

#### Wasatch Presbyterian Church www.wpcslc.org

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, You are welcome here!

## Let Us Worship Together!



"A sudden bold and unexpected question doth many times surprise a man and lay him open." -Francis Bacon

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 10:00am

#### About This Week...

**Welcome to Worship Today.** We gather in this beautiful place to reconnect with old friends and meet new friends, to reflect upon life and its complexities from fresh spiritual perspectives, and to connect with the One who created us, loves us dearly, and connects us into one fortunate family. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here, as we journey together in faith and hope.

#### **About Today's Service**

Jesus continues to appear and surprise those who follow him. He warned us while he walked on the earth, but his followers of all ages struggle to understand. Yet he continues to appear and surprise.

#### **Prayer for Today**

Dear God, it's easy for me to get a little lost. There's so much going on around me that I can forget where I am and where I am going. Thank you for giving us the scriptures to show us the way through this world and into your love. I'll try to be better at reading them—and following them—every day. Amen!

#### The Chiming of the Bell

For centuries, church bells have called worshippers to the church and to worship. We connect with this heritage by chiming our bell as a call to worship together.

#### **Notes for Worship**

Additional children's worship materials are near the side door.

Childcare is available for ages 4 & under in the nursery.

\* Indicates that you may stand if you desire.

Prayer requests are gathered by Deacons during children's message.

Please note that all worship services are live streamed and recorded.

Deacon on Duty: Alec LaLonde Ushers: Mark Huff, Rocky Cox & Peter Stirba

Prior to the service, you are invited to prepare yourself for worship. Some people prefer to meditate or pray, while others may chat quietly with their fellow-worshipers as a way to connect and focus.

**Organ Prelude** 

Psalm 139

Dr. Ken Udy

by Robert Cundick (1926–2016)

## Gathering Together

Our worship leaders call us together to draw our attention forward and upward. We all sing together to join our voices and our hearts.

\*Gathering Song

Beautiful Things

Pg 12, Green Book

\*Welcome

\*Chiming of the Bell

\*Call to Worship Based on Psalm 4

God of all righteousness, hear when I pray. In my distress, be my hope and my stay;

Long I have suffered revilement and shame, Great God of mercy, I call on your name.

When those around me my faith would confound, May I rejoice in your gifts that abound;

Peace and assurance all discord withstand, Safely I rest in the palm of your hand.

We focus our attention first on God's glory, and offer our praise in word and song.

#### \*Opening Prayer

Eternal God, we gather in this place to remember and proclaim the living presence of the Loving Lord in our lives and our community. We are your chosen followers, and commit ourselves to prepare for your mission. Draw us near and grant us courage to learn, to receive, and to share. Help us to believe in Easter, and in believing, help us to follow you, O Living Lord. Amen.

Reflecting on God's glory makes us aware of our human sinfulness and need for forgiveness. This honesty before God and each other opens our hearts to receive God's forgiveness, which we celebrate with song and sharing.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

In the midst of our confusion, you join us, O Living Christ. You prepare us for the tasks ahead with your living presence in the here and now. Why do we find it strange that your early disciples were startled and afraid when you appeared to them? We, too, would be filled with confusion and fear if you came and joined us. And yet you live with us every moment of every day! You have heard this story from us before: we know you are always with us, and we know that you are always watching. Why do we do the things that we do? Why do we ignore our neighbor in need, and isolate those who are different from us? Why do we act as though our lives were our own and that we can act in any way we choose? Why do we do the things that we do?

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

God receives us now in love and forgiveness.

In the resurrection of Jesus the Living Christ, we have seen the light of heaven in our world.

Then lift up your eyes and your hearts, for redemption draws near. In Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

\*Gloria Patri Hymn 581

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

May the peace of Christ be with you **And also with you!** 

All who are able and willing may greet those people near them by saying "Peace be with you" or other words of greeting.

## Listening Together

The scriptures hold a central place in our worship, so are read often.

We ask God to inspire both the reading and the hearing of these words.

Then we listen for what God may reveal to us in their reading.

The music and sermon are designed to help interpret the scriptures and help us apply them to our daily living.

#### Children's Message

Hymn 591

All children are invited to come forward for a special message for them.

