

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

September 1, 2024
Communion Sunday
15th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Our God rushes forward to meet us,

PEOPLE: Leaping Mountains, Bounding Hills

LEADER: God's love for us is palatable, visible in every breath,

PEOPLE: We should do the same, loving others as our God loves us,

LEADER: So sing to God, all you people, let your love show!

PEOPLE: Let us lift up our voices, and worship the LORD!

Opening Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
v. 1, 3, 4 #417 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 forget that we are called to LIVE our faith in you, not just sit and listen. 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

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

⁸The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. ⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. ¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away, ¹¹ for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. ¹² The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. ¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN - God Rushing to Meet Us

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:17-27

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, ²⁰ for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶ If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Message – Faith of Action – 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

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 *Now Thank We All Our God*
 #555 Presbyterian Hymnal**

Benediction

**Song of Sending Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine
 v. 1 #341 Presbyterian Hymnal**

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

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

September 1, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Barbara Hopkins
Musicians	Lisa Jones Greg Meeuwssen
Sound Room	Evan Crusan
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Charles Engel

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

Presbyterian Church of West Salem
PO Box 861

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Tabitha Circle

September 16th

11:30am – 2:30pm

Bring a lunch

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 (lists are on tables and Lamplighter. All items can be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary. Money donations are accepted as well.

Fall Rummage Sale

Thursday, September 12th, 4-7pm

Friday, September 13, 7am - 4pm

Saturday, September 14, 8 am to Noon

Drop-Off Times:

Tuesday, September 3rd – 6-8 pm

Wednesday, September 4th – 9-11am

No Items accepted when just dropped off at door

Call or text 608-797-1732 to possibly arrange another time

Exercise Group

Tuesdays and Fridays

9:00 to 10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Will not be exercising on the 10th or 13th

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays - 7 pm

Handbell Workshop

Saturday, September 21st

10 am – Noon

Community Dinner

September 25th

5-6 pm

**JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
FALL GATHERING**

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Pioneer Presbyterian Church,

206 Fillmore St SE, Chatfield, MN

Coffee and registration will be

from 9:30-10:00 a.m.,

followed by the meeting and program

on the theme "You Are Not Alone."

Lunch cost is \$8.

Please RSVP by September 13th to

Janine Brandt, email

ripleyjb56@gmail.com or call or

text 563-419-7371.

Blood Drive

September 24th

12:30-5:30 pm

Sunday Bible Study

Starts September 15th

9-9:45 am

Galilee Room

Youth Group (Jr. High through High Schoolers)

Starts September 15th

6-7 pm at Church

Confirmation Classes

Starts September 15th

9:15 am in Chapel