

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

February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

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.

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

This Is My Father's World
#293 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

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

Live Into Hope
v. 1, 2, 4 #332 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

First Scripture Reading

Luke 6:27-38 – See Insert

A Moment with the Children – Saying: “I Forgive You”

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 45: 3-11,15 - See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – What Forgiveness Is... and isn't Pastor Dan McCurdy

Choir – 10,000 Reasons

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 treat Forgiveness as a return to an unjust status quo, rather than as a radical change to the world. 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

First Scripture Reading

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:3-11; 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

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

February 23, 2025 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Becky Auna
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwesen
Sound Room	Ethan Crusan
Choir & Handbells Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Dave Bohnsack

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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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

***Thursdays
6:30 pm***

Choir Rehearsals

***Thursdays
7:30 pm***

Community Dinner

February 26th

Presbyterian Women's Meeting

March 9th

Potluck after church

There will be a short PW business meeting and then fill goodie bags for shut ins. Please bring a dish to pass and about a dozen items to put into the shut in goodie bags.

Questions? Contact Becca Bohnsack or Becky Auna.

Our Savior's Food Pantry

Each family receives coupons for dairy, bread and \$10 for meat. Hunger Task Force is where our weekly volunteers shop at. Open Saturdays 10 am to Noon.

Thank you for your donations of food and money.

Ash Wednesday Service

March 5th at 6:30 pm