

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.

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 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*
#487 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending *I Love you LORD*
#78 Celebration Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

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

January 15, 2023
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Minute for Missions

The Call to Worship

LEADER: *People of God, Servants of the Almighty,
Our God has called us together.*

PEOPLE: *We are called to support one another, to work in the world!*

LEADER: *Servants of the Almighty, we do not think small.*

PEOPLE: *It is not enough to care for us and ours.*

LEADER: *Children of God, we do not aim low!*

PEOPLE: *All the World, and all in it, is our mission field!*

LEADER: *So let us worship the God who sent us out into the world!*

PEOPLE: *Let us worship the LORD!*

Opening Hymn *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy*
#430 Presbyterian Hymnal

Prayer of Confession

Graceful God, hear our cries. We are sinners, and if we say that we are not sinners then we are liars, and the truth is not in us. Help us to open our hearts and our minds, to see where we have gone wrong, and where we cannot see it, help others to show us, so that we may learn and grow. We have not loved you with all of our hearts, we have not loved others ourselves. We forever try to lessen the scope of our mission, when you call on us to always think bigger. Forgive our hardened hearts, and hear our silent confessions before you.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God loves us and saves us! Our sins are forgiven! Alleluia!

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.**

Passing of the Peace *(please remain in your seats)*

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 Open Our Eyes, Lord
#633 Celebration Hymnal

First Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Moment with the Children – How Big Do We Go

Second Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely

my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon – We wouldn't want it to be too easy... Pastor Dan McCurdy

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

Everything we have, we received from God. When we give back to God, it is not to earn our way or to repay a debt, as what we have was given. Instead, we give in imitation of the Lord, to be generous as God is generous, and so to worship the LORD with our giving. So, people of God, let us bring our gifts before the LORD in worship.

Offertory

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.