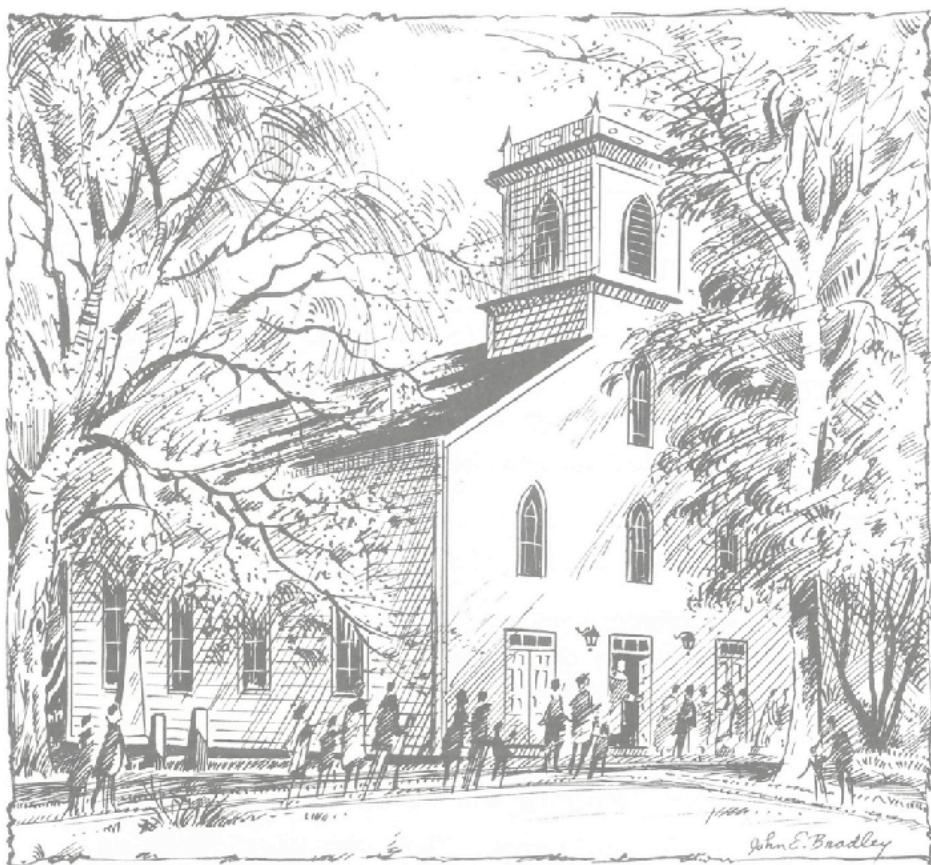


THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW VERNON



MORNING WORSHIP — JANUARY 18, 2025

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

GATHERING

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

HEARING THE WORD

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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.

SENDING

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

Acolyte
Eloise Addison

Liturgist
Don Richardson

Ushers
Cait and Hunter Lostan

Coffee Hour
The Addison Family
and our Deacons

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

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

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BUT SOMETHING**

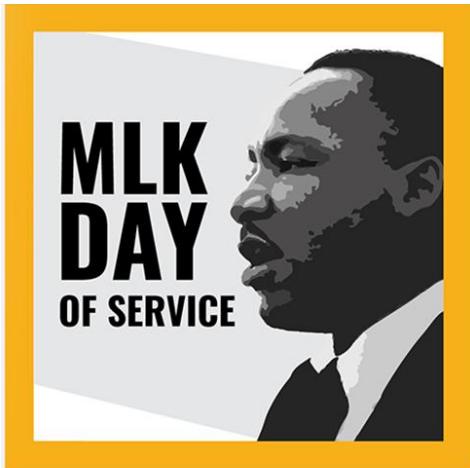
WITH SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY
CHRIS GETHARD

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

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

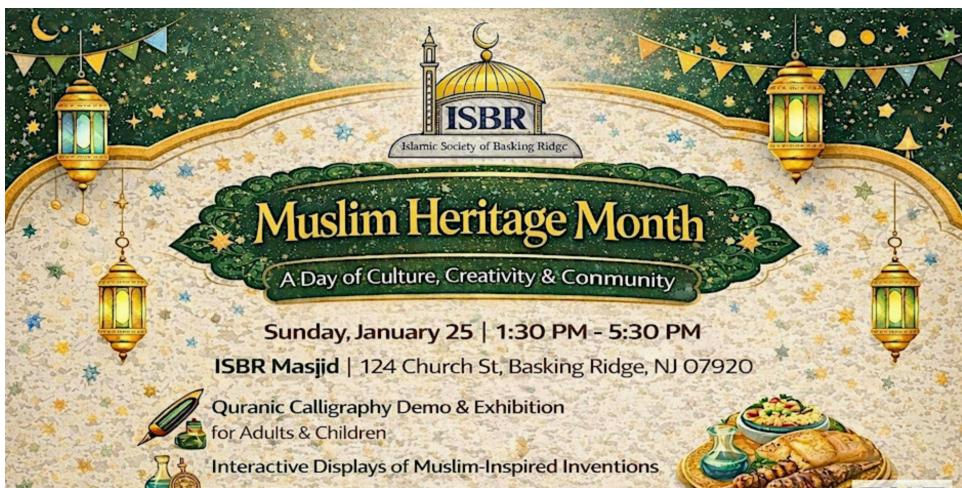
We've very excited to be hosting a special evening of music in support of the Interfaith Food Pantry. This event will feature three local bands, and a special appearance by comedian Chris Gethard. All ages are welcome and entry is free. Donations and canned goods will be collected at the door with all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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES



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



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.



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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
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