

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 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.

ōBut our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there
that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.ö
Philippians 3:20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 27:1, 8-9 para.

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: ōCome,ö my heart says, "Seek His face!" Your face, Lord, do we seek.

People: Do not turn Your servants away in anger, You who have been our help.

Leader: Do not cast us off, do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

We affirm our hope in Your Son our Christ, who came, who comes, and who is to come. When violence reigns, and war seems never-ending, Christ is our hope, born among us, crucified and risen. When despair lies in wait and life loses meaning, Christ is our hope, born among us, crucified and risen. When people claim to know what God alone knows, and say the end is near, Christ is our hope, born among us, crucified and risen. When life on earth is extinguished this year, next year, or in a hundred million years, Christ is our hope, born among us, crucified and risen.

In sorrow and joy, today and tomorrow, in life and in death, Christ is our hope, born among us, crucified and risen. Thanks be to You, O God! Amen.

*HYMN #16

öThe God of Abraham Praiseö

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You are the God of the universe, holy, mighty and beyond our imagining. And yet, we want reassurances from You. We know that You are who You are, and all of the power is on Your side, and yet we want You to behave like an ATM or a genie granting our wishes. Help us to turn around our wrongheaded thinking and attend to Your wishes, in the name of Your Son. Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Psalm 27:13-14 para.

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: Wait for the Lord! Be strong! Take courage!

Leader: Yes, wait for the Lord!

*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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elder Lois Dunikowski

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Pew Bible p. 10

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Pew Bible p. 955

CHILDREN'S TIME

Prayer requests will be collected following The Children's Time

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:31-35

Pew Bible p. 849

MEDITATION

Rev. Martha Carlson

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*HYMN #264

öIn the Cross of Christ I Gloryö

*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: immigrants and their families, all the people suffering in the Middle East, the people of Ukraine, Amanda, Anne, Charlie M., Cher E., the family and friends of Dawn H., Debra V. mother, Donnie S., Edd C., FPCW, Ingrid, Jim P., Claire & Jack, Joan B., Kathy D., Kevin B., family of Kristine Z., Lauren, Mary N., Martha B., Mike N., Nancy B., Nancy P., Peggy W., Rebecca H., Riko B., Sabine P., Scott S., family and friends of Sonya H. Sue H., Susan V., Zach 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: First Church Goshen, Gifts of Women/Self-Development of People.

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 #458

ō Jesus, I Have Promisedō

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

What did Abram want? Did he ever believe that he would get it? Why?

What did the Lord think of Abram's faith?

From what does Paul think Christians are saved but others are still not saved?

What is different about Christians' hope and source of satisfaction?

What advice did the Pharisees give to Jesus?

What answer did Jesus give to the Pharisees? What does the answer say about Jesus' character?

Join the people who are reading the Bible-in-a-year readings. This week's Bible readings are: Sunday: Joshua 7-9; Monday: Joshua 10-12; Tuesday: Joshua 13-15; Wednesday: Joshua 16-18; Thursday: Joshua 19-21; Friday: Joshua 22-24; Saturday: Judges 1-4

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

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