

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

Somebody's Knocking At Your Door
#382 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 8, 2024

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Minute For Missions

Call to Worship

LEADER: Praise the God of all Knowledge and Wisdom!

PEOPLE: **Let All God's People Worship the LORD!**

LEADER: Praise the God of love and compassion!

PEOPLE: **Let all God's People Worship the LORD!**

LEADER: Let our Lives Teach us, Let our God lead us!

PEOPLE: **Let all God's People Worship the LORD!**

LEADER: So come, People of God, let us learn and Worship!

PEOPLE: **Alleluia! Let us worship the LORD!**

Opening Hymn *O Worship The King, All Glorious Above*
#476 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 see obedience to you as stubbornness, or faith as a refusal to give in, failing to learn the lessons you try to teach. 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

James 2:1-13 (*see insert*)

A Moment with the Children – Don’t Pick Favorites

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 7:24-37 (*see insert*)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon **Losing the Argument** 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

James 2:1-13

¹My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

September 8, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Gideon Wolbrink
Musicians	Caroline Sells Greg Meeuwssen
Sound Room	Josiah Wolbrink
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Charles Engel

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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Fall Rummage Sale

Thursday, September 12th, 4-7pm

Friday, September 13, 4-7 pm

Saturday, September 14, 8 am to Noon

No Items accepted when just dropped off at door

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

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

**Will not be exercising
on the 10th or 13th**

**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.,
Please RSVP by September 13th to Janine Brandt, email
ripleyjb56@gmail.com or call or text 563-419-7371.

**Sunday School
Starts September 15th
9 am**

**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**