The First Presbyterian Church
Of New Vernon



Morning Worship — November 15, 2026

"Our deepest fears are like dragons
guarding our deepest treasure."

— Rainer Maria Rilke

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering

Prelude

Introit *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

Welcome

Call to Worship*

We lift our eyes to you.
We raise our voices.

The day of the Lord is near,
coming like a thief in the night.

The day of the Lord is near;
the day is coming quickly.

The day of the Lord is near,
and we are your good and faithful servants.

Hymn 612* *We Praise You, O God*

Call to Confession

As children of God,
we come to God in our joys,
in our sorrows,
in our fears, and in our guilt.
Knowing that God loves us
and embraces us,
let us bring our confessions to God.

Prayer of Confession

God of abundance,
you have given us so many gifts.

You bless us with talents, resources,
skills, and knowledge,
and yet we hide them under a bushel.

We hoard these gifts, instead of following you
and sharing with those in need.

We have been poor stewards of all you have given.

Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given,
that it might be returned in service to you.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God has destined us not for wrath,
but for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died for us so that we may live with him.
Praise be to Christ! 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*

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

Hearing the Word

Chat with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts,
and your Spirit govern our lives
until at last we see the fulfillment
of your realm of justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson *Psalm 90:1-12 (p. 547)*

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

Second Scripture Lesson *Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 28)*

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

Hymn 829* *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Offertory *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Ovid Young

Affirmation of Faith (2019 translation)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Sending

Hymn 697* *Take My Life*

Benediction*

Congregational Amen*

Postlude

Congregational Meeting

The Session of FPCNV has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, November 29th. This will serve as our annual meeting, and also allow for the election of two members to the 2026-2027 Nominating Team.

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: 88

	Last Week	Year to Date	Commitments for 2026
Annual Giving	$2,100	$316,700	$412,000
Plate	$700	$18,800	$32,000

Venmo

ACH/Card

Led by Addie Spencer!

FPCNV

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE & SOCIAL CLUB

November

9th & 16th

6:30 - 8:00



Students in grades 6-8 meet twice a month for dinner, community service, & social activities!

Email hayley@pcnv.org to register or for more information

HOLIDAY HOPE

Christmas Drive

Join us as we partner with Holiday Hope to make sure the season is bright for every child. This year we're thrilled to sponsor 70 children!

Can you sponsor a child? Wish lists include 3 gifts for each child: a want, a need, and an educational item. Gifts should be dropped in Fellowship Hall no later than **Sunday, December 6.**

Email shfisch@gmail.com to learn more or sign up to be a sponsor.

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WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 18
12:00 PM
FPCNV Library

LET'S DO LUNCH

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

RSVP: Faith
fwinow@gmail.com

Raising Confident, Capable Kids

Helping kids handle hard things and trust themselves.

WATCH & DISCUSS

Dr. Becky's