Parents are invited to bring smaller ones.

Children are then invited to exit the sanctuary

and participate in a special time of learning and worship.

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Your holy scriptures are filled with words of anticipation for your mighty act of redemption, Eternal God. Help us today not only to remember your good news, but also to gain words to share our hope with those in need, so that they too may hear and respond in hope. Amen!

#### Scripture Reading Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 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." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. 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." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

## Responding Together

Once we hear God's Word, we want to respond in word and in deed, so we say what we believe, we give of what God has given us, and we pray together as an active part of our worship and witness.

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel. The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated. (9.27)

Offertory

Christ is Alive!

Chancel Choir

(for text refer to Hymn 246)

We give and receive an offering as a response to what we have heard in worship and what we have been given in life. Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings, whether made in the worship service or outside of it, are part of our worship of God.

Offerings are to be given freely, gratefully, and hopefully.

Use the QR code for online giving



#### \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures, here below; Praise God above ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Life of the Church

#### **Prayers of the People**

Everyone is invited to write prayer requests on the pew cards, and a deacon will gather them during our children's message, or verbally share a joy or concern when invited by the pastor or leader.

#### 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Going Together

We are sent into the world to bear witness to God's glory and love, knowing that God has gone ahead of us to prepare the way and to prepare the people we will help.

Worship ends on this hopeful note—and continues in all we do and become. Go into the world with confidence and love!

\*Closing Song

It Is Well With My Soul

Pg 64, Green Book

\*Charge and Benediction

**Postlude** 

Recessional Dr. Ken Udy by Robert Cundick (1926–2016)



Sunday, April 21
After Worship (11am)

Join us to elect our next class of church officers (Session Members & Deacons) in a brief meeting following worship.







#### April 14th 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

#### Bible Passage

1 John 3 v 1-7 Children of God

#### Today in church we learned that...

1 John is an epistle, a letter written to believers in the early church who were learning how to live for God. We can know that God loves us and calls us His children. We can choose to live a life that pleases him, making wise choices and turning away from selfish living.

Why not take some time this week to revisit the Bible Passage, use the questions below to talk and share together and connect with God using these activities. You might like to try and remember the memory yerse as well.

Pick the activities that work best for you.

#### Memory Verse

#### 1 John 3 v 1

The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children.

## A question for adults to ask children

What is the best thing about having me as a grown up in your life?

## A question for children to ask adults

What is the best thing about having me as a child in your life?

#### Family Fun Together

Obstacle course: Set up your own obstacle course to complete around a room, or through your whole home. We can choose to avoid selfish and sinful behaviours, making good choices as we live for God. Sometimes that means facing challenges or avoiding behaviours which we know don't please God.

#### Connect with God Together

Spend some time practicing waiting on God together, listening to His voice and catching what He wants to share with you.

We can ask God any questions we like and chat to God about anything. Why not ask God together what His favourite things are about your family. Everybody in your family from the youngest to the oldest is a child of God!

God can speak to us in many different ways through words, pictures, thoughts or feelings.

#### Letter writing challenge

The book of 1 John is an epistle, a letter written to a group of Christians to help them know how to live for God. Can you write your own letter together to another family in the church giving them your best advice and ideas for living as children of God? Perhaps you could share a favourite verse of your family and what it means to you.



### Spiritual Development

## Spiritual Formation Each Sunday at 9am

**Pre-K & Younger - Nursery** 

Adults & Youth (7th-12th) - Loft

K - 6th - Children's Fun Time in the Gym "Funday School" is after the Children's

Message during Worship (Approx 10:15am)



SPIRITUAL FORMATION

# Bible Adventures

a weekly Bible study All are Welcome

Engaging discussions and sharing The Gospel of Luke

Tuesdays at 10:30am Church Library

# Wednesday Women's Bible Study Weekly at 9am in the Library

A Welcoming and Inviting Group,

Questioning is Encouraged.

Group Led, We Read Different Translations of the Bible to Discern and Interpret Meaning.

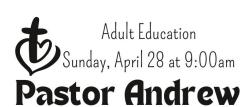
# The James Code Come and explore

putting faith into action

Wasatch Presbyterian Men & others

at weekly breakfast

Thursday at 8:30am IHOP (4500 S. Highland Dr.)



