

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 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.

ōThe Lord kills and brings to life; He brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low, He also exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust; He lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them He has set the world.ö

1 Samuel 2:6-8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ōBlessed Assuranceö

Phoebe Knapp

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 96:1, 2

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: Sing, and give praise to God's name;

People: tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Wonderful God, great is Your faithfulness! We see Your goodness reflected in the things You have created. Thank You for harvests and plenty, for friends and neighbors

and family. Thank You for Christians who brought us to know You, for pilgrims who took their faith to new places, and for martyrs who risked themselves to bear witness. We also see Your goodness in Your gracious plans for our salvation. Thank You for Your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Praise be to You, O God. Amen.

*HYMN #72

ōGreat Is Thy Faithfulnessö

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord God, we confess that sometimes we just want to give up on being good. We think the things that displease You about us are the same things we don't like about ourselves: that we're not the best at everything, that we don't have the most of everything, that others can see our vulnerability. In reality, You hate it when we try to hide our frailty by sinning boldly. Help us to turn away from our sins, and in our weakest moments cling to You. In Your Son's name we pray. 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

1 Samuel 1:4-11, 19-20

Pew Bible p. 211

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:19-25

Pew Bible p. 976

ANTHEM

ōBlessingsö

Laura Story

CHILDREN'S TIME

Prayer requests will be collected following The Children's Time

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:1-8

Pew Bible p. 825

MEDITATION

Rev. Martha Carlson

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*HYMN #359

öGive Thanksö

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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., Amanda, Anne, Audrey & Joe M., Carys H., Dan & Alison P. and baby Vincent, Donnie S., Edd C., FPCW, Jim P., President Jimmy Carter, the family of Kathleen O'Dowd, 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: First Church Congers, Stewardship Team, Transgender Day of Remembrance (11/20).

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)

Lord God, we thank You for Your great gifts, especially Your guidance and protection and the perfect gift of Your Son. We thank You for the gift of Your houses of worship and the

assembly of Your people. Accept the gifts we bring, we pray: our tithes and offerings, our awe and gratitude, in Your Son's name. Amen.

WE TAKE GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN #721

øCome, Ye Thankful People, Comeö

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE

øI Am Thine, O Lordö

William Doanne

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

Why was Hannah unhappy? Whose actions added to her unhappiness? What did her husband advise her to focus on?

What does Hannah pray for God to give her? What does she offer to do if God answers her prayer?

How does Eli perceive her prayers? Does Hannah take offense? What is the outcome?

How does Hannah resemble Elizabeth, John the Baptist's mother, in Luke 1?

What does the author of Hebrews say about Jesus's sacrifice?

How does the Hebrews writer say we should behave toward God, and toward each other, based on Jesus's sacrifice?

Does being provoked always turn out badly?

What impresses the disciples?

What does Jesus say will happen to the temple complex?

The disciples ask a question about timing. Does Jesus answer their question?

How do Jesus's next warnings fit into the conversation?

How does the coming time affect our behavior now?

Join the people who are reading the Bible-in-a-year readings. This week's Bible readings are: Sunday: Acts 28, Romans 1-2; Monday: Romans 3-5; Tuesday: Romans 6-8; Wednesday: Romans 9-11; Thursday: Romans 12-14; Friday: Romans 15-16, 1 Corinthians 1; Saturday: 1 Corinthians 2-4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Choices to communicate PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Send your prayer requests to Lois via email: lmbd9999@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.

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

The church's website is fpcw.makeswebsites.com

The church Facebook page is First Presbyterian Church of Washingtonville.

Questions, comments, discussion group on Facebook is

Washingtonville First Presbyterian Church.