

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE

Palm Sunday  
April 13, 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.

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, order Your disciples to stop."  
He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."  
*Luke 19:39-40*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

Nothing but the Blood

Robert Lowry, arr. Carol Tornquist

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Luke 19:29-30, 36-38

Leader: When He had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, He sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. As He rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As He was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying

People: **"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"**

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

**Hosanna! We praise You, Lord Jesus, along with Your contemporaries on the roadside. Unlike that crowd, we know what kind of king You are. We adore You as the King of kings and Lord of lords. How great You are! Glory be to You, O Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN #267

öHosanna, Loud Hosannaö

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Lord God, we confess that most of the time we want what we want, and we're not thinking about what other people need or what You want. Please forgive us, and call us back to You, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*(silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS (responsive) Lamentations 3:22-24 para.

Leader: The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue,

**People: Fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.**

Leader: The Lord is all I have,

**People: In the Lord I put my hope.**

\*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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world without end. Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Luke 22:39-48

Pew Bible p. 858

\*HYMN #268 (v. 1-2)

öRide On, Ride On in Majesty!ö

DRAMATIC READING Luke 22:66-23:25

At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.

**“If you are the Messiah, tell us.”**

Jesus answered, öIf I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer.

But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God.ö

They all asked,

**öAre you then the Son of God?ö**

He replied, öYou say that I am.ö

Then they said,

**öWhy do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips.ö**

Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying,

**öWe have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to**

**Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.ö**

So Pilate asked Jesus, öAre you the king of the Jews?ö

öYou have said so,ö Jesus replied.

Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man."

But they insisted,

**"He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."**

On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him."

But the whole crowd shouted,

**"Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!"**

(Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting,

**"Crucify him! Crucify him!"**

For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him."

But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed.

So Pilate decided to grant their demand. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

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

\*GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:26, 32-47

Pew Bible p. 859

MEDITATION

Rev. Martha Carlson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

\*HYMN #265 (v. 1, 4, 5, refrain)

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

Heidelberg Catechism Q.1

**I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must**

**work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

#### 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., Chris, the family and friends of Dawn H., the family and friends of Debi D., Debra V.'s mother, Donnie S., Edd C., FPCW, Ingrid, Jim P., Claire & Jack, Joan B., Kathy D., Kevin B., Lauren, Mary N., Martha B., Mike N., Nancy B., Peggy W., Rebecca H., Sabine P., Scott S., Sue H., Susan V., Wendy & Larry H., 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: Brook PC Hillburn, Holy Week begins (4/14), International Day of Farmers' Struggles (4/17).

#### 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)

**O Christ our King, You have given Yourself for us completely. We humbly bring You the tribute of our worship and praises, our tithes and offerings, and most of all our thankful lives, to be used in Your service and for Your glory. Amen.**

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

\*SENDING HYMN #268 (v. 3, 5)

öRide On, Ride On in Majesty!ö

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

#### POSTLUDE

öHosanna, Loud Hosannaö

Music from Gesangbuch de Herzogl, arr. Carol Tornquist

### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

Why did it take obedience on Jesus' part to agree to be honored on the way to Jerusalem?  
Who are Jesus' adversaries?  
What righteous person is going through a gate? What gate is it?  
What is unexpectedly missing from Luke's telling of the Palm Sunday story? Why?  
What do we learn from Luke about what is important in the Palm Sunday story?  
What do you feel the Palm Sunday story contributes to our understanding of Jesus' arrest and crucifixion?

**Join the people who are reading the Bible-in-a-year readings.** This week's Bible readings are:  
Sunday: 2 Samuel 22-24; Monday: Psalm 1-3; Tuesday: Psalm 4-6; Wednesday: Psalm 7-9;  
Thursday: Psalm 10-12; Friday: Psalm 13-15; Saturday: Psalm 16-18.

### **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.

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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