

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

April 28, 2024
Fifth 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

Minute For Missions

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art!
#467 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 look for reasons to keep people out, forgetting that all Christ tried to do was bring us in. 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

Acts 8:26-31 - See Insert

Choir – Ride The Chariot

A Moment with the Children – Never Too Weird

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 8:32-40– See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – Is There Any Reason? 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

Acts 8:26-31

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 8:32-40

³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

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

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

Community Dinner – May 22nd - 5-6 pm

| April 28, 2024 Worship Team | |
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| Liturgist | Dan Wolbrink |
| Musicians | Julie Baker Greg Meeuwsen |
| Sound Room | Brynn Logging |
| 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

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

Quarterly Statements
 Located on table at back of Sanctuary