

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 3, 2024



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Welcome to worship!

We praise God for everyone who joins us in worshipping this weekend.

It is a blessing to worship God as part of a community of faith.

öDo not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.ö

Psalm 146:3, 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

öMove Love to Theeö

William Doanne

*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, we thank You for sending Your Son to proclaim Your message to us. We praise You for sending Your Spirit to empower us. We rejoice that You sent the apostles and prophets with Your message to Your people, and although we find it intimidating, we also praise You for sending us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #96

ōO for a Thousand Tongues to Singō

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, Your Word is full of amazing people, who risked themselves, their deaths or their lives, to do Your will. We confess that we are often too cautious to follow their example. We choose the shallow opinions of our peers instead of placing our trust fully in You. Give us courage to reprioritize so that You are at the center of our hearts and lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Psalm 146:5-7

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

People: whose hope is in the Lord their God,

Leader: Who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

People: Who keeps faith forever;

Leader: Who executes justice for the oppressed; Who gives food to the hungry.

*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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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Ruth 1:1-18

Pew Bible p. 210

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:1-14

Pew Bible p. 975

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S TIME

Prayer requests will be collected following The Children's Time

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28-34

Pew Bible p. 825

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*HYMN #444

ØRain Downö

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

ApostlesØCreed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE: all the people affected by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton, a young man and his family, all the people suffering in the Middle East, the people of Ukraine, newborn twins Abigail Mae & Gordon Michael P., Anne, Audrey & Joe M., Carys H., Cher E., Danielle & Matt-loss of baby, family and friends of Dawn H., Donnie S., Edd C., FPCW, Jim P., President Jimmy Carter, the family of Kathleen OØDowd, Claire & Jack, Kathy D., Linda L., Mary N., Nancy B., Peggy W., Sabine P., Serena Rose & family, 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: South PC Dobbs Ferry.

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 churchØ 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)

You have shown us Your love, O God, in the perfect gift of Your Son. The gift You most want in return is our love, for You and Your children. Please accept these

tokens of our love: our tithes, our offerings and ourselves, to further Your work in this world, in Your Son's name. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN #405 (v. 1-3)

ōMy Hope Is Built on Nothing Lessö

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

í we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for You alone are holy:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

í Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

í now and forever. **Amen.**

And now let us say together the prayer Jesus taught us to pray... "**Our Father....**"

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

ōBlessed Assuranceö

Fanny Crosby

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

O God, you call us from death to life. We give ourselves to You, and, with the Church in all the ages, we thank You for Your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE TAKE GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN #405 (v. 4)

ōMy Hope Is Built on Nothing Lessö

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

What happened to Naomið family?

Do you think she really wanted her daughters-in-law to stay with their parents?

What did Ruth promise to do?

What parts of Ruthð promise do you think were the most important?

Why does the Bible say that Naomi let Ruth go with her?

How did Ruthð promises and actions exceed Naomið expectations?

How does Hebrews say that Jesusð behavior is different than the behavior of priests?

What is better for the followers of Jesus compared to the followers of priests?

What was Jesus doing that encouraged the man to ask his question? What did he ask?

How did Jesus answer?

How did Jesusð answer exceed the manð expectations?

Do you think the manð answer exceeded Jesusð expectations?

Join the people who are reading the Bible-in-a-year readings. This weekð Bible readings are: Sunday: John 7-9; Monday: John 10-12; Tuesday: John 13-15; Wednesday: John 16-18; Thursday: John 19-21; Friday: John 22-24; Saturday: John 25-27.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Choices to communicate PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Send your prayer requests to Lois via email: 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 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 will be checked regularly.

The churchð mailing address is 30 Goshen Avenue, Washingtonville NY 10992.

The churchð website is fpcw.makeswebsites.com

The church Facebook page is First Presbyterian Church of Washingtonville.

Questions, comments, discussion group on Facebook is

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