## will guide an Inspirational Discussion

Church Library or Zoom 536 010 3387 Password: Wasatch20

#### Ways to Get Involved, Fellowship & Events



Wasatch Presbyterian Preschool Annual Fun Fair Fundraiser

#### WINE DONATIONS NEEDED

Every Year we gather bottles of wine to auction as part of our Spring Fun Fair Fundraiser Auction.

Questions?
Contact our
Preschool Director
Misa Anderson

manderson@wpcslc.org

Bottles can be dropped off in the church office



Each Month a Committee is signed up to Set Up & Clean Up Coffee Hour and provide snacks.



Thank You!

Coffee Hour this month is brought to you by Worship & Music



#### **Monthly Book Club**

Join us each month on the 2nd Tuesday at 5pm for dinner and discussion.

We read a book every other month and all are welcome to come whether you've read the book or not!

May 14th from 5-7pm

For More Info, Contact Janet Wortley rjwortley@comcast.net



A mission of Wasatch Presbyterian Church's Youth Committee to foster a small group for all moms and other women in the church.

> Join us for our upcoming gatherings!

Saturday, April 27th: TBA Friday, May 31st: TBA

Contact Shannon (baker\_shannon@msn.com) if you would like to join in and get more information.

Women of Wasatch Coffee & Devotional



Thursday May 2

10:30am

**Library & Zoom** 



RED BUTTE GARDEN Sunday, April 14 2 pm Adults - \$16

Kids - Free!

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### ALL AGES, GENDERS & ABILITIES INVITED TO HELP

We Meet Monthly at WPC in the Conference Room & Zoom Meeting ID: 536 010 3387 Passcode: wasatch20

Thursday April 18 10:30am-Noon

- We Make Reusable items out of *Plarn* (Plastic Yarn)
- Sort, Fold, Cut or Crochet
- At least 8,000 plastic grocery bags have been kept out of the landfill so far!



Scan QR code to Learn More about Plasticity & How to help if you can't make it Thursday.



100% of donations go to outreach, supplies, & operating cost

Plasticity is a non profit organization Environmental Service Project Sponsored by the Women of Wasatch





Come join us for a week of enjoying God's mountains with children who need you. Utah Royal Kids is a week-long summer camp for kids from the foster care system. Each of these precious children has been abused, neglected, and has had a very rough start in life. This is a ministry in your own backyard that costs you nothing but your time. There are two different times this summer, come to one or both!

## **June 23-28 and July 28-Aug 2**

#### All kinds of jobs available: No experience is necessary!

mentors
social workers
nurses
support staff
registration Forganizing
arts and crafts
reading bedtime stories
hanging out with the kids
playing music

counselors

These children do not require much, and sadly, they don't expect much.

If you can sit and listen, see them, hear them, and stand by them, you're a shoe-in!

#### For More Info, Visit: www.utahroyalkids.org

Call/Email Shelley Horel
801-870-9454 rochellehorel@gmail.com.
She would love to answer questions!
See you at camp!

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WPC Elders (Session Members)

Administrative

Kent Anderson

Rachna Masih

Patrick Newton

Kellie Noring

Lisa Vitkus

#### **UPCOMING WEEK AT WPC** Monday, April 15

7:00pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 16

10:00am: WPC Staff Mtg 10:30am: Bible Babes

6:30pm: Cub Scouts

7:00pm: Session Mtg

Wednesday, April 17 9:00am: Women's Bible Study

6:00pm: Pastor Nominating Committee

Thursday, April 18 8:30am: Presbyterian Men IHOP gathering 10:30am: Environmental Service Project 7:30pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 21 Youth Baptisms 9:00am: Sunday School for All

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9:30am: Choir warm up 10:00am: Worship + Livestream 11:00am: Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers & Coffee Hour 6:00pm: Confirmation Class & Club 56

#### WASATCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Associate Pastor: Rev. Andrew Fleishman Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Kenneth Udv Director of Youth Ministries: Jerri Crawford

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Worship Band Director: Todd Wheeler

St. Vincent's

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Flowers

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