

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

April 21, 2024
Fourth 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

Of the Father's Love Begotten
#309 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

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

God is Here!

V. 1,2, 4 #461 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. We rationalize fear and hate, when we know that your command is for us to love. 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

Psalm 23- See Insert

Choir – He Is Calling My Name

A Moment with the Children – Even In Darkness

Second Scripture Reading

1 John 3: 16-24 – See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – Commanded To Love 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

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Second Scripture Reading

1 John 3: 16-24

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸ Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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 21, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Helen Harold
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwsen
Sound Room	Josiah Wolbrink
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