

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 **Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine**
#341 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 29, 2023
4th Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

The Call to Worship

LEADER: What does the LORD require of us?

PEOPLE: To do Justice!

LEADER: What does the LORD require of us?

PEOPLE: To love kindness!

LEADER: What does the LORD require of us?

PEOPLE: To walk humbly with our God!

LEADER: So let us worship and love our God!

PEOPLE: Let us worship the LORD!

Opening Hymn ***Somebody's Knocking at Your Door***
#382 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 as ourselves. We overcomplicate our faith, creating confusion when we know what we are called to do. 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:

Matthew 5:1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

A Moment with the Children – What Should We Do?

Special Music by The Choir – O Come Let Us Sing

Second Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8

¹ Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of

Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." ⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon – Back to Basics 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.