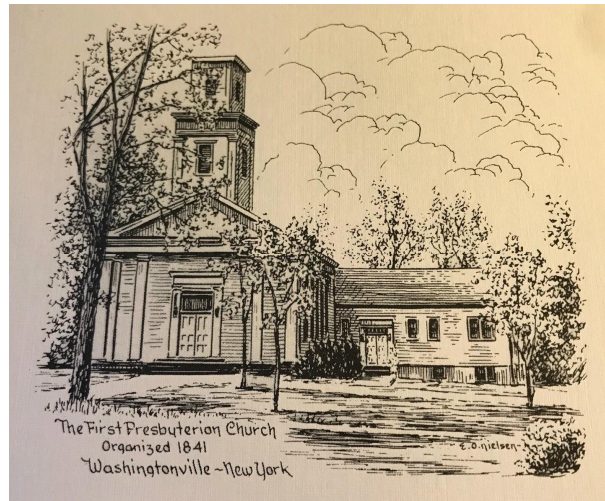


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 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.

ōSee what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God;
and that is what we are.ö

1 John 3:1a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ōThine is the Gloryö

George Fredrick Handel

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #359

ōGive Thanksö

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 9:1-2, 9-10

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

People: I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.

Leader: I will be glad and exult in You.

People: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Leader: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: And those who know Your name put their trust in You.

Leader: For You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Lord God, we praise You! We worship together because the faithful actions of other Christians make an impression on us, even when we are lost and wandering. We praise You because we have the hope of seeing You face to face, as well as seeing Your reflection in others. In this time of worship, Lord, show us Your grace. Fill us with awe. Strengthen us to build a spiritual house where everyone can come and find You. Only You have the power to do these things; therefore we will always praise You. Amen.

*HYMN #312

öChrist Is Alive!ö

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful Jesus, 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. Peter denied You at Your trial, but later he testified boldly about Your resurrection and power. Please forgive us of our sins, so that with Your grace we can grow in our faith as Peter did. We pray in Your name. Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS (responsive)

1 John 3:4-5

Leader: Everyone who commits sin is lawless; sin is lawlessness.

People: **You know that He was revealed to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin.**

*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.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

Pew Bible p. 887

SECOND READING

Psalm 4

Pew Bible p. 425

THIRD READING

1 John 3:1-7

Pew Bible p. 990

ANTHEM

ōI Will Followö

John Guerra & Jacob Sooter

CHILDRENØS TIME

Prayer requests will be collected following The Children's Time

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:36b-48

Pew Bible p. 861

MEDITATION

Rev. Martha Carlson

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*HYMN #360

ōWhat the Lord Has Done in Meö

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

1 Corinthians 15:3-6a para.

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day; and that He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and then to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDØS PRAYER

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE: a young man and his family, the birth of baby Rita Jeanne, the families of workers who died from the Baltimore bridge collapse and the financial impact it created, all the people suffering in the Middle East, the people of Ukraine, Anne, the family of Arthur T., Carys H., the family of Diane W., Donnie S., Edd C., FPCW, Jenni G., President Jimmy Carter, Jean, Jodie T., Kathy D., the family of Lizzy W., Mary N., the family of Maureen W., Nicole T., Patricia M., the family of Ritchie J., the family of Ron H., Sonya H., Sue H., Sue R., 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: Mount Hope PC Otisville, Black Maternal/Birthing Health Week begins (4/11), International Day of FarmersØStruggles (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 churchØs 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 #287**

øLift High the Crossø

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Please be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE

øSing Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladnessø

John Ellerton

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

How was Peter able to heal the lame man? Why do you think he did it?

Why wasn't the crowd's position hopeless?

Why does John say God's children should give up sinning?

How do people become righteous? Is it our responsibility to try?

This meeting with Jesus and the disciples happened on Easter evening. How did the disciples react?

Does the Gospel lesson affect your opinion about the "doubting Thomas" story? Why or why not?

How does Jesus prove the resurrection to the disciples?

Why do the disciples need to stay around Jerusalem for a while? Do they all stay there forever?

If you have plans for traveling in the future, how does God figure into your plans?

Join the people who are reading the Bible-in-a-year readings. This week's Bible readings are: Sunday: Nehemiah 3-5; Monday: Nehemiah 6-8; Tuesday: Nehemiah 9-11; Wednesday: Nehemiah 12-13, Esther 1; Thursday: Esther 2-4; Friday: Esther 5-7; Saturday: Esther 8-10

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 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.