

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

Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak
v. 1, 3, 5 #426 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

God Be With You Till We Meet Again
v. 1 #540 Presbyterian Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM
August 18, 2024
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

LEADER: The Powers of the World tell us to close our eyes,
PEOPLE: **The LORD calls us to Wisdom,**
and so we keep them open.

LEADER: The Powers of the World tell us to ignore those in need,
PEOPLE: **the LORD calls us to Wisdom, and so we hear**
and aid them.

LEADER: The Powers of the World tell us to fear and dismiss strangers.
PEOPLE: **The LORD calls us to Wisdom, and so we welcome them.**

LEADER: Let us worship the God of all Wisdom!
PEOPLE: **Alleluia! Let us worship the LORD!**

Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision
#339 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 seek to be ignorant to the need of the world around us, where you call us to choose wisdom instead. 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

Seek Ye First

v. 1 #333 Presbyterian Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5: 15-20 *(see insert)*

Special Music – Sara and Logan Oldenburg – Trumpet Duet

“Awesome God”

A Moment with the Children – Choosing to be Wise

Second Scripture Reading

1st Kings 3:3-14 *(see insert)*

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon The Wise King 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
Ephesians 5: 15-20

¹⁵ Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Second Scripture Reading

1st Kings 3:3-14

³ Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. ⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴ If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Nursery Available – 4k and under only

Not staffed

August 18, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Barbara Hopkins
Musicians	Caroline Sells Greg Meeuwesen
Sound Room	Kelly Crusan
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Shawn McAlister

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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Music Players

**Would you like to share your Talents with us?
The Sign-Up Sheet is on the back table**

Fall Rummage Sale

The Presbyterian Women have decided to take on the planning and execution of a fall rummage sale. **Friday, September 13, 4-7 pm and Saturday, September 14 from 8 am to Noon.** 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

Tabitha Circle

Taking a Summer Break until after Labor Day

Choir Rehearsals Start Again

Date Updated

**Wednesday, August 21st
7 pm**

Handbell Workshop

**Saturday, September 21st
10 am – Noon**

Community Dinner

**August 28th
5-6 pm**

Blood Drive

**September 24th
12:30-5:30 pm**

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*