

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE

Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 19, 2025



## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Welcome to worship!

We praise God for everyone who joins us in worshiping this weekend.  
It is a blessing to worship God as part of a community of faith.

öYou kept the good wine until now.ö  
*John 2:10b*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

öTurn Your Eyes Upon Jesusö

Helen Lemmel

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Adapted from Psalm 36, para.

Leader: God's steadfast love extends to the heavens,

**People: God's faithfulness to the clouds.**

Leader: God's righteousness is like the mountains,  
God's judgments are like the great deep.

**People: How precious is God's steadfast love;  
for all peoples can take refuge in the shadow of God's wings.**

Leader: They feast in the abundance of God's house,  
and drink in the river of God's delight.

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! We praise You, O Lord, for lighting our path and leading us away from our sins. Those who have dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined! We praise You, O Lord, as Christians, because You call us to be the light of the world. We praise You for Your greatness, for the way it shines on all people,**

**and for the marvelous things You do in our lives and the lives of others. Glory be to You, O God. Amen.**

\*HYMN #59

ōJoyful, Joyful, We Adore Theeö

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Forgive, Creator of light and Author of truth, our doubts and fears. Forgive our reluctance to acknowledge You with confidence and enthusiasm. Forgive us for demanding proof when You have challenged us to live by faith rather than sight. Forgive us for not believing that You have power and are willing to use it on Earth. Forgive us the fragile nature of our faith and give us the confidence of a sure hope. Help us to follow You with a bold step and to obey You with unwavering loyalty. Amen.**

*(silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Isaiah 49:13

Leader: Shout for joy, O heavens! Rejoice, O earth, burst into song, O mountains!

People: **For the Lord comforts His people, and will have compassion on His afflicted ones.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

Avery & Marsh

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

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## WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

Pew Bible p. 604

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Pew Bible p. 933

ANTHEM

ōOne Bread, One Bodyö

John Foley

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Prayer requests will be collected following The Children's Time*

\*GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-11

Pew Bible p. 863

MEDITATION

Rev. Martha Carlson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

\*HYMN #669

ōJesus, Come, for We Invite Youö

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

[C67-9.15]

**We acknowledge that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But in Jesus Christ God reveals love by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in**

**receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of His love.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE: those suffering from the devastating Los Angeles fires, the victims and their families of the terrorist attack in New Orleans, all the people suffering in the Middle East, the people of Ukraine, Amanda, Anne, Bruce R., the family and friends of Dawn H., Debra V.ø mother, Donnie S., Edd C., FPCW, family & friends of Jill F., Jim P., rest in peace President Jimmy Carter, Joe M., Claire & Jack, Karen J.ø grandson, Kathy D., Kaye B., Kim & Mike N., Linda R., Mary N., Martha B., Nancy B., Nancy P., Natalie C., Peggy W., the family of Robin N., Ron & Maribeth, Sabine P., nurses & caregivers of Sonya H. in Hospice, Sue H., the family of Sue R., Zacharyeus B., the family of Zachary C., and the men and women in our Armed Forces, especially Marine Riley Bray-Jones, Ashley Sabo-National Guard, Ben Clark-U.S. Navy, SSG Michael Grounds, LC Michael Haub, Airman Frank Terry-Air Force. Also in our prayers this week are: For Faith Parish Bethel, Brewster PC, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Rev. Debra Bronkema, Director of New Worshipping Committees, Presbytery.

#### THE OFFERING

It is important that we offer ourselves to God, with or without the physical symbols of offering, because it is in the using of our gifts that we serve God.  
Financial offerings may be mailed to the church. The church's mailing address is 30 Goshen Avenue, Washingtonville NY 10992.

#### \*THE DOXOLOGY

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

#### \*PRAYER FOR DEDICATION (unison)

**Loving God, You have given us every gift we need, including the perfect gift of Your Son. Accept, we pray, our gratitude, our tithes, our offerings and ourselves, to be used in His name. Amen.**

#### WE TAKE GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

#### \*SENDING HYMN #72

øGreat Is Thy Faithfulnessø

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

#### POSTLUDE

øAll Hail the Power of JesusøNameø

Edward Perronet

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

What will vindicate Israel? Who will marry Israel?

What will change for the people once the marriage takes place?

What varieties of gifts do you see in our congregation? How do we value those gifts?

How do you think the Spirit is a fulfillment of the promise in Isaiah?

What does Jesus do at the wedding at Cana? Why do you think He agrees to do it? What were two results?

**Join the people who are reading the Bible-in-a-year readings.** This week's Bible readings are: Sunday: Job 1-4; Monday: Job 5-7; Tuesday: Job 8-10; Wednesday: Job 11-13; Thursday: Job 14-17; Friday: Job 18-20; Saturday: Job 21-24

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Choices to communicate PRAYER NEEDS:**

1. Send your prayer requests to Lois via email: [lmdb9999@gmail.com](mailto:lmdb9999@gmail.com). There are currently 42 persons in our e-Prayer Circle who are notified of prayer requests. Cynthia will add names from e-prayer requests to the weekly prayer list.
2. During Sunday worship services, fill out a prayer request card or verbalize your request at prayer time. The cards will be collected immediately following The Children's Time. God does hear and answer our prayers! Thank you, God!  
Prayer requests from worship services and from e-Prayer Circle will be put on our weekly prayer list and remain on the list for 30 days, unless requested otherwise.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** – The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Washingtonville will be held Sunday, January 26, 2025 immediately following the worship service to receive reports of the church, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

**Snow Cancellation** – Our church cancellation policy during the winter months is to evaluate weather conditions on a case by case basis to determine if church closure is advisable for the safety of our congregation. The church's answering machine will have a message about closure. Our website will have a special notice on the front page. A group email will be sent and phone calls will be made to members of our congregation who do not have computers or do email.

Office hours: Tuesday 3:00-5:00.

Call the manse phone any time at 845-614-0048, or email Martha at [revmpc86@yahoo.com](mailto:revmpc86@yahoo.com) or text Martha at 845-260-2273.

The church office (845-496-3814)

will be open only as needed until further notice.

Messages left on the answering machine and emails sent to [fpcwashingtonville@gmail.com](mailto:fpcwashingtonville@gmail.com) will be checked regularly.

The church's mailing address is 30 Goshen Avenue, Washingtonville NY 10992.

The church's website is [fpcw.makeswebsites.com](http://fpcw.makeswebsites.com)

The church Facebook page is First Presbyterian Church of Washingtonville.

Questions, comments, discussion group on Facebook is Washingtonville First Presbyterian Church.