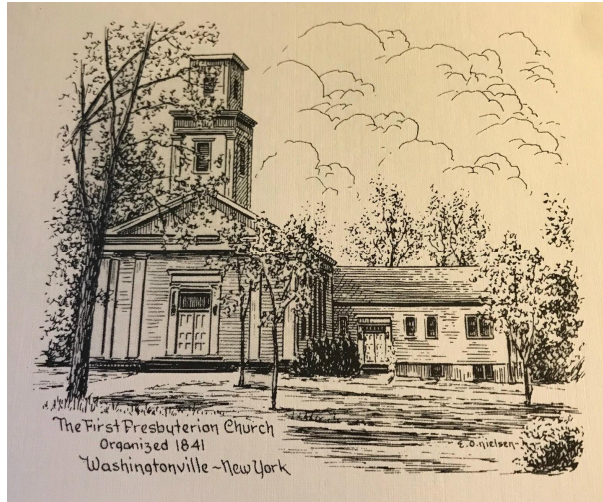


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024



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.

öWe know love by this, that He laid down His life for us ó and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?ö

1 John 3:16-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #305

öHe Is Lordö

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 96:1-4 para.)

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations,

People: God's marvelous works among all people.

Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

People: The Lord is to be revered above all gods.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

We rejoice with You, loving Shepherd, for the straying sheep that You have saved. We rejoice with You, Seeker of the lost, for the children, more precious than coins, that You have redeemed. We praise You, generous One, because, though You know everything, You choose to forget our sins when we willingly return our hearts to You. Help us to remember, with humble awe, that as we seek You today, You are also seeking us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #647

ōWe Have Come to Join in Worshipö

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Leader: If, when we have walked through the valley of deep darkness, we thought we were alone in our fear and our grief,

People: Good Shepherd, call us again and lead us.

Leader: If we have failed to hear Your voice above the din of the marketplace,

People: Good Shepherd, call us again and lead us.

Leader: If we have in our arrogance chosen our own way and have gotten ourselves tangled in thickets and thorns of our own making,

People: Good Shepherd, call us again and lead us.

Leader: If when we fed in pleasant meadows and rested beside peaceful waters, we begin to imagine that we have created our own paradise,

People: Good Shepherd, call us again and lead us.

Leader: If, in the security of the sheepfold we have become contentious with our fellow sheep, critical of their lineage, background and calling,

People: Good Shepherd, call us again and lead us. Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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 Acts 4:5-12 Pew Bible p. 887

SECOND READING 1 John 3:16-24 Pew Bible p. 990

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S TIME

Prayer requests will be collected following The Children's Time

*GOSPEL READING John 10:11-18 Pew Bible p. 872

MEDITATION Rev. Martha Carlson

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*HYMN #306 òAlleluia! Jesus Is Risen!ö

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S 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, birth of Hailey Rae B., 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: First PC Ossining, Deborah Milcarek-General Presbyter, Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day (4/24).

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)

We thank You, Lord, for the gift of Your Son, who chose to bring us to You. Now we offer to You our gifts: our tithes, our offerings, and ourselves, in His name. Amen.

WE TAKE GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN #440

ō Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Usö

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

Peter calls Jesus the cornerstone. What does he mean?

Why do builders have such opposite reactions to finding a boulder on their worksite?

What does Peter mean by salvation? What does salvation mean to you?

How did Jesus show love for us? How do we show love for others?

How does John connect love and prayer?

Jesus says He is the shepherd. What does He say it means?

Who are Jesus's other sheep? Are we in a position to condemn others as definitely not Jesus's sheep?

Join the people who are reading the Bible-in-a-year readings. This week's Bible readings are: Sunday: Job 1-3; Monday: Job 4-6; Tuesday: Job 7-9; Wednesday: Job 10-12; Thursday: Job 13-15; Friday: Job 16-18; Saturday: Job 19-21

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.