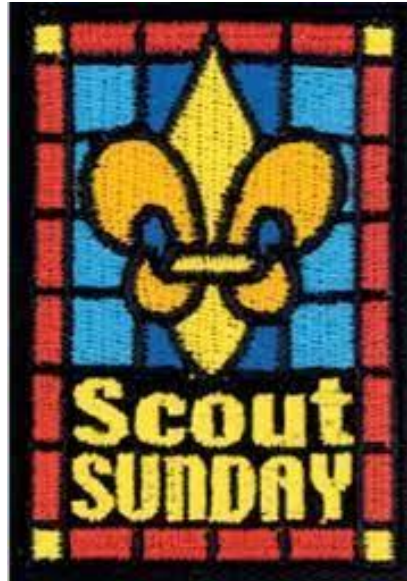


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

February 2, 2025



## 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.

ōThen you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youthō

*Psalm 71.5*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

\*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)

**Ever living God, we thank You and Praise You for Your love in our lives. You know precisely what we need from You, and when we seek You out to meet those needs, You help and protect us. In our worship today, give us courage to approach You, and grace to receive Your good gifts, so that our lives can be filled with praise for You, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*HYMN #358

ōLove Divine, All Loves Excellingō

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we let opportunities to serve You pass us by. We can see times when we could help by telling others about You, but we keep our silence. Yet we have hope that we will not always be this way. Jeremiah protested that he was too young, but later he prophesied boldly as You commanded. Please forgive us of our sins, so that with Your grace we can grow in our faith as Jeremiah did. We pray in Your name. Amen.**

*(silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Psalm 34:4, 22

Leader: I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.

People: **The Lord redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

\*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**

A MOMENT FOR SCOUTING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Pew Bible p. 609

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Pew Bible p. 934

CHILDREN'S TIME

No Strings Attached Puppets

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

\*GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:14-30

Pew Bible p. 835

MEDITATION

Rev. Martha Carlson

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

\*HYMN öDays of Elijahö

1. These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the word of the Lord:

And these are the days of Your servant Moses, Righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trial, Of famine and darkness and sword,

Still, we are the voice in the desert crying -Prepare ye the way of the Lord!ö

Chorus: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds

Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call!

Lift your voice, itö the year of jubilee

And out of Zionö hill salvation comes!

2. These are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh.

And these are the days of Your servant David, Rebuilding a temple of praise.

These are the days of the harvest, The fields are as white in Your world!  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, Declaring the word of the Lord! [Chorus]  
Bridge: There is no God like Jehovah. (11 times)  
[Chorus (twice)]

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) Philippians 2:5-11

**Jesus Christ, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

#### 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., Charlie M., the family and friends of Dawn H., Debra V.'s 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.'s grandson, Kathy D., Kaye B., Kim & Mike N., Kris Z., 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., Zachary 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: Gilead PC Carmel, Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies.

#### 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, You have given us Your guidance, Your protection and the gracious gift of Your Son. Here we offer to You these gifts, our tithes, our offerings and ourselves. Please use them to further Your gracious plans, in Your Son's name. Amen.**

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

\*SENDING HYMN #559

öHere I Am, Lordö

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

## POSTLUDE

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

What keeps Jeremiah from feeling brave? How does he gain bravery? How can bravery sometimes feel like it is in conflict with obedience?

What does Jesus say that requires bravery?

What does Jesus risk to speak bravely?

What would you like to see the church do or say that would make people want to throw us all from a cliff?

**Join the people who are reading the Bible-in-a-year readings.** This week's Bible readings are:  
Sunday: Exodus 8-10; Monday: Exodus 11-13; Tuesday: Exodus 14-17; Wednesday: Exodus 18-20;  
Thursday: Exodus 21-24; Friday: Exodus 25-27; Saturday: Exodus 28-31

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Choices to communicate PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Send your prayer requests to Lois via email: [lmbd9999@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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.