

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

April 6, 2025
Communion Sunday
5th Sunday in Lent

Prelude – *Lamb of Glory*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Minute For Missions

Call To Worship

Leader: We were made in the image of God.

People: All of Humanity, God created us.

Leader: No Power on Earth can take that away.

People: No Voice in Heaven or Hell could make it untrue.

Leader: So let us sing the Praises to our God, adding our voices together!

People: Let us Praise the LORD!

Opening Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
#575 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

As The Deer
#548 Celebration Hymnal

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN – Doing A New Thing

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8

12 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Sermon - But What About...? Pastor Dan McCurdy

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 make excuses to avoid worshiping you, covering our own greed. 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 – *Jesus Messiah*

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;

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

| April 6, 2025 Worship Team | |
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| Liturgist | Helen Harold |
| Musicians | Caroline Sells Greg Meeuwsen |
| Sound Room | Brynn Loging |
| Choir & Handbell Director | Vicki Arndt |
| Usher | Richard Calvetti |

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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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

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

Not on the 15th or 18th

9:00 to 10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

***Handbell Rehearsals
Rehearsal on April 10th
Not on April 17th
6:30 pm***

***Choir Rehearsals
Rehearsal on April 10th
Not on April 17th
7:30 pm***

***Lenten Services
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
April 9th
5:30-6:15pm***

TODAY!

Jim Beebe

95th Birthday Celebration

Cake served after Service in Fellowship Hall

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.

**Community Garden this year
Volunteers are really needed
to keep the garden going.**

If anyone can help us out with the garden, we would really appreciate it.

Please call the office at 608-786-0910 or Sherry Bonsall at 608-786-1280

Easter Breakfast

**Easter Sunday, April 20th from 9:00-10:00 am
Anyone who can furnish an Egg Bake please contact: Vickie Bain, 608.769.3041 or Sherry Bonsall, 608.786.1280.**

**Easter Egg Hunt
Before Worship Service
Sunday April 20th**