

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.

Offertory

He Hideth My Soul (arr. Cook)

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

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
326 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 People of God Gathered to Worship As THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Impromptu No. 3 (Schubert)

Welcome and Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

LEADER: Behold our God, who speaks in the silence!

PEOPLE: **Behold our God, who stands upon the storm!**

LEADER: The Power of Christ surpasses all chaos,

PEOPLE: **The Love of Christ is greater than all violence!**

LEADER: Worship our God, a sound above noise,
a power above force!

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

Opening Hymn

Morning Has Broken

469 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

1 Kings 19:9-15 (See Insert)

A Moment with the Children

God in the Quiet

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-23 (See Insert)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

God Over Chaos

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 call out for you to ask great things of us,
and then falter even as we begin.
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.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-23

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.



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August 9, 2026 Worship Team

Pastor	Dan McCurdy
Liturgist	Chris Winther
Musician	Caroline Sells
Sound Room	Kelly Crusan
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 10, 2026

Monday	6:00 pm: Committee Meetings
Tuesday	All day: Voting in Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm: Rummage Sale Drop Off
Wednesday	7:00 pm: AA & Al-Anon
Friday	9:00 am: Exercise Group
Next Sunday	9:00 am: Worship Service

Community Dinner

Dine-in or Take Out

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

Presbyterian Church September Rummage Sale

Items can be dropped off Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:00 pm,
and the last Sunday of the month
from 8:30 to 9:00 am and 10:00 to 10:30 am.

Donations will also be accepted on Saturday, August 22
and Saturday, August 29 from 8:00 to 11:00 am.

Furniture and larger items will be accepted during this time.

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 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.

Any time you can give is of great help. Thank you!

Summer Women's Bible Study

Our final two lessons will be held on

Wednesday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm.

Contact Jenni Logging or Sara Oldenburg for more information

Exercise Group

Tuesdays and Fridays

9:00 to 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Name Tags

Available in the back of the sanctuary

Support the West Salem Food Pantry

Please bring donations
and place them in the shopping carts
between the entryway doors.

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.

This is an ongoing mission of the Presbyterian Women.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:9-15

⁹ At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram."