



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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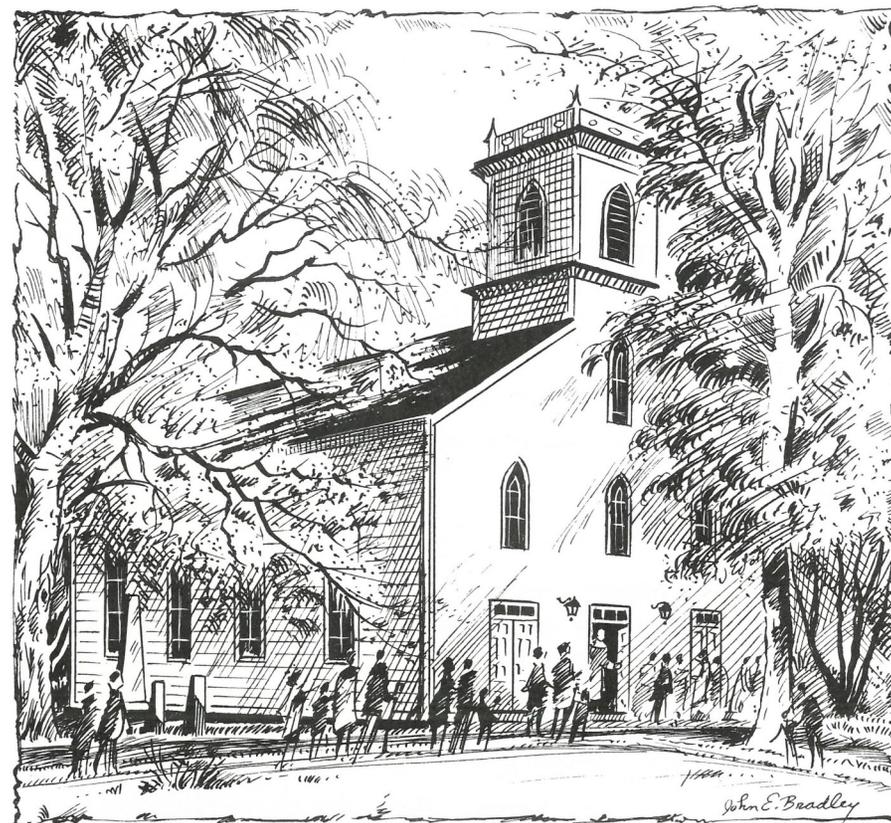
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*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to
shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your
saving power among all nations.*

Psalm 67:1-2

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PRELUDE *Steal Away* Gilbert M. Martin, arr.

INTROIT "Benedictus" from *Mass in G Major* Franz Schubert
"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord"
Megan Reader, Theron Cromer, & Reid Powell, soloists

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Leader: God's goodness is breaking into the world.

All: We do not expect the Spirit's movement.

Leader: God gathers in those we judged to be outsiders.

All: We witness this in-breaking as healing, wholeness, restoration, and peace.

*HYMN #314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are a people living in sin. We are a people in need of God's vision, praying for our eyes to be opened. We are a people in need of God's reversal, praying for our hearts to be softened. We are a people in need of God's reconciliation, praying that our faces might be illumined by God's presence. Let us claim our need of God, confessing our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we equate our judgment with your judgment, and often consider our ways to be your ways. We define peace as the absence of disruption, holding our comfort as your aim and thinking our preferences reflect your way. Too often we act as if we are your authoritative witnesses, believing our worldview corresponds with your vision, and that our narrative contains your hope for the future. O God, dislodge us from our sinful assumptions. Forgive our selfish views. Correct us with your truth and teach us by your Spirit. Amen.

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**Ain't-A-That Good News:
A Concert of Spirituals for The Church Year**
Sunday, May 22 at 4pm

First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon
Suggested donation of \$35/adult, \$25/seniors, \$20/students.

Childcare will be available and a reception will follow in Fellowship Hall and is free with purchase of a ticket. Children will meet in Fellowship Hall from 4-6pm for Pizza & a Movie.

If you're unable to attend the concert but would like to sign your child(ren) up for Pizza & a Movie the suggested donation is \$25/child or \$50/family. All proceeds will go towards the Worship & Music Fund.

LITURGIST
Meg Richardson

FLOWERS
To the Glory of God in memory of Mary Campbell

COFFEE HOUR
The Deacons



LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 46			
Contributions	Last Week	Year-to-Date	Goal
Current Year Pledge	\$87.65	\$214,235.43	\$347,455.00
Plate Offering	\$390.00	\$9,517.00	\$24,000.00



Our **Strawberry Social** will take place following worship on **Sunday, June 12**. We'll have strawberry shortcake and fun opportunities for children like face painting and balloon art.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It is the Lord who opens eyes to see. It is the Lord who softens hearts to hear. It is the Lord who returns us to God's presence. Peace, peace, peace— you are loved. You are enough. You belong. In Jesus Christ you are restored.

Thanks be to our God forever and ever.

*GLORIA PATRI HYMN #581

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, Living Word, as you revealed yourself to Mary that Easter morning, so reveal yourself to us. By the power of your Spirit, give each of us faith, that hearing your Word we, too, may proclaim, "I have seen the Lord!" Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 67

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Acts 16:9-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN #254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

SERMON

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

Moses Hogan, arr.

Megan Reader, *soloist*

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *Confession of Belhar*)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL AMEN** JOHN L. BELL

POSTLUDE *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder* Gilbert M. Martin, arr.



* INDICATES PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

Hymn of the Month: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, usually translated as "Unto Us Is Born A Son" is a medieval hymn tune for Christmas found in the 14th Century German *Moosburg Gradual* and the 15th Century *Trier Manuscript*. The *Moosburg Gradual* contains many melodies derived from 12th and 13th Century manuscripts of the Notre Dame de Paris *organum* repertoire, suggesting that Puer Nobis Nascitur's antiquity might be much greater.

The tune was first published in the 1582 Finnish Songbook *Piae Cantionnes*, a source of 74 medieval songs collected by Jaakko Suomalainen, a Finnish Lutheran cleric, and published by the Catholic printer T. P. Rutha. The tune's setting in hymnody is most closely associated with the prolific German composer and theorist Michael Praetorius (composer of the well-known "Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming). The carol became popular as a processional hymn following a translation by George Ratcliffe Woodward first published in 1902. Percy Dearmer also translated the hymn for inclusion in *The Oxford Book of Carols* (1928) as "Unto Us a Boy Is Born". Both translations are commonly used.

Settings of this tune to various texts appear in our own *Glory to God* hymnal five times:

Hymn #67 (a setting of Psalm 89), #152 *What Star is This That Beams So Bright*, #254 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*, #487 *These Treasured Children* (a setting for Baptism), and #666 *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*. All settings occurring within *Glory to God* are in D major, with an alternate voicing of parts used for hymn #67. The arch of beautiful melody is particularly stirring and allows the organist the opportunity to "solo out" the melody from the other voice parts (alto tenor and bass) by utilizing a solo stop on the organ (usually a reed stop such as Dulcian, Trumpet, Crohhorn, or Oboe).

The meter of syllables, known as "LM" stands for "Long Meter" whereby each stanza is noted as 8.8.8.8. There are about 63 hymns in our *Glory to God* hymnal with this metrical number, including the well-known Doxology.