

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

June 16, 2024

4th Sunday after Pentecost

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

God of Grace, and God of Glory

v. 1, 3, 5 #420 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

For the Fruit of all Creation

v. 2 #553 Presbyterian Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

LEADER: May the LORD answer you in a day of trouble!

PEOPLE: **May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!**

LEADER: May God grant your heart's desire,
and fulfill all your plans!

PEOPLE: **May we Shout for Joy over your victory,
and raise up our banners!**

LEADER: Some take Pride in Chariots,
some take Pride in Horses,

PEOPLE: **In time all those things fade,
but the power of the LORD endures forever!**

LEADER: So people of God, who do we worship?

PEOPLE: **Alleluia! Let us worship the LORD!**

Opening Hymn

When Morning Guilds the Skies

#487 Presbyterian Hymnal

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we walk as your children in the world, working to do your work, and follow your call. But sometimes we fail. We fail in the things you would have us avoid, we fail to do the things you call us to embrace. We evaluate people by what we see, our first impressions, rather than looking inward. Love us, LORD, and keep us close, and forgive the confessions we lift up silently before 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

Mark 4:26-34 (see insert)

A Moment with the Children – Picking a Seed

Second Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 (see insert)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

The Eyes of The Lord

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

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come.” ³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Second Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

³⁴ Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. ¹⁶ The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Nursery Available – 4k and under only
Not staffed

June 16, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Gideon Wolbrink
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwesen
Sound Room	Evan Crusan
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Ted Yankee

Tithes and Offerings

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Music Players

Would you like to share your Talents with us?
The Sign-Up Sheet is on the back table
2 Outdoor Services are
on June 23rd and July 14th

Church Pianist

The Church's pianist, Julie Baker, is looking to retire and there is need for a replacement. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please contact the church office, Kelly Crusan, Becca Bohnsack or Charles Engel.

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets for an afternoon of music and ice cream with all the fixings, **Saturday July 27 from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm**, under the canopy in front of the church. Suggested donation of \$2/person. The Driftless River Band will perform. Slices of pie, whole pies and other baked goods will be for sale. Proceeds from the event will fund the missions of the Presbyterian Women of West Salem. Contact Becca Bohnsack or Becky Auna with questions.

Food Pantry Items Still Needed

Spaghetti sauce, sugar, egg noodles, sauerkraut, mushrooms, shampoo and toilet paper

Women's Summer Bible Study

An 8-week Women's Bible Study is happening. Wednesdays at 7 pm. We will be reading the book, "Becoming a Woman of Excellence" by Cynthia Heald. Please complete [this brief survey](#) to indicate your interest. Please talk with Jenni Loging or Sara Oldenburg if interested and unable to complete the electronic survey.

Fall Rummage Sale

The Presbyterian Women have decided to take on the planning and execution of a fall rummage sale. **Tentative dates will be September 13-14.** We are looking for anyone that is interested in helping plan the sale. Please contact Sharon Cullmann or Sara Oldenburg.

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
Not meeting the 25th or 28th
Starting again on July 2nd

Tabitha Circle

Taking a Summer Break until after Labor Day