

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

May 26, 2024
Trinity Sunday

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.

Closing Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty

#138 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

For the Fruit of all Creation

#553 Presbyterian Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

LEADER: People of God, give praise to the LORD!

PEOPLE: Praise be to the Creator, who made all that was ever made!

LEADER: People of God, sing praise to the LORD!

PEOPLE: Praise be to the Redeemer, instrument of creation, who intercedes on our behalf!

LEADER: People of God, give praise to the LORD!

PEOPLE: Praise be to the Sustainer, who connects us and inspires us!

LEADER: People of God, give Praise to the LORD, the One who is Three!

PEOPLE: Alleluia! Let us worship the LORD!

Opening Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

#482 Presbyterian Hymnal

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, filled with your Spirit, inspired to serve, we remember all the times we failed to carry out your plan for us. We remember when we did as you have told us not to do, we remember the times we have left your mission undone. We speak of doom and condemnation, forgetting that Christ was sent to Redeem. Remind us of the gift of Pentecost, and fill our dry Bones again without your spirit, and hear us as we lift up our silent confessions to you.

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.**

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

God of Grace and God of Glory
v. 1 #435 Celebration Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

John 3:1-8 (see insert)

A Moment with the Children – Born Again!

Second Scripture Reading

John 3:9-17 (see insert)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Trinity Thoughts

Pastor Dan McCurdy

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

On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured into the hearts of people, assuring that never again would we be separated from our God by temple walls or our own sinfulness. This was a gift, freely given, and all the treasure in the world could never purchase it or subscribe to it. When we give, it is an act of worship, mimicking the generosity we have been shown as we help to support the ministry of the Church through our own means. So let us worship God with our giving.

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.**

First Scripture Reading

John 3:1-8

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus¹ by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Second Scripture Reading

John 3:9-17

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

May 26, 2024 Worship Team	
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ANNOUNCEMENT

**Starting June 2nd through August 25th
Worship Service Time Change
Will be at 9 am. There will be no
Fellowship Time prior to the Service.**

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.

See the Lamplighter for new list of items.

All items can be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary.

Money donations are accepted as well.

Exercise Group

Held Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Tabitha Circle

Bring your crafts, sack lunch, and join us!

The first and third Monday of each month

11:30 to 2:30 p.m.