

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

March 31, 2024
Communion Sunday
Easter Sunday

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Choir Call to Worship

The Call To Worship

LEADER: People of God, He is Risen!

PEOPLE: He is Risen Indeed!

LEADER: People of God, Christ is Risen!

PEOPLE: Christ is Risen Indeed!

LEADER: Christ is Triumphant, our Sins are Forgiven!

PEOPLE: The Grave is Rolled open, Death is Defeated!

LEADER: So sing out our praises to our Risen Savior, for Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: Alleluia, Christ is Risen indeed!

Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
v. 1, 3, 4 #123 Presbyterian Hymnal

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, today we remember your resurrection, and celebrate your victory over the grave. But we also remember that it was our sin that put you on the cross, and our failures that meant we needed a Savior in the first place. We do not always do what we should, and we often do the things we shouldn't. Forgive us our sins, and listen to us as we raise up our silent confessions 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.**

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

Christ Is Alive!

v. 5 #108 Presbyterian Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Choir – He Walked Out

A Moment With Children – Alive!

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the

tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. [And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen.]

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon - He Is Not Here 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.**

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.

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.

Closing Hymn

Thine Is The Glory

#122 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

v. 1 #113 Presbyterian Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

NO Sunday School TODAY

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

EASTER BREAKFAST

**Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall
9:00-10:00 am**

March 31, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Jenni Logging
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwesen
Sound Room	Lily Oldenburg
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Fred Miller

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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Bible Camp Scholarships for Youth

Interested in attending a summer bible camp?

Applications on back table and due May 10th

If you prefer digital, please email

preschurchws@gmail.com

Community Care and Share Food Pantry

During the month of April, the Stewardship & Mission Committee is sponsoring a collection drive for items needed at the Community Care and Share Food Pantry. Donations can be brought to church and left in the collection box in the entryway. SEE Lamplighter for items

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

Not meeting

April 2nd, 5th or 12th

Handbell Ringer Rehearsals – 6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsals – 7:45 pm

No Rehearsals on April 4th

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. See the Lamplighter for list of items. All items can be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary. Money donations are accepted as well.

**John Knox Presbyterian Women 2024
Spring Gathering**

9:30 a.m. - Saturday, May 4

Hosted by Frankville Community

Presbyterian Church PW

1130A Frankville Road, Postville, Iowa

**Come join us for Game Night
Saturday May 4th from 6-8 pm**

**Whole congregation event,
all ages welcome.**

Games and snacks provided!

All you need to bring is yourself!