



Wasatch Presbyterian Church
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*Wherever you are on your journey of faith,
You are welcome here!*

Let Us Worship Together!



*"You've got to go out on a limb sometimes
because that's where the fruit is."
—Will Rogers*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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

A great joy of being a Christian is the opportunity to “bear fruit,” to fulfill the designs God placed within you. In order to experience this joy, we want to stay connected to God's life-giving source, Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Today

Help me today, Dear God, to realize how much you trust us and entrust to us your kingdom's work. I don't feel particularly important today—to you or to anyone else. Thank you for letting me be part of this church, where I can work with other people—people who wonder and doubt just like me—and help us all to discover the next step in becoming more connected to you. Then we will bear really good fruit for you! 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: Patrick Newton

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-worshippers as a way to connect and focus.

Organ Prelude We Know That Christ Is Raised Dr. Ken Udy
by J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

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** Listen To Our Hearts Pg. 70, Green Bk

***Welcome**

***Chiming of the Bell**

***Call to Worship** Psalm 22:25-26

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

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

***Opening Prayer**

Eternal and All-Loving God, we gather today to thank you for your ever-present care and infinite providence.

You have blessed us with life and a sense of purpose for living that life. Not content to do all the work yourself, you revealed your way to us, and then allow us to work with you as extensions of your grace. On top of all this, you even give us what we need to be fruitful for you. We praise as the Giver of All Life. Amen!

***Opening Hymn** We Know That Christ Is Raised Hymn 485

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

Like a vine and branches, you connect us to you, and provide nourishment and direction for every area of our lives.

While you are anxious for your power to flow through us, we are not as ready to be so public with your love. To be your branches means that we will spend our very lives being your conduits of love for other people—and some of those people are not very loveable. Many of them we don't know—or don't care to know. Forgive us, Empowering God, for not being zealous enough in our discipleship. Urge us onward in the struggle to understand the great ideas of the faith, so that we may experience your power flowing through us and bear your fruit for all to enjoy. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God will not fail in fulfilling promises—now or ever.

God hears our prayers and will answer them to the extent we are open to receive the many blessings.

We know that God loves us and desires to save the world through us. So, there's no surprise when we celebrate together:

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.*

Anthem

Seek Ye First

Children's Choir

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

Thank you, Enlightening Lord, for sharing with us these blessed and holy scriptures. When we think of the saints in the early church, who were just learning about Jesus the Risen Christ, we realize how fortunate we are to have these words as our guides. Bless us with understanding today, so that the fruit that we bear will be sweet and hopeful for all who taste it. Amen!

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ Is Risen
by Benjamin Harlan (b. 1954)
(for text refer to Hymn 248)

Chancel Choir

Sermon

"Growing Easter Fruit"

Rev. Bob Sheldon

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

God has created human beings for a personal relation with himself that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life. (9.17)

Offertory

Heaven Is You
by Joshua Bassett (b. 2000)

Adrienne & Charlie Babbitt

*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

Sacrament of Baptism Adler Timme

Congregational Response

**With joy and thanksgiving
we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in his ministry,
for we are all one in Christ!**

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**

New Wine

Pg. 80, Green Book

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Sonata de 1^o Tono
by José Lidón (1748–1827)

Dr. Ken Udy

Bible Passage

1 John 4 v 7-21

Love others

Today in church we learned that...

God's love for us is perfect and unchanging, nothing we can do will make that love less. God's love for us was so great that He sent Jesus to die on a cross so that we would never need to fear punishment. We can know God's love for us and share God's love with others.

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 verse 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 to ask each other

Who do you find it easiest to love?

Who do you find it hardest to love?

Family Fun Together

Spread some love: It's not Valentine's day, but that shouldn't stop us from spreading some love!

Make some cards together, fill them with encouraging messages of love and then deliver them to spread some love to friends, family or neighbours!



Connect with God Together

We are part of God's special plan to let the whole world know about His love for them. Who could you share the Good News about God's love with this week?

Set a timer for one minute and working together make a list of as many people as you can think of who you know, that don't yet know God as their friend.

Once you have made the list, work your way through praying for each one until they have all been prayed for!



Cast out fear challenge

In our passage it says that 'perfect love casts out fear'. When there is no punishment, there is nothing to be afraid of. Each think of something which you have been afraid to do, perhaps because you were worried it might go wrong, or that you might embarrass yourself. Take on the 'cast out fear' challenge and give it a go this week!

Spiritual Development

Spiritual Formation Sunday at 9am

Pre-K & Younger - Nursery

7th - 12th (Youth) - Loft

Adult Education - Library

K - 6th - Children's Fun Time in the Gym

"Funday School" is after the Children's

Message during Worship

(Approx 10:15am)

Next Sunday is Our
Last Day of Spiritual
Formation Classes.

Bible Study Groups
will continue
throughout the
Summer.

