

The People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM
December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve Service

Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night
v. 1, 2, 4 #60 Presbyterian Hymnal

Blessing and Benediction

Closing Hymn

Joy To The World!
v. 1, 2, 4 #40 Presbyterian Hymnal

Joyful Exit



Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

The PROMISE

Lighting The Advent Candles

Leader: As we gather on this sacred Christmas Eve, we light all the candles, including the center candle, the Christ candle. Together, these candles symbolize the Light of the World coming to dispel the darkness. As we light this Christ candle, may its flame ignite the warmth of God's love within us and spread the message to joy and salvation to all.

Leader: Tonight, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the source of our hope

People: Let heaven and nature sing

Leader: The Prince of Peace has come to dwell among and within us

People: Let heaven and nature sing

Leader: The source of our joy and our salvation is here

People: Let heaven and nature sing

Leader: The greatest gift of all, the gift of love has been given

People: Let heaven and nature sing

Leader: Gracious Creator, we thank you for the love that brought Christ into our lives, for the hope his birth represents, and for the peace that his presence brings. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may this Christ candle illuminate our hearts and minds, drawing us closer to you and to one another. In the name of the newborn King, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn

People, Look East
v. 1, 2 #12 Presbyterian Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7 – See Insert

Choir – Listen To The Lambs

Prayer of Confession

Most Holy Father, we confess that we have not always been what you have called us to be, failing to do as you would have us do, committing the sins you urge us not to commit. We know that we are sinners, and we know we need a Savior. Forgive us, LORD, and hear the sins we lift up silently before you.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The BIRTH

Hymn

***O Little Town of Bethlehem*
#44 Presbyterian Hymnal**

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7 – See Insert

Choir – Brazilian Christmas Carol

Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

People of God, tonight we celebrate the greatest gift that was ever given. When we give, we do not try to buy God's love, for it was given to us in the person of Jesus Christ! Instead, we mimic God's giving with our own, so let us worship God with our own generosity.

Offertory - *O Holy Night* - Nick Miller and Julie Baker

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 ANNOUNCEMENT

Hymn

***Go, Tell it on the Mountain!*
v. 1, 3 #29 Presbyterian Hymnal**

Third Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20 – See Insert

Handbell Choir - *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Meditation - What a Gift!

The SHARING OF THE LIGHT

Passing the Light of Christ

**Peace on Earth/Little Drummer Boy – Vicki and Kevin Arndt
(Remember the lit candle stays upright, and be sure to help children)**

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

**Coffee and Cookies
Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall
9:30-10:00 am**

December 24, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Pastor Deb Quale
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwsen
Sound Room	Gideon Wolbrink
Choir & Handbell Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Kelly Crusan

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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Tabitha Circle

Bring your crafts and join us!

The first and third Monday of each month

11:30-2:30 pm. Bring a lunch

Exercise Group

No Exercise on December 27th

Tuesdays and Fridays

9:00-10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Handbell Ringer Rehearsals

6:30 pm

December 26th

Choir Rehearsals

7:30 pm

Not on December 26th

Annual Meeting

February 9, 2024

After Service

Blood Drive

January 23rd

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 Email the Church

Taking Down The Greens

January 5th

After Service

Communion Sunday

January 5th