

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

Take My Life
v. 1, 4, 6 #391 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

Lord, Dismiss us With Thy Blessing
v. 1 #538 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

September 15, 2024
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Morning Has Broken
#469 Presbyterian Hymnal

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, hear us as we confess our sins. We struggle to do the things you call on us to do, sometimes we do the things you have told us not to do. We seek your love and light, and yet we often fall into bitter darkness. We believe in you, and what you want for us, but often we fall back in fear. Forgive us our sins, even those that we confess now 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

Proverbs 1: 20-33 (*see insert*)

Choir – His Name is Wonderful

A Moment with the Children – Wisdom Calls

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-38 (*see insert*)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Who Do You Say That I Am? 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

People of God, we are recipients of the love of Jesus Christ. All that
we have has been given to us, in an act of love. When WE give, we
do so as an echo of that love, not only to our God, but to all who
are in need. It is an act of worship, rather than a purchase of gifts
that were already given freely. So let us worship our 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

Proverbs 1: 20-33

²⁰ Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. ²¹ At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: ²² "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? ²³ Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. ²⁴ Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, ²⁵ and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, ²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, ²⁷ when panic strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. ²⁸ Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. ²⁹ Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, ³⁰ would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, ³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. ³² For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; ³³ but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease without dread of disaster."

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

September 15, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Nick Miller
Musicians	Caroline Sells Greg Meeuwesen
Sound Room	Kelly Crusan
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Charles Engel

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:
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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

**September 16th
11:30am – 2:30pm
Bring a lunch**

Choir Rehearsals

**Wednesdays
7 pm**

Handbell Workshop

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

Community Dinner

**September 25th
5-6 pm**

Blood Drive

**September 24th
12:30-5:30 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.,**

Sunday School

**Today
9 am**

Sunday Bible Study

**Today
9-9:45 am
Galilee Room**

Youth Group (Jr. High through High Schoolers)

**Today
6-7 pm at Church**

Confirmation Classes

**Today
9:15 am in Chapel**

Helen Harold is turning 90!

**Come and Go Reception
Fellowship Hall
October 5th
2pm – 4pm**