

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024



## 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.

ōLet us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.ö

*Hebrews 4:16*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

ōBlessed Assuranceö

Fanny J. Crosby & Phoebe P. Knapp, arr. Bryce Inman

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 146:1-2

Leader: Praise the Lord.

**People: Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

Leader: I will praise the Lord all my life;

**People: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

**Lord God, You are our fortress and strength. We praise You for being so solid that we can depend on You always. We praise You for being so strong that You can always lift us up. We praise You for caring enough to bridge the gap of scale and power and goodness that lies between You and us. Praise be to You, O God! Amen.**

\*HYMN #68

ōCome, Thou Fount of Every Blessingō

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Forgive us, O God, for the arrogance of our ways. We think, like Job, that we have a right to understand You, a right to demand that You run the universe according to our plans. Help us to let go of our need to control. Help us to place our trust truly in You. And, O most gracious and merciful Father, help us to stand in awe at the scale and power of Your handiwork, and, with wonder, to pursue the opportunities You give us to experience Your redeeming love. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*(silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS (responsive) Psalm 107:19, 21 para.

Leader: We cried to the Lord in our trouble,

**People: and He saved us from our distress.**

Leader: Let us thank the Lord for His steadfast love

**People: and His wonderful works for human beings.**

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

## **WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Pew Bible p. 409

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

Pew Bible p. 972

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

\*GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:17-31

Pew Bible p. 822

MEDITATION

The Pursuit of Happiness

Rev. Martha Carlson

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD**

\*HYMN #494

ōStep by Stepö

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith, Glory to God p. 37 #2

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDŒS PRAYER**

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE: all the people affected by Hurricane Helene and now in Florida Hurricane Milton, a young man and his family, Sabine P., all the people suffering in the Middle East, the people of Ukraine, Anne, Carys H., Cher E., Danielle & Matt-loss of baby, family and friends of Dawn H., Deborah C., Donnie S., Edd C., FPCW, Jim P., President Jimmy Carter, Kathy D., Mary, Juliann, Sean, the family of Baby Brennan, Mary N., Nancy B., Sonya H., Sue H., Sue R.- in hospice care, 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, and Air National Guardsman Christopher Jonza. Also in our prayers this week are: First Church Goshen, Indigenous Peoples Day (10/14), World Food Day (10/16).

### **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 churchŒs 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)

**Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with Your love; through the One who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

\*SENDING HYMN #427

ōYou Are My All in Allō

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

POSTLUDE

ōAll Hail the Power of JesusøNameö

Edward Perronet & Oliver Holden, arr. Ken Barker

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

What did Job want from God? Was there anything his friends could do to help him get it?

What would Job trust God to do if Job could find God?

How can one person comfort another? Are there times when we can do nothing?

Do you think human inadequacy is on the whole a good or bad thing when it comes to our relationship with God?

What is the word of God capable of doing?

What is Jesus capable of doing about our weaknesses and why?

What will we find waiting for us at God's throne?

What does Jesus say the man must do to get eternal life?

Does the man accept Jesus' offer?

Why are the disciples surprised? Are we surprised?

**Join the people who are reading the Bible-in-a-year readings.** This week's Bible readings are: Sunday: Matthew 12-14; Monday: Matthew 15-17; Tuesday: Matthew 18-20; Wednesday: Matthew 21-23; Thursday: Matthew 24-26; Friday: Matthew 27-28, Mark 1; Saturday: Mark 2-4.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Choices to communicate PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Send your prayer requests to Lois via email: [lbd9999@hvc.rr.com](mailto:lbd9999@hvc.rr.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.

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

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