

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW VERNON



MORNING WORSHIP — JANUARY 18, 2025

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Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples  
from far away! The LORD called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

— Isaiah 49:1

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## GATHERING

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### THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Prelude** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* arr. by Mark Hayes  
*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* arr. by Mark Hayes  
*Everlasting Love* arr. by Jay Rouse

### Welcome

**Introit** Nina Lewin, soloist

### Call to Worship

To those who want to follow him, Jesus asks,  
“What are you seeking?”

**We do not seek worldly power,  
but a better way to live.**

What are you seeking?

**We do not seek worldly wealth,  
nor the prizes of paradise,  
but simply to be with God.**

What are you seeking?

**We do not seek worldly praise or fame,  
only to hear God call us by name. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn 720\*** *Jesus Calls Us*

### Call to Confession

Like the first disciples,  
we are curious about this Jesus, the Son of God.  
We may be tempted to stay away,  
believing we are not worthy of him.

But Jesus does not care about worth, wealth, and power.  
Jesus seeks those who would follow honestly,  
willing to face their failures in order to grow closer to God.  
In that spirit, let us turn to Christ.

### **Prayer of Confession**

God of ages,  
We do not always wait with patience.  
We do not always sing your praises.  
We do not always recognize your work in our lives.  
We would rather take the credit for ourselves.  
We would rather take the easy way out.  
We would rather step on others  
if it means more for ourselves.  
Forgive us for all the ways we forget you.  
Help us to delight to do your will.  
Help us to trust in you  
and return us to the path of righteousness.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

The Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world.  
The Lamb of God takes away the sins  
of each and every one of us.  
Christ has mercy on us,  
forgiving our sins. 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

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### HEARING THE WORD

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### **Chat with the Children**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Saving God, source of our calling,  
your Word is full of power and glory.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
so that we may receive your grace  
and live as your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **First Scripture Lesson** *Isaiah 49:1-7 (p. 679)*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### **Second Scripture Lesson** *John 1:29-42 (p. 92)*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

\*INDICATES PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT



Hymn 462\* *I Love to Tell the Story*

Sermon

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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Offertory Anthem *Amazing Grace* arr. by Ed Lojeski

Hymn 606\* Doxology

Affirmation of Faith (*Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

We believe in God

whose love is the source of all life

and the desire of our lives,

whose love was given a human face

in Jesus of Nazareth,

whose love was crucified by the evil

that awaits to enslave us all

and whose love, defeating deathless,

holds a promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful

and full of doubt, in God we trust;

and in the name of Jesus Christ,

we commit ourselves, in the service of others,

to seek justice and to live in peace,

to care for the Earth

and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,

to live in the freedom of forgiveness

and the power of the spirit of love,

and in the company of the faithful,  
wherever found. Amen.

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SENDING

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**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 69\*** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

**Benediction\***

**Congregational Amen**

John L. Bell

**Postlude** *The Church's One Foundation* arr. by Mark Hayes

## 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: 87

	Last Week	Year to Date	Commitments for 2026
Annual Giving	\$380	\$82,000	\$412,000
Plate	\$300	\$600	\$32,000



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# OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM THIS SUNDAY

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## **Acolyte**

Eloise Addison

## **Liturgist**

Don Richardson

## **Ushers**

Cait and Hunter Lostan

## **Coffee Hour**

The Addison Family  
and our Deacons

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# DEACONS ON DUTY

## **Coffee Hour**

Susie Morris, Elizabeth Califano,  
and Christine Taranto

## **Flower Delivery**

Nancy Burrows, Carol Conger,  
Craig Grant, and Meg Richardson

# WEDNESDAY

## JANUARY 21

### 12:00 PM

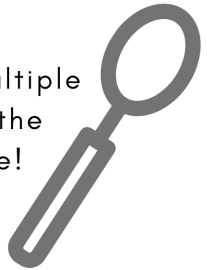
#### Fellowship Hall

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

Wednesday may be crowded due to multiple  
events, so please consider utilizing the  
overflow parking lots if you are able!

RSVP: Faith [fwinow@gmail.com](mailto:fwinow@gmail.com)

LET'S  
DO LUNCH



# 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.



**SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH, 2026**



Doors@  
5:30 PM

All Ages  
Welcome

**ZERO  
BALANCE**

**ELKS LODGE  
HEROES**

**NOT NOTHING  
BUT SOMETHING**

WITH SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY  
**CHRIS GETHARD**

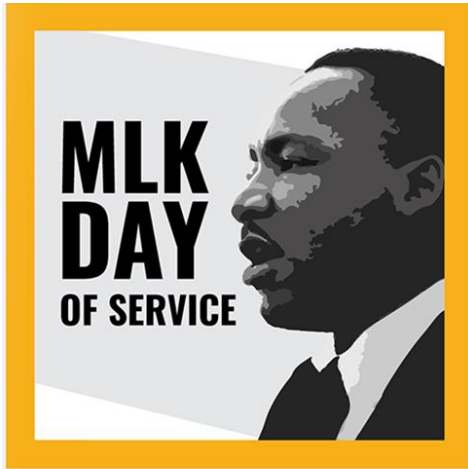
Fellowship Hall, FPCNV  
4 Lees Hill Rd. New Vernon NJ

\*100% of canned and monetary  
donations go to Interfaith Food Pantry

We're very excited to be hosting a special evening of music in support of the Interfaith Food Pantry. This event will feature three local bands, and a special appearance by comedian Chris Gethard. All ages are welcome and entry is free. Donations and canned goods will be collected at the door with all proceeds going to the Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES

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On Monday, January 19th families are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall for a morning of service. We will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by serving our community. Activities will include: making soup for a local food pantry, creating valentines for seniors in local assisted living facilities, creating a mural on our giant chalkboard and learning more about the civil rights movement.

## A FIELD TRIP TO MEET OUR NEIGHBORS

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People of all ages are invited to join FPCNV on a field trip to the Basking Ridge Mosque on Sunday Jan 25th. This is a great opportunity to meet and learn about another faith community. Contact Pastor Hayley for more information: [hayley@pcnv.org](mailto:hayley@pcnv.org).



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW VERNON

## 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

Robert Lecky

Hunter Lostan

Don Richardson

Kreamer Rooke

Matt Taranto

Ben Thompson

Michelle Vince

Candace Weeks

### Deacons

Meg Richardson, Moderator

Nancy Burrows

Elizabeth Califano

Barbara Coe

Carol Conger

Craig Grant

Susie Morris

Melissa Ramsey

Randy Stodard

Christine Taranto

Twinkle Tong