

The People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday After Epiphany

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.

Closing Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
#276 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!**

The Postlude

Prelude – Delight In The Lord

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above
v. 1,3,5 #476 Presbyterian Hymnal

Prayers of the People and 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.

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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
v. 1 #288 Presbyterian Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 12-19 – See Insert

A Moment with the Children – All different, All One

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:20-31a – See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – Strive to be Greater

Pastor Dan McCurdy

Choir – I Have Felt The Hand Of God

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are a sinful people. We struggle to be who you call us to be, we constantly fall short of your expectations, and we find ourselves all too often becoming more who the world expects us to be. We have not done what we are called to do, and often we do the things we are called to avoid. We consider with greater honor those who demand it, rather than seeing the true value. LORD, we believe, help our unbelief, and hear us as we raise our silent prayers 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.**

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 our Giving.

Offertory – My Jesus, I Love Thee/I Love You, Lord

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.**

First Scripture Reading
1 Corinthians 12: 12-19

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be?

Second Scripture Reading
1 Corinthians 12:20-31a

²⁰ As it is, there are many members yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

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

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

January 26, 2025 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Dan Wolbrink
Musicians	Caroline Sells Greg Meeuwesen
Sound Room	Josiah Wolbrink
Choir & Handbells Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Ron Seeger

Tithes and Offerings

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Tabitha Circle
Bring your crafts, sack lunch and join us!
The first and third Monday of each month
11:30-2:30 pm

Exercise Group
Tuesdays and Fridays
9:00 to 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

The ongoing mission of The Presbyterian Women is to support the Salvation Army and WINN (What I Need Now) by collecting needed items (lists are on tables and Lamplighter. All items can be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary. Money donations are accepted as well.

Handbell Rehearsals
No rehearsals til February 6th

Choir Rehearsals
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 Congregational Meeting
February 9th after Service

DEACONS Meeting
After Worship TODAY
Fellowship Room

Giving Statements
Available on the
small back table
in Sanctuary