

Offertory

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (Beaney)

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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

446 Presbyterian Hymnal (vs. 1-3)

Benediction

Song of Sending

Shalom, Chaverim!

537 Presbyterian Hymnal (verse 1)

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

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Blessed Be the Name (Glyncannon)

Welcome and Prayer Requests

Bell Choir Introit

Opening Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

403 Presbyterian Hymnal (vs. 1-3)

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

563 Celebration Hymnal (verse 1)

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:10-20 (See Insert)

A Moment with the Children

It's Not What Goes In, But What Goes Out

Special Music

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Handbell Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:21-28 (See Insert)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

His Own Medicine

Pastor Dan McCurdy

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are a sinful people living in a sinful world.

All around us, every day 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 as if we have understanding,
forgetting that even Christ needed to learn.

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. Let us worship God with our Giving.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.



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August 16, 2026 Worship Team	
Pastor	Dan McCurdy
Liturgist	Nancy Olson
Musicians	Caroline Sells Handbell Choir
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Sound Room	Brynn Logging
Usher	Shawn McAlister

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

Nursery Available

4k and under only Not Staffed

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2026	
Monday	7:00 pm: Session Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am: Exercise Group 6:30 pm: Rummage Sale Drop Off
Wednesday	7:00 pm: Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm: AA & Al-Anon
Friday	9:00 am: Exercise Group
Saturday	8:00 to 11:00 am: Rummage Sale Drop Off
Sunday	9:00 am: Worship Service

Fall Worship Services

Beginning September 6,
Sunday morning worship services will return to 10:00 am.

Choir Rehearsals!

Wednesdays beginning on August 26

Handbell Choir Rehearsal at 6:00 pm

Vocal Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

Come join us!

Women's Bible Study

Our final two lessons will be held
this Wednesday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm.

Community Dinner

Wednesday, August 26 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Presbyterian Church Fall Rummage Sale

Thursday, September 10 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Friday, September 11 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday, September 12 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Rummage Sale Drop-Off Schedule

Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:00 pm,

and Sunday, August 30 from 8:30 to 9:00 am and 10:00 to 10:30 am.

Donations (including furniture and larger items) will also be accepted this

Saturday, August 22 and Saturday, August 29 from 8:00 to 11:00 am.

Please be sure all donated items are clean and ready to sell.

We are not accepting any large electronics or appliances.

If you are unable to make donation times,

call Sharon at 608-797-1732 or Sara at 608-304-9926 to set up a time.

Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed

The Fall Rummage Sale is an important mission
for the Presbyterian Women.

Please consider volunteering before or during the sale. *Thank you!*

Church Brat Sale

Friday, September 11 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Volunteers and donations are needed!

Email the church office to receive a copy of the sign-up form.

Salvation Army and WINN (What I Need Now) Donations Needed

A list of items needed is available in the back of the sanctuary
and in the Lamplighter. All items can be placed in the purple tote.

Monetary donations are accepted as well.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:10-20

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them,
"Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the
mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out
of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples
approached and said to him, "Do you know that the
Pharisees took offense when they heard what you
said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly
Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them
alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one
blind person guides another, both will fall into a
pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to
us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without
understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes
into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into
the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth
proceeds from the heart, and this is what
defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions,
murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false
witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but
to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."