

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 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
 #281 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 22, 2024
18th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

[Minute for Missions](#)

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Hymn [Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim](#)
 v. 1,3,4 #477 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 seek to establish a pecking order, and miss what you told us makes us great. 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

Psalm 1: 1-6 (*see insert*)

Choir – I Came To Believe

A Moment with the Children – [Who Do You Listen To?](#)

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-37 (*see insert*)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon What It Takes to Be First 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

Psalm 1: 1-6

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, ² but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴ The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, ⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³ Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

September 22, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Jane Foner
Musicians	Caroline Sells Greg Meeuwesen
Sound Room	Brynn Loging
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

**First and Third Mondays
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**

Sunday School

9 am

Sunday Bible Study

9-9:45 am

Galilee Room

Youth Group (Jr. High through High Schoolers)

6-7 pm at Church

Confirmation Classes

9:15 am in Chapel

Helen Harold is turning 90!

Come and Go Reception

Fellowship Hall

October 5th

2pm – 4pm

2025 Pledges Fall Stewardship

Letters have been sent out.

Pledge box on Sanctuary Table

Please return Pledge Cards by **October 13th**

Pies For Sale - \$10

**You can purchase them after church today or
Call Diana Engel at (608) 786-1560 or 1-(608) 386-0860
to purchase them during the week**

Mark Your Calendar!!

Church Choral Concert

November 10th at 2 pm