

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.

Closing Hymn

Thine Is The Glory
#122 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

Because He Lives
#358 Celebration Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

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

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday

Prelude – *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Minute For Missions

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen, indeed!

Leader: People of God, our God is Risen!

People: Our God is Risen indeed!

Leader: People of God, Christ is Risen!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Opening Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*
#123 Presbyterian Hymnal

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.

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

He Lives

v. 1 #368 Celebration Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25 – See Insert

A Moment with the Children – Hosannah!

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12 - See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – Looking for the Living Among the Dead

Pastor Dan McCurdy

Choral Anthem - *Glorious Easter, Wonderful Day!*

Prayer of Confession

Risen LORD, we are a people in desperate need of a Savior. Our lives are spent in sadness, anger, and bitterness, and we forever walk in the sin of our ancestors. We do not do the things we are called to do, and often we do the things you tell us not to do. We search for answers in the graves of the past, trying to find you amongst the dead, when we have been told, over and over again, that you are Risen from the dead. Forgive our endless sin, and hear the silent confessions we raise before 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.

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

The Gifts of God are all around us, our lives and our homes, our talents and our joys, our family and friends, and the greatest gift of all was the Salvation promised, the life of Christ seeking to end our division from God and each other. When we give, we do not do so to purchase anything... for the gifts of God were already given. Instead, we give in imitation of our LORD, offering what we have to support others, and to be ourselves the gift that God gives the World, so let us worship God with our Giving.

Offertory – Handbells – *The Strife is Over*

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

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

April 20, 2025 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Nancy Olson
Musicians	Caroline Sells Greg Meeuwssen
Sound Room	Lily Oldenburg
Choir & Handbells 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 Mondays of each month
11:30-2:30 pm - Bring a Lunch

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

***The ongoing mission of The Presbyterian Women is to support
the Salvation Army and WINN (What I Need Now) by collecting
needed items (lists are on tables and Lamplighter. All items can
be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary.
Money donations are accepted as well.***

**Community Dinner
April 23rd
5pm – 6pm**

**Contribution Statements
On table in back of sanctuary**

**Support the West Salem Food Pantry
Please bring food donations
and place them in the shopping carts
between the entryway doors.
The current need is canned vegetables and soups.**

**Homemakers Ladies Group
April 28th
7:30am - 3:00pm**

**Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 18th**

**Blood Drive
May 30th
11:30am - 4:30pm**

**Confirmation Sunday
June 1st**