

A Moment with the Children - Asking For Wisdom

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 8:26-39 - See Insert

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon - How to Pray

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 struggle to learn how to pray, forgetting that the Spirit always keeps us connected. 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

1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

July 26, 2026 Worship Team	
Pastor	Dan McCurdy
Liturgist	Jenni Logging
Musicians	Caroline Sells Praise Band
Sound Room	Carter Hill
Usher	Brynn Logging

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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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

August 26th - 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

TODAY!!

PCOWS Annual Pool Party - West Salem Swarthout Pool

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!

Second Quarter Giving Statements

Now on back table

Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday, August 2nd

9 am