

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 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.

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

John 20:29

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ØHe Shall Feed His Flockö

G.F. Handel, arr. Bill Boyd

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord,

People: for the Lord is good.

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! We praise You, O Lord, for lighting our path and leading us away from our sins. Those who have dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined! We praise You, O Lord, as Christians, because You call us to be the light of the world. We praise You for Your greatness, for the way it shines on all people, and for the marvelous things You do in our lives and the lives of others. Glory be to You, O God. Amen.

*HYMN #290

ØThe Strife Is Oøerö

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked, draw us beyond our doubts, till we see Your Christ and touch His wounds where they bleed in others. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior, Your Son. Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ – Love breaks through hatred, Hope breaks through despair, Life breaks through death: We are forgiven, loved, and set free.**

*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 Psalm 150 Pew Bible p. 508

SECOND READING Acts 5:27-32 Pew Bible p. 889

CHILDREN'S TIME

Prayer requests will be collected following The Children's Time

*GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31 Pew Bible p. 883

MEDITATION Only Seeing is Believing? Rev. Glenn Henricksen

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*HYMN #302

ØHe Livesö

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE: Hudson River helicopter crash victims, 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, Jim P., Claire & Jack, Jerry D., Joan B., Kathy D., Kevin B., Lauren, Mary N., Martha B., Mike N., Nancy B., Peggy W., Rebecca H., Roy B., 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: Irvington PC, HRP Green Partnership Team, Presbyterian Foundation Staff, Mental Health month begins May 1.

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)

You have given us the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ Your son, our Savior. In gratitude we return to You a portion of what You have given us to serve You here and, around this world. Amen.

WE TAKE GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN #294

öChrist Arose!ö

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE

öCelebrate Jesusö

Gary Oliver, arr. Bill Wolaver

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Choices to communicate PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Send your prayer requests to Lois via email: lmdb9999@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

Washingtonville First Presbyterian Church.