

The People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM

July 5, 2026
Communion Sunday
6th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude – *Faith*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

LEADER: The Servant of Abraham went into the World,

PEOPLE: Rebekah met him, and made her choice.

LEADER: Help us to choose, when an opportunity comes.

PEOPLE: Help us to listen, when an unlikely voice speaks.

LEADER: Worship our God, who made our voices and ears!

PEOPLE: LET US WORSHIP THE LORD!

Opening Hymn *Praise Ye The LORD, The Almighty*
v. 1-3 #482 Presbyterian Hymnal

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

Genesis 24:34-38,42-49

³⁴So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, ³⁸but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'⁴² "I came today to the spring and said, 'O LORD, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," ⁴⁴and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'⁴⁵ "Before I had finished speaking in my heart,

there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN – Trusting in God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 24:58-67

⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." ⁵⁹ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." ⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah and went his way. ⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³ Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field, and, looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Sermon - A Love Story?

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 find the path you meant for us, and then think that means there isn't one. 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 – *O My Father*

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!

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Most holy and gracious God, we praise you who has gathered us around this table... and who forever sing to the glory of your name;

Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of Power and Might,

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD,

Hosanna in the highest!

Forgiving God, we call upon you in our times of fear and doubt... for great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is Risen,

Christ will come again!

And while we wait on that day when we will share this meal in heaven with you, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

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.

Receiving The Elements

Closing Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
v.1-3 #423 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

Nursery Available – 4k and under only

Not staffed

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

July 5, 2026 Worship Team	
Pastor	Dan McCurdy
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Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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Tabitha Circle

Meet again in September

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.

Exercise Group - Tuesdays and Fridays

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.

Community Dinner

July 22nd

5-6 pm

Blood Drive

Fellowship Hall

July 30th

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!

Church September Rummage Sale

Items can now be dropped Wednesday evenings from 6 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!

Women's Bible Study

June 10th through August 19th

Wednesdays 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

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

More information coming