

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

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

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

Blest Be the Tie that Binds
#438 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

The Trees of the Field
#764 Celebration Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Minute For Missions

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise
#263 Presbyterian Hymnal

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, 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. Sometimes we don't understand you, and would rather continue to be wrong rather than learn from our mistakes. 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, 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

Open My Eyes That I May See
v. 1 #324 Presbyterian Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 36b-48 - See Insert

Choir – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

A Moment with the Children – Mistakes

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 3:12-19 – See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – When We Don’t Get it 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.

First Scripture Reading Luke 24:36b-48

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Second Scripture Reading Acts 3:12-19

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷ "And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Sunday School
9:00 am – Grades 2-5, Youth Group
During Church – Grades K-2nd
Kids will be dismissed to Sunday School
following the Children’s Message

Nursery Available – 4k and under only
Not staffed

Coffee and Cookies
Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall
9:30-10:00 am

April 14, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Nancy Olson
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwssen
Sound Room	Kelly Crusan
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Richard Calvetti

Tithes and Offerings

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Tabitha Circle
Bring your crafts, sack lunch and join us!
The first and third Monday of each month
11:30-2:30 pm

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

Handbell Ringer Rehearsals – 6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsals – 7:45 pm
Wednesdays
Men’s Choir
Sundays after Service

Exercise Group
Tuesdays and Fridays
9:00 to 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Community Dinner – April 24th - 5-6 pm

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

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

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

Building Beds for Kids – April 27th
10 am to 1 pm – Lion’s Shelter
Volunteer sign-up sheet on back table