

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW VERNON



MORNING WORSHIP — JUNE 14, 2026

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The longer you look at Jesus, the more you will want to serve him in his world. That is, of course, if it's the real Jesus you're looking at.

Plenty of people in the church and outside it have made up a 'Jesus' for themselves, and have found that this invented character makes few real demands on them.

He makes them feel happy from time to time, but doesn't challenge them, doesn't suggest they get up and do something about the plight of the world. Which is, of course, what the real Jesus had an uncomfortable habit of doing." — N.T. Wright *Following Jesus*

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## GATHERING

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**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Introit** *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*

**Call to Worship\***

We gather here in your presence, God.

**In our need, and bringing with us  
the needs of the world.**

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus.

**And you know by experience  
what human life is like.**

We come with our faith and with our doubts.

**We come with our hopes and with our fears.**

We come as we are, because you invited us to come.

**And you have promised never to turn us away.**

**Opening Hymn 450\*** *Be Thou My Vision*

**Call to Confession**

Not out of dread and fear,  
but believing in the understanding  
and forgiveness of God  
let us rid ourselves  
of what we need to carry no longer

## **Prayer of Confession**

Eternal Maker of the endless heavens,  
lowly Christ, befriender of the changing earth,  
Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters,  
in earth, sea and sky  
you are ever present

**O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,  
soul within all souls  
in everything we touch,  
in everyone we meet  
you are there,  
and we give you thanks.**

But where we have not touched  
but trampled you in creation,

Where we have not honored  
but avoided you in one another

Where we have not received  
but rejected your goodness,  
forgive us and hear our plea for your pardon.

**Holy God,  
Holy and mighty  
Holy and immortal  
Have mercy on us.**

**Give us strength in your victory over death  
to grow into your way of love,  
which does not despair,  
but keeps sowing seeds of hope  
and making signs of wholeness.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Know that God is good,  
and that to those who are truly sorry  
God forgives what is past  
and enables us to begin again.

**Once we were no people,  
now we are God's people.  
Once we were beyond God's mercy;  
now that mercy has been given to us.**

So let us live  
as those who treasure God's costly generosity,  
by safeguarding God's earth,  
delighting in its people,  
and loving our Maker  
to whom be glory for ever.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **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.**

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

## **Passing the Peace\***

The peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

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### HEARING THE WORD

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## **Chat with the Children**

### **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 19:2-8a (p. 65)*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Scripture Lesson** *Matthew 9:35-10:8 (p. 9)*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

## **Sermon**

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### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### **Offertory Anthem** *It is Well with My Soul*

John Ness Beck

### **Affirmation of Faith (from the Iona Community)**

We believe in God,  
who conceived all that is created.  
God fathers and mothers all people.

We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's firstborn and only Lord of the earth.  
He came down from both heaven  
and the womb of the virgin Mary;  
He lived in solidarity with humankind,  
befriending, teaching, healing, and restoring;  
He was denied and betrayed by his friends;  
and was done to death by the state.  
He descended to the place of oblivion,  
rose to life again on the third day,  
and ascended to heaven  
where he sits at God's right hand.  
This same Jesus will come again in glory  
to judge the living and dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
whose dynamic presence  
can make all things new.

And we believe in 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 & The Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

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Hymn (insert) *I Surrender All*

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

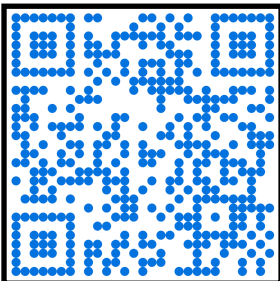
3rd grade and up

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: 80

	Last Week	Year to Date	Commitments for 2026
Annual Giving	\$2,300	\$191,900	\$412,000
Plate	\$270	\$9,600	\$32,000



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**WEDNESDAY**

**JUNE 17  
12:00 PM  
FPCNV Library**

**LET'S DO LUNCH**

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



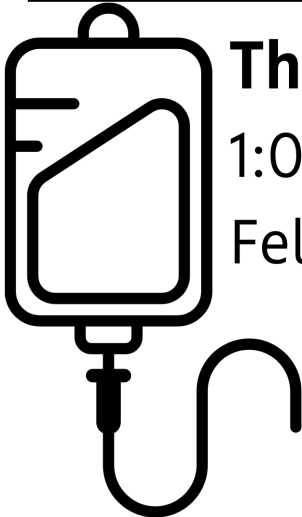
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# **BLOOD DRIVE**

**Thursday, June 18, 2026**

1:00 to 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

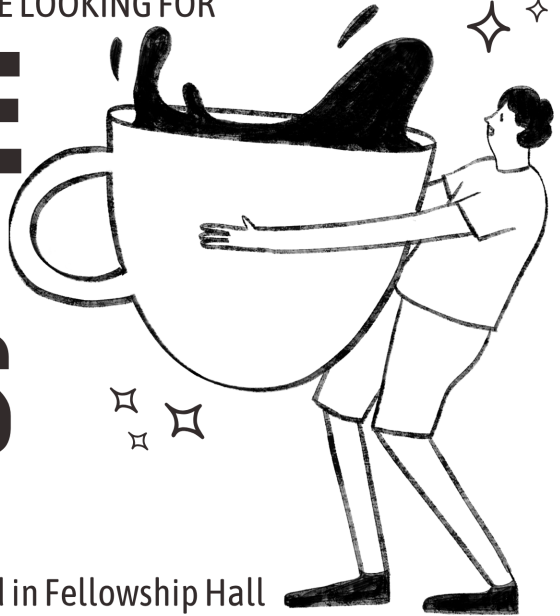


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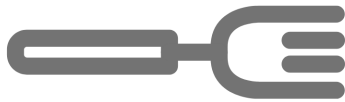
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THE DEACONS ARE LOOKING FOR

# COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



Sign up boards are located in Fellowship Hall

ASK A DEACON IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR EMAIL OUR OFFICE AT [OFFICEADMIN@PCNV.ORG](mailto:OFFICEADMIN@PCNV.ORG)



## LET'S DO LUNCH

Hosts Needed:

September 16<sup>th</sup> & October 21<sup>st</sup>

Please reach out to Jane Coyle at (973) 879-6360 or [janeacoyle@gmail.com](mailto:janeacoyle@gmail.com) if you are interested or have any questions! All expenses can be reimbursed with a receipt.

# **VOLUNTEER TEAM THIS SUNDAY**

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## **Liturgist**

Charlotte Spencer

## **Ushers**

Mia Mallen & Susan Yantis

## **Coffee Hour**

Meg & Don Richardson

## **Flowers**

Pat Finkle

*In loving memory of Henry Finkle,  
husband, father, and grandfather*

## **DEACONS ON DUTY**

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### **Coffee Hour**

Carol Conger, Cindy Thompson,  
Meg Richardson, and Twinkle Tong

### **Flower Delivery**

Elizabeth Califano, Christine Taranto,  
And 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

Cindy Thompson

Twinkle Tong

Michelle Vince

Jane Zielinski