

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

**March 2, 2025**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Prelude – Come Into His Presence**

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**Choral Call To Worship**

**Opening Hymn**

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*  
**#97 Celebration Hymnal**

**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**

*Thy Word*  
**v. 1 #184 Celebration Hymnal**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

*Exodus 34: 29-35*

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

***A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN – Full of the Light of God***

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

*Luke 9: 28-36*

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Sermon - Listen to HIM Pastor Dan McCurdy**

**Choir – Shine, Jesus, Shine**

### **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 listen to so many voices, all while failing to listen to you. 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.**

### **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.

### **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.**

### **Offertory – Praise Band**

#### **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.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's prayer (Debts/Debtors)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your Hearts.

**We lift them up to the LORD!**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God!

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Most holy and gracious God, we praise you who has gathered us around this table... and who forever sing to the glory of your name;

**Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of Power and Might,  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD,  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Forgiving God, we call upon you in our times of fear and doubt... for great is the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is Risen,  
Christ will come again!**

And while we wait on that day when we will share this meal in heaven with you, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

**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.**

**Receiving The Elements**

**Closing Hymn                   *Praise to the LORD, the Almighty!*  
  **#210 Celebration Hymnal****

**Benediction**

**Song of Sending                   *Thou Art Worthy*  
  **#100 Celebration Hymnal****

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Postlude**

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

March 2, 2025 Worship Team	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Martha Burdick
<b>Musicians</b>	Caroline Sells Greg Meeuwsen
<b>Sound Room</b>	Gideon Wolbrink
<b>Choir &amp; Handbell Director</b>	Vicki Arndt
<b>Usher</b>	Fred Miller

**Tithes and Offerings**

Donations can be mailed to:

**Presbyterian Church of West Salem**

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***Tabitha Circle***

**First and Third Mondays**

**11:30am – 2:30pm**

**Bring a lunch**

***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 [preschurchws@gmail.com](mailto:preschurchws@gmail.com)***

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.

**Exercise Group**

**Tuesdays and Fridays**

**9:00 to 10:00 am**

**Fellowship Hall**

***Handbell Rehearsals***

***Thursdays***

***6:30 pm***

***Choir Rehearsals***

***Thursdays***

***7:30 pm***

**Ash Wednesday Service**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**Lenten Services**

***March 12th at 6:30 pm***

***March 19th at 6:30 pm***

***March 26th at 6:30 pm***

***April 2nd at 6:30 pm***

***April 9th at 6:30 pm***

***Maundy Thursday April 17th at 6:30 pm***

***Palm Sunday is April 13th***

***Easter is April 20th***

***Lenten Soup Suppers will be from***

***5:30-6:15pm except on***

***March 26<sup>th</sup>***

***(Community Dinner)***

**Community Dinner**

**March 26th**

**5pm – 6pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Blood Drive**

**March 31st**

**11:30am-4:30pm**

**Presbyterian Women's Meeting**

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**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.**

**Church Work Day**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am – 3 pm**