

People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM
December 15, 2024
Children's Pageant
Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Minute for Missions

Lighting Of The Advent Candles

Leader: Today the candle representing Joy joins the candles of Hope and Peace. As we light this third candle, let the joy of the season fill out hearts. May we find joy in simple moments, and may that joy bring a sense of peace and well being into our lives.

Leader: When we think of the countless blessings that fill our lives

People: Our hearts are filled with joy

Leader: For the warmth of relationships and the bonds we share with family and friends

People: Our hearts are filled with joy

Leader: When we pause to appreciate the beauty and wonder of nature

People: Our hearts are filled with joy

Leader: For the giving and receiving of simple acts of kindness

People: Our hearts are filled with joy

Leader: Gracious Creator, teach us to find joy not only in triumphs but also in the simple moments of everyday grace. Fill us with joy that surpasses circumstance, anchored in the unchanging truth of your love. Help us share this joy with others and may joy and laughter be constant companions on our journey through life. Amen

Opening Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

#8 Presbyterian Hymnal

Prayer of Confession

Precious Lord, we live in a world in desperate need of a savior. We cry out to you for your hope, your love, and your wisdom in the world, but often fail to listen for your response. We have not done all that you have called us to do, and frequently we do the things you ask us not to do. We ignore the prophetic voices of our children, forgetting that to be close to you, we must be like them. Lord, we believe: help our unbelief, and hear the silent confessions we lift up to 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

People Look East

v. 1 #12 Presbyterian Hymnal

Christmas Pageant

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.

Handbells – Away In A Manger

Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

The Gifts of God are all around us, our lives and our homes, our talents and our joys, our family and friends, and the greatest gift of all was the Salvation promised, the life of Christ seeking to end our division from God and each other. When we give, we do not do so to purchase anything... for the gifts of God were already given. Instead, we give in imitation of our LORD, offering what we have to support others, and to be ourselves the gift that God gives the World, so let us worship God with our Giving.

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 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

***What Child Is This*
#53 Presbyterian Hymnal**

Benediction

Song of Sending

***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
v. 1 #2 Presbyterian Hymnal**

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

December 15, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Shayna Arndt
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwesen
Sound Room	Kelly Crusan
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Kelly Crusan

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.

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

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:
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Community Dinner
December 18th
5pm – 6pm
Fellowship Hall

Congregational Meeting
Today after Service

Christmas Pageant
TODAY

Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 24th
6 pm

Exercise Group
Not on December 24th or 27th
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

Handbell Rehearsals
Thursdays
6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsals – Not December 26th
Thursdays
7:30 pm

