

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

July 7, 2024

Communion Sunday

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Great is the LORD, and Greatly to be praised!

PEOPLE: **Behold the Glory of God's Holy Mountain!**

LEADER: God's might scatters the mighty, God's wind drives the waves!

PEOPLE: **Behold the Power of God's Mighty Spirit!**

LEADER: God's Voice crosses oceans, God's voice reaches the weak!

PEOPLE: **Behold the Majesty of God's Magnificent Voice!**

LEADER: We see, we feel, and we hear the Glory of God!

PEOPLE: **Let All of us Praise the LORD!**

Opening Hymn

Praise the LORD, God's Glories Show
#481 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 bang our heads repeatedly against the same problem over and over again, instead of taking our energy where it may be needed. 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.

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."

First Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 6:1-5

The word of the LORD came to me: ² O mortal, set your face toward the mountains of Israel and prophesy against them ³ and say: You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains and the hills, to the ravines and the valleys: I, I myself, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. ⁴ Your altars shall become desolate, and your incense stands shall be broken, and I will throw down your slain in front of your idols. ⁵ I will lay the corpses of the people of Israel in front of their idols, and I will scatter your bones around your altars.

A Moment With Children – When Things Don't Work Out

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 6:1-13

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Prayer of Illumination

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

Everything we have, we received from God. When we give back to God, it is not to earn our way or to repay a debt, as what we have was given. Instead, we give in imitation of the Lord, to be generous as God is generous, and so to worship the LORD with our giving. So, people of God, let us bring our gifts before the LORD in worship.

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.

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 *In Christ There is No East or West*
#439 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending *Song of Hope*
#432 Presbyterian Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

**Nursery Available – 4k and under only
Not staffed**

July 7, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Helen Harold
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwesen
Sound Room	Brynn Logging
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Nick Miller

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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Tabitha Circle

Taking a Summer Break until after Labor Day

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 list of items. All items can be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary. Money donations are accepted as well.

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.

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.

Game Night

July 13th

6 – 8 pm

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.

Women's Summer Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7 pm. We will be reading the book, "Becoming a Woman of Excellence" by Cynthia Heald. Please talk with Jenni Logging or Sara Oldenburg if interested.

Music Players

Would you like to share your Talents with us?
The Sign-Up Sheet is on the back table
Outdoor Service is July 14th

Pool Party - July 21st

6 – 8 pm

Ed Lusk has retired as church custodian. We thank him for his many years of service. We are looking for a replacement. Interested? Contact the church office (608.786.0910 or preschurchws@gmail.com, Charles Engel, Kelly Crusan, or Becca Bohnsack

Exercise Group

Tuesdays and Fridays

9:00 to 10:00 am

Fellowship Hall