

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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.

öThe best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched.

They must be felt with the heart.ö

Helen Keller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: God calls us to this time of witness and praise.

People: May the Lord make us glad and cause us to proclaim His love.

Leader: For we have incredibly good news to tell.

People: Let us worship the One who gives us this good news.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Lamentations 3:23

Eternal God, all glory belongs to You. I come to You in prayer to glorify Your name—not because of what You do, but because of who You are. I adore You for being my Abba Father. Your unconditional love for me stretches to the highest mountain peaks and reaches to the depths of the seas. It is beyond anything I can fathom. Your love never ends, and great is Your faithfulness!

*HYMN #51

ōHow Great Thou Artö

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we confess that our actions are often at odds with our intentions. We slight others when we desire to support them. We say things that discourage our neighbors when we really want to help them. We ask forgiveness for our uncaring actions and help for our growth in Your love. Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Leader: The assurance of God's grace is declared in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: **We accept God's forgiveness, confident that in dying to sin, Christ raises us to new life.**

*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 23

Pew Bible p. 435

SECOND READING

Acts 3:11-15, 17-19

Pew Bible p. 887

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S TIME

Prayer requests will be collected following The Children's Time

*GOSPEL READING

John 3:16-21

Pew Bible p. 864

MEDITATION

A Passion for Christ

Rev. George Doering

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*HYMN #473

ōWhat a Friend We Have in Jesusö

*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: a young man and his family, the birth of Veronika Sabine P., 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., Mary N., the family of Maureen W., Nicole T., Patricia M., the family of Ritchie J., 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: New Rochelle PC, Bethlehem PC New Windsor, 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)

All things have their origin with You, Eternal God, and from these riches we freely give, that Your church might grow in this place and throughout the world. Amen.

WE TAKE GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN #72

ōGreat Is Thy Faithfulnessö

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE

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.

WELCOME - We are pleased to welcome the Rev. George R. Doering, Jr., who brings 63 years of service to the Church and Community. He is a Princeton trained Biblical Scholar, Church Historian and Theologian. Rev. Doering served in the Whippany and the Sparta Presbyterian Churches in NJ and the Monroe, Little Britain and Florida Presbyterian Churches in Orange County, NY. He also served 9 years as the Director of Municipal Counseling Services for the Town of Haverstraw, NY and the 20 years as the Director of Youth Counseling Services for the Town of Ramapo, NY. Most recently he served as the Deputy Town Supervisor and Councilman for Ward 5 in the Town of Blooming Grove.

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.