

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW VERNON



MORNING WORSHIP — MARCH 1, 2026

I will bless those who bless you,
and the one who curses you I will curse,
and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Genesis 12:3

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Introit *Family* from Dreamgirls

Call to Worship*

The world belongs to God,
The earth and all its people,
How good it is, how wonderful,
To live together in unity,
Love and faith come together,
Justice and Peace join hands,
If Christ's disciples keep silent,
These stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God,
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Opening Hymn 775* *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

Call to Confession

Holy God, Maker of all
Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor
Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life
Have mercy on us.

*INDICATES PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

Let us together confess our faults and admit our frailty.

Prayer of Confession

Before God, with the people of God,
I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others,
and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

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Assurance of Forgiveness

Listen to these words of Jesus,
words that we can trust:
Don't be afraid.
I love you.
Your sins are forgiven.
I will be with you always.

**Write these words in our hearts, loving God,
Let them take root in our living.**

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

Reception of New Members

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 *Genesis 12:1-9 (p. 10)*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Lesson *John 3:1-17 (p. 93-94)*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 292* *As the Windsong Through the Trees*

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory Anthem *Prayer for Shalom* by Kyle Pederson

*God, we ask You bring shalom
so peace may dwell in every home;
heal us all that we may know,
the wholeness of Your great shalom.*

*To my friends and family, shalom;
to the stranger who I see, shalom;
to those I'll never meet, shalom;
to all humanity, shalom.*

*We pray the world may be restored,
full of grace and fully Yours.
Shalom.*

*To my enemy I pray, shalom;
to the refugee I pray, shalom;
to heal the hurt that tears the soul;
hold our hearts and don't let go.*

*We pray the world may be restored,
full of grace and fully Yours.
Shalom.*

*God's peace to you,
and grace and truth,
a place where you will be made new.*

*I pray shalom to you, my friend.
Shalom.*

*God, we ask You bring shalom,
so peace may dwell in every home.*

Hymn 606* Doxology

Affirmation of Faith (from the Iona Community)

With the whole Church:

We affirm

**that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit,**

With people everywhere

We affirm

**God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong,**

With all creation

We celebrate

**the miracle and wonder of life;
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy God of power and might

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Hymn 726* *Will You Come and Follow Me*

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

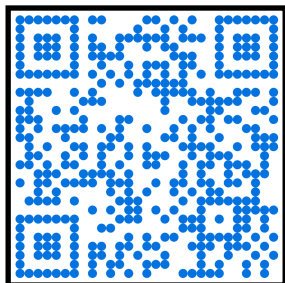
3rd grade and up

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: 72

	Last Week	Year to Date	Commitments for 2026
Annual Giving	\$1,700	\$109,000	\$412,000
Plate	\$250	\$1,900	\$32,000



Venmo



ACH/Card

OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM THIS SUNDAY

Liturgist

Norah Carifa

Ushers

Tom & Jane Zielinski

Coffee Hour

The Golding Family

Flowers

Jane Coyle

*For my husband Jamie Miller
on our second anniversary*

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

Matt Taranto

Ben Thompson

Candace Weeks

Deacons

Meg Richardson, Moderator

Eileen Bevan

Nancy Burrows

Elizabeth Califano

Carol Conger

Melissa Ramsey

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