

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW VERNON



MORNING WORSHIP — FEBRUARY 15, 2026

“Mercy is most empowering, liberating, and transformative when it is directed at the undeserving. The people who haven’t earned it, who haven’t even sought it, are the most meaningful recipients of our compassion.”

—Bryan Stevenson *Just Mercy*

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Introit *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Call to Worship*

Though finite human minds
cannot fathom God's fullness,

**God gives us glimpses of glory every day:
in the night sky's depths
and in the simplest flower,**

in shared meals, shared stories,
and shared struggles.

**In the face of every person made in her image,
God's beauty glows like sunlight behind clouds.**

We share God's sacred longing to be known,
to be truly seen and loved for all we are.

**But to be fully known,
we must risk vulnerability.**

When we dare to share ourselves with one another,
when we work to understand a friend or stranger,
**we come closer to catch a glimpse
of God's presence.**

Let us worship God together.

Opening Hymn 645* *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Call to Confession

Standing in the light of Christ,
we see the shadows hidden in our hearts.
Let us tell the truth about ourselves,
trusting in God's grace,
that we might receive mercy and be renewed.

Prayer of Confession

Magnificent God,
standing in the glory of your presence
we are overwhelmed by your goodness
and aware of how often we fall short
of your standards of love, peace, and justice.

Lift us in your mercy,
release us from our fear.

Fill us with your Spirit,
that we might reflect your light
and share your love,
for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children of God,
hear the good news:
We are forgiven, again and again,
by this glorious God.
What a wonder! Alleluia!

Hymn 582* *Glory to God*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Passing the Peace*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you

HEARING THE WORD

Chat with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

God of shining splendor,
your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.
Overshadow us with your Spirit
so that we may hear your Word
and live as faithful disciples
and covenant people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson *Exodus 24:12-18 (p. 70)*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson *Matthew 17:1-13 (p. 18-19)*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 187* *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory Anthem *True Light*

Keith Hampton

Hymn 606* Doxology

Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.

from the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 192* *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining*

SENDING

Benediction*

Congregational Amen*

John L. Bell

Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King*
arr. by Howard Hervey

Children's Ministry

Our nursery, for children ages 2 and under, is located in Fellowship Hall and is staffed. Children can be dropped off before worship or at any point during the service.

After the "Chat with Children" during worship, children move to the Fellowship Hall for Sunday School.

We have 3 classes available:

Pre-K (ages 3-5)

K-2nd grade

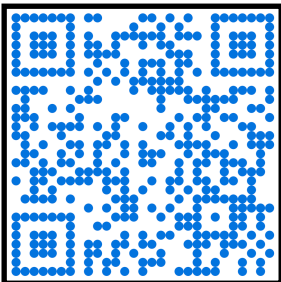
3rd grade and up

Children can be picked up from Sunday School after worship in Fellowship Hall (during coffee hour). If you have any questions Pastor Hayley is happy to speak with you.

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 69

	Last Week	Year to Date	Commitments for 2026
Annual Giving	\$2,700	\$106,800	\$412,000
Plate	\$440	\$1,700	\$32,000



Venmo



ACH/Card

OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM THIS SUNDAY

Liturgist

Mia Mallen

Ushers

Don and Meg Richardson

Coffee Hour

The Vella-Noyes and Sammut Families

Flowers

Mia Mallen

For Susan Yantis, wife, mom, and Oma.
Happy Birthday!

DEACONS ON DUTY

Coffee Hour

Barbara Coe, Randy Stodard,
Twinkle Tong, and Melissa Ramsey

Flower Delivery

Susie Morris, Elizabeth Califano,
and Christine Taranto

SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancake Dinner

FEBRUARY 17
5:00 - 6:30 PM
(drop in)
FELLOWSHIP HALL



Join FPCNV for a pancake dinner in celebration of Shrove Tuesday, a traditional feast the day before the start of Lent.

There is no charge, but a free will offering will be collected.

Ash Wednesday Prayers

February 18
7:00 pm

A contemplative service of scripture, silence, prayers and music, along with imposition of the ashes.



Disney Sing-Along



Sunday, February 22nd

3:00 PM

Fellowship Hall



Join us for a fun afternoon of singing with members of our choir! They'll present solos and lead us in group sing-alongs to our favorite Disney hits! Friends and neighbors welcome!



JAMES

by Percival Everett



FEBRUARY 25, 2025

7:00 PM

4 LEES HILL RD, NEW VERNON

Join the Faith & Society Team on Wednesday, February 25 for a discussion of the novel *James* by Percival Everett.





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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. William Stone III, Pastor

Rev. Hayley O'Connor, Associate for Youth and Family Ministry

Stephen Fox, Director of Music Ministry

Rachael Gareau, Director of Children's Choirs

Fraser Miller, Operations Coordinator

Diego (Tony) Rodriguez, Church Custodian

CHURCH LEADERS

Session

Donna Miller, Clerk

Sarah Conine

Susan Fischer

Sam LaNasa

Hunter Lostan

Don Richardson

Kreamer Rooke

Matt Taranto

Ben Thompson

Candace Weeks

Deacons

Meg Richardson, Moderator

Eileen Bevan

Nancy Burrows

Elizabeth Califano

Carol Conger

Melissa Ramsey

Christine Taranto

Cindy Thompson

Twinkle Tong

Michelle Vince

Jane Zielinski