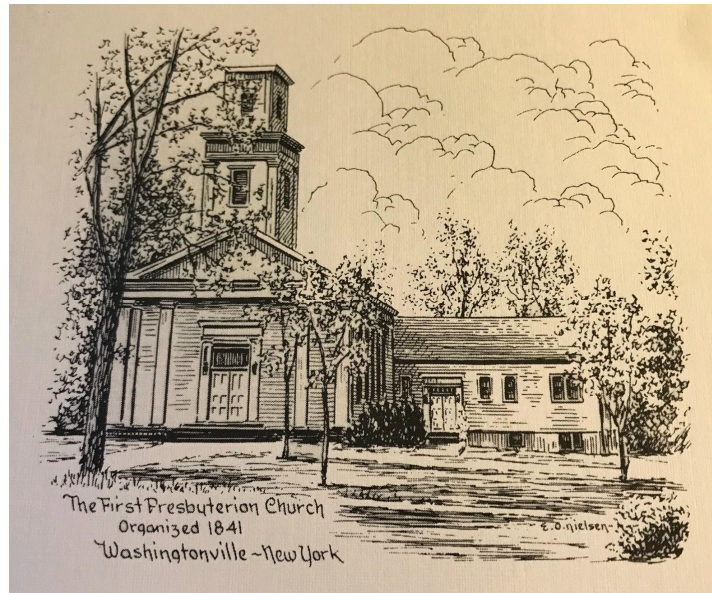


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WASHINGTONVILLE
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024



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.

öCan anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people
who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?ö
Acts 10:47

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

öBlessed Assuranceö

Fanny Crosby

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

Psalm 98:4-6

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Leader: Sing praises with the lyre,

People: **with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

People: **make a joyful noise before the king, the Lord!**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Indwelling Spirit of God, we praise You that You never forsake us. Like Your people throughout history, Lord God, we have seen Your mighty acts with our own eyes. When we come to You for help, You are always ready to bless us. In the intricacy and beauty of Your creation, Lord, help us to realize how amazing it is that You love us so deeply and know us so well. We praise You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who gives us the boldness to stand in awe before Your glory. Amen.

*HYMN #71

ōPraise to the Lord, the Almightyö

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Blessed Jesus, You have taught us to love You and to serve the God whom You have called Father. We confess that we often grow weary and lose hope, seeing how much our community still needs to hear the Good News. We fear, O God, that our frailties and sins make us unacceptable as Your servants, yet You call us to be Your children. Give us grace, Lord God, never to give up on the work to which You call us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Psalm 85:8

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

People: **For He will speak peace to His people,
To His saints, to those who turn to Him in their hearts.**

*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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elder Lois Dunikowski

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 10:44-48

Pew Bible p. 895

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Pew Bible p. 991

ANTHEM

öWhat a Friend We Have in Jesusö

Joseph Scriven

CHILDREN'S TIME

Prayer requests will be collected following The Children's Time

*GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

Pew Bible p. 878

MEDITATION

Rev. Martha Carlson

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*HYMN #553

öGo to the World!ö

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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., John D., 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: Korean Presbyterian Church of Westchester New Rochelle, Holocaust Remembrance Day (5/6), Older Adult Week, National Day of Awareness & Action for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls, Ascension of the Lord (5/9)

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)

God of bounty, every good thing that we have is a gift from You. With gratitude we offer our tithes, our offerings and ourselves in Your service. Amen.

WE TAKE GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN #61

There is a Wideness in God's Mercy

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the postlude.

POSTLUDE

Rock of Ages

Augustus Topolady

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

What surprised Peter's companions?

Who was baptized?

Who did the baptizing?

How do we show our love to the children of God?

What victory conquers the world?

What do we need in addition to baptism?

How do we bring Jesus joy? What makes our joy complete?

What does Jesus command and why?

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