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

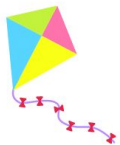
Thursday at 8:30am

IHOP (4500 S. Highland Dr.)

Ways to Get Involved, Fellowship & Events

WPC Family Picnic

CELEBRATE THE END OF THE PROGRAM YEAR



May 5th
Outside



After Worship

**Please Bring Your Own
Drinks and a Side to Share**

 **Coffee Hour**
Volunteers Make it Happen! 

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

 **Thank You!**

Coffee Hour set up & clean up for this month is brought to you by our Worship & Music Committee.



Registration Open
NEW 8 WEEK
SUMMER CAMP

We've got a fun summer planned!
Themed weeks have different activities like water days, a treasure hunt, dino adventures, music play & more!

Come for as many weeks as you want.

Visit wasatchpreschool.org to Save Your Spot for Summer Fun!



Women of Wasatch
Coffee & Devotional

 **Thursday**
May 2

10:30am 
Library & Zoom



Next Sunday, May 5

Help us gather Food and Funds for those in Need!

Bring Canned Food/Boxed Items to Wasatch

Scan the QR Code to Give Online



Check or Cash: Be sure to label donations "crossroads"

Women of Wasatch

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



Welcome

Celebration

Inclusion

JOIN THE UTAH PRESBYTERY AS WE CELEBRATE PRIDE!

Let's Walk in the Utah Pride Parade Together

Sunday, June 2

All are welcome!

Wear your brightest PRIDE COLORS!

- Feel free to bring flags to wave.
(We will have a large banner to carry as we walk.)
- We'll have one vehicle for anyone unable to walk entire route.
- Participants must check in by 9 am. (Parade starts at 10 am.)
- Parking is limited; consider carpooling or taking TRAX
- We'll get our staging area later in May and let you know.
(Staging grounds are downtown near the Salt Palace.)
- Make sure to review the Parade Rules & Regulations

Please RSVP to megan.judkins@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**226 General Assembly
Coming to Salt Lake City
June 24 - July 4, 2024**

The Presbyterian world is coming to Utah and we want them to feel welcomed and appreciated. We'll welcome and host over 1,000 delegates from all over the United States and the world!

**Scan QR
to Sign Up**



There will be two **volunteer virtual orientation** and training sessions, **Wednesday June 12 at 7:30 pm** and **Saturday June 15 at 9:30 am**.

More information on these to follow once you have signed up.

WPC Elders (Session Members)

Kent Anderson	<i>Administrative</i>
Clare Coonan	<i>Buildings & Grounds</i>
Jeremy Cunningham	<i>Membership</i>
Russ Fericks	<i>Personnel</i>
Liz Harald	<i>Preschool & Nominating</i>
Michael Holloway	<i>Budget & Finance</i>
Shelley Horel	<i>Mission Ministries</i>
Stephan Jacob	<i>Personnel</i>
Ethan Kiburtz	<i>Youth Ministry</i>
Stasha Lewis	<i>Children's Ministry</i>
Bretta Pirie-Srivastava	<i>Worship & Music</i>
Stacee Riekhof	<i>Membership</i>
Marty Shannon	<i>Adult Education</i>
Sam Whitaker	<i>Congregational Life</i>
Elizabeth Zeldes	<i>Nominating</i>

Board of Deacons

Jerri Crawford	<i>Moderator</i>
Anna Cordes	<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>
Anne Elliott	<i>FH Kitchen</i>
Valerie Greer	<i>Meals Coordinator</i>
Linda Griffen	<i>Care & Concern</i>
Paul Hewitt	<i>Care & Concern</i>
Pat Homer	<i>Prayer Cards</i>
Elaine Jarvik	<i>Funerals/Memorials</i>
Alec Lalonde	<i>Card Ministry</i>
Rachna Masih	<i>St. Vincent's</i>
Patrick Newton	<i>Flowers</i>
Kellie Noring	<i>Funerals/Memorials</i>
Lisa Vitkus	<i>Transportation</i>

UPCOMING WEEK AT WPC

Monday, April 29

7:00pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 30

10:00am: WPC Staff Mtg

10:30am: Bible Babes

6:00pm: Sandwich Making

6:30pm: Cub Scouts

Wednesday, May 1

9:00am: Women's Bible Study

6:00pm: Pastor Nominating Committee

Thursday, May 2

8:30am: Presbyterian Men IHOP gathering

7:30pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 5

Communion Sunday & Crossroads Collection

9:00am: Last Spiritual Formation Classes

9:30am: Choir warm up

10:00am: Worship + Livestream

11:00am: Coffee Hour

11:15am: End of Program Year Picnic

WASATCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor: Rev. Bob Sheldon
Associate Pastor: Rev. Andrew Fleishman
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Kenneth Udy
Director of Youth Ministries: Jerri Crawford
Director of Children's Ministries: Matt Bethune
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Facilities Manager: Allan McInnis
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