

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 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.

öO Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.ö

Psalm 30:12b

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

öCrown Him with Many Crownsö

George Elvey

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 96:1, 2

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: Sing, and give praise to God's name;

People: tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Lord God, we praise You! We worship together because the actions of other Christians remind us of You, 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 #112

öYou Servants of Godö

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 being open about our faith in 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 agreed to tend Your sheep. 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)

Psalms 30:4-5a

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.

People: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

*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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-6

Pew Bible p. 893

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

Pew Bible p. 997

ANTHEM

öBecause He Livesö

Gloria & Bill Gaither

CHILDREN'S TIME

Prayer requests will be collected following The Children's Time

*GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-19

Pew Bible p. 883

MEDITATION

Rev. Martha Carlson

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*HYMN #289

öAlleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heavenö

*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

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE: Hudson River helicopter crash victims, all the people suffering in the Middle East, the people of Ukraine, Amanda, Anne, Charlie M., the family and friends of Dawn H., Debra V.ø mother, Donnie S., Edd C., FPCW, Jim P., Claire & Jack, Jerry D., Kathy D., Mary N., Martha B., Michael S., Nancy B., Patti V., Peggy W., Roy B., Sabine P., Sue H., Susan V., 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: First Church Jeffersonville, Older Adult Week; Legacy Giving Sunday, National Day of Awareness & Action for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls (5/05).

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 churchø 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 created us to reflect Your glory. You keep forgiving us and calling us to lives of faithful service. We offer now our thanks, our tithes, our offerings and ourselves, in Your Son's name. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN #665 (v. 1-3)

øBreak Now the Bread of Lifeö

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

í we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for You alone are holy:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

í Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

í now and forever. **Amen.**

And now let us say together the prayer Jesus taught us to pray... ð**Our Father....**”

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

O God, You call us from death to life. We give ourselves to You, and, with the Church in all the ages, we thank You for Your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

WE TAKE GOD’S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN #665 (v. 4)

ðBreak Now the Bread of Lifeö

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (please be seated) ðAll Hail, The Power of JesusøNameö

Edward Perronet

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

What change happened to Saul?

What change happened to Ananias?

Why do you think Ananias agreed to help God?

Did you ever want God to assure you that someone would suffer? If so, who was it and why?

According to Revelation, who will praise God at the end time? Why don’t we practice more?

How do you picture Jesus looking in Heaven? How does Revelation describe His appearance?

What do we learn about God and our human expectations?

Where were the disciples when the gospel lesson began, and what were they doing?

What was Jesus doing in the early morning?

If we focus too much on a particular task, like telling the good news, what do we miss?

What relationships would benefit from your attention today?

Join the people who are reading the Bible-in-a-year readings. This week’s Bible readings are:
Sunday: Psalm 61-63; Monday: Psalm 64-66; Tuesday: Psalm 67-69; Wednesday: Psalm 70-72;
Thursday: Psalm 73-75; Friday: Psalm 76-78; Saturday: Psalm 79-81.

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

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