

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF NEW VERNON



MORNING WORSHIP — MARCH 8, 2026

“Human nature is like water.
It takes the shape of its container.” — Wallace Stevens

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Introit *Peace Like A River*

Call to Worship*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!

**We have come to give thanks
and the sing songs of praise!**

We are the people of God's pasture;
we trust that God will bring us
through the wilderness.

**We seek God's living water
and praise God's holy name!**

Opening Hymn 81* *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

Call to Confession

God does not wait for us to be righteous,
or pure, or perfect.

Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

We do not have to hide our sin from God,
but can face it with Jesus,
who heals us, teaches us,
and leads us to new life.

Let us together confess our sin:
the places we fall short, and miss the mark.

Prayer of Confession

**Jesus, friend of all,
once again, we come to you knowing
our words have stung,
our actions have harmed,
and our indifference has let evil have its day.**

**Our hearts yearn for you,
our souls thirst for you,
yet we do not imitate you in our lives.**

**We scorn those who are different from us,
and relish our own comfort.**

**Once again, forgive us, O God.
Give us your living water,
that we might tell the world
all you have done for us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

**We know that God is with us even in our sufferings,
for suffering produces endurance,
endurance produces character,
character produces hope,**

**and hope does not disappoint us,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts.
Thanks be to God!**

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

The Baptism of Matthew Miller

Sung Baptismal Blessing

God to enfold you

Christ to uphold you

Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight

So may God grace you

Heal and embrace you

**Lead you through darkness
Into the light**

The Ordination of Elders

Laran Spencer & Amanda Van Doren

Prayer for Illumination

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,
thanks be to God.

First Scripture Lesson *Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 64)*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson *John 4:5-42 (p. 94-95)*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn* *Fill My Cup, Lord (insert)*

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory Anthem *Before the Cross of Christ We Stand*

Hymn 606* **Doxology**

Affirmation of Faith (the Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
 God from God,
 Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

 he came down from heaven;
 he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
 and the virgin Mary,
 and was made human.

 He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried.

 The third day he rose again,
 according to the Scriptures.

 He ascended to heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

 He will come again with glory
 to judge the living and the dead.

 His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life.

 He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Hymn* *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* (insert)

Benediction*

Congregational Amen*

John L. Bell

Postlude

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

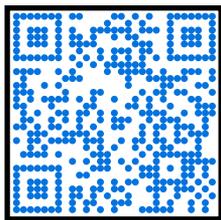
3rd grade and up

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: 97

	Last Week	Year to Date	Commitments for 2026
Annual Giving	\$13,500	\$124,600	\$412,000
Plate	\$500	\$2,500	\$32,000



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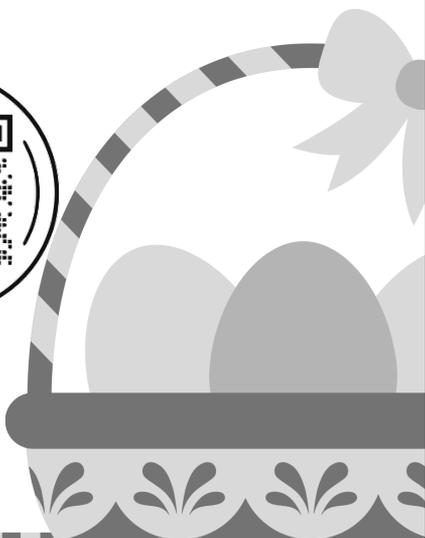
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NEIGHBORHOOD CHILD &
INFANT CARE CENTER

EASTER BASKET DRIVE



We're sponsoring 55 children
this year! Can you help us
reach our goal?



WEDNESDAY

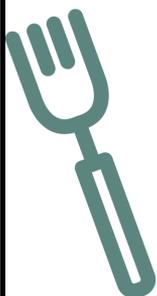
MARCH 18

12:00 PM

FPCNV Library

LET'S DO LUNCH

Retirees, please join us for lunch, conversation, and community!



RSVP: Faith fwinow@gmail.com

THE DEACONS ARE LOOKING FOR



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



Coffee Hour is held immediately following Worship. This brief time of fellowship after the Sunday service is an integral part of how we connect with each other as a church family.

The Deacons provide coffee, juice and assistance with set up and clean up.

Hosts are responsible for providing light refreshments, milk, and half-and-half.



The 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month are Simple Sundays- on the 2nd bring bagels and spreads and on the 4th bring donuts.

The 1st, 3rd, and occasional 5th Sundays are open-ended. Please bring what you'd like! Both store-bought and homemade refreshments are perfect. Volunteer as a family or with a friend!



Sign up boards are located in Fellowship Hall

ASK A DEACON IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR EMAIL OUR OFFICE AT
OFFICEADMIN@PCNV.ORG



HARDING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
Theatre

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical



March 13 7pm

March 14 5pm

March 15 2pm

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

\$15 ONLINE / \$20 AT THE DOOR

VISIT: OUR.SHOW/HTSTHEATER

VOLUNTEER TEAM THIS SUNDAY

Liturgist

Daniel Gingerich

Ushers

Craig Grant

Coffee Hour

Nancy and Ray Caprio

Flowers

Barbara Gill

In memory of Ed Senior

DEACONS ON DUTY

Coffee Hour

Carol Conger, Meg Richardson,
Cindy Thompson, Twinkle Tong

Flower Delivery

Elizabeth Califano, Christine Taranto, Michelle Vince



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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

Laran Spencer

Matt Taranto

Ben Thompson

Amanda Van Doren

Candace Weeks

Deacons

Meg Richardson, Moderator

Eileen Bevan

Nancy Burrows

Elizabeth Califano

Carol Conger

Melissa Ramsey

Christine Taranto

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