

**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**      **O Come All Ye Faithful**  
#41 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!**

People of God Gathered to Worship As  
**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM**  
**December 29, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Christmas**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**Call to Worship**

**Leader: The Gift of Christ has been given to us!**

People: We welcome the birth of God Among Us!

**Leader: The Baby is Born, the Mission Continues!**

People: Now we carry the word of the child out to the World!

**Leader: So let us sing the Praises of the Newborn King!**

People: Let us Praise the LORD!

**Opening Hymn**      ***Joy To the World***  
v. 1, 2, 3 #40 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 celebrate the day, and then quickly forget your call to serve in the World. 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**

*Go, Tell it On the Mountain*  
v. 1 #29 Presbyterian Hymnal

## **First Scripture Reading**

**Colossians 3:12-17 (see insert)**

## **Handbell Choir – Joy To The World**

## **A Moment with the Children – What’s Next?**

## **Second Scripture Reading**

**Luke 2:41-52 (see insert)**

## **Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon I Want To Hold The Baby Pastor Debbie Quale**

## **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**

**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 out Giving.**

## **Offertory – Sweet Baby Jesus – Kevin Arndt**

## **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**

### ***Colossians 3:12-17***

**<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

## **Second Scripture Reading**

### ***Luke 2:41-52***

**<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." <sup>49</sup> He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.**

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

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

December 29, 2024 Worship Team	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Helen Harold
<b>Musicians</b>	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwesen
<b>Sound Room</b>	Kelly Crusan
<b>Choir &amp; Handbell Director</b>	Vicki Arndt
<b>Usher</b>	Kelly Crusan

**Tithes and Offerings**

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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.

**Exercise Group  
No Exercise on December 31<sup>st</sup> or January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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  
Not on January 16th  
Thursdays  
6:30 pm**

**Choir Rehearsals  
Not on January 16th  
Thursdays  
7:30 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**

**Annual Meeting  
February 9, 2024  
After Service**

**Blood Drive  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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 5<sup>th</sup>  
After Service**

**Communion Sunday  
January 5<sup>th</sup>**