

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

**April 7, 2024**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**The Call To Worship**

LEADER: Our Risen Savior Stands before us!

**PEOPLE: Alleluia, Christ has Risen!**

LEADER: In Upper Rooms, our Savior Finds us!

**PEOPLE: Alleluia, Christ has Risen!**

LEADER: Throughout the World, our Savior leads us!

**PEOPLE: Alleluia, Christ has Risen!**

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

**PEOPLE: Alleluia, Christ is Risen indeed!**

**Opening Hymn**

*I Danced in the Morning*  
v. 1, 3, 5 #302 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 try to show that we are perfect, while we walk in fear and darkness. 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*

**1 John 1:1-7**

**<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup>what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

## A Moment With Children – Alive!

## *Second Scripture Reading*

**1 John 1:8-2:2**

**<sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>2</sup><sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.**

## Prayer of Illumination

### **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.**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's prayer (Debts/Debtors)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your Hearts.

**We lift them up to the LORD!**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God!

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Most holy and gracious God, we praise you who has gathered us around this table... and who forever sing to the glory of your name;

**Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of Power and Might,  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD,  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Forgiving God, we call upon you in our times of fear and doubt... for great is the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is Risen,  
Christ will come again!**

And while we wait on that day when we will share this meal in heaven with you, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

**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.**

**Receiving The Elements**

**Closing Hymn            *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*  
#369 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**

### Sunday School

9:00 am – Grades 2-5, Youth Group

During Church – Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup>

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 7, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Barbara Hopkins
Musicians	Julie Baker Greg Meeuwesen
Sound Room	Evan Crusan
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Richard Calvetti

#### Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

Presbyterian Church of West Salem

PO Box 861

West Salem, WI 54669

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### Bible Camp Scholarships for Youth

Interested in attending a summer bible camp?

Applications on back table and due May 10<sup>th</sup>

If you prefer digital, please email

[preschurchws@gmail.com](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup>

**Handbell Ringer Rehearsals – 6:30 pm**

**Choir Rehearsals – 7:45 pm**

Change of Date

Now on Wednesdays

**Men's Choir starts TODAY after Service**

***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](mailto: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!

Nelda Manter has a new address:

Brookdale Onalaska

949 10<sup>th</sup> Ave N

Onalaska WI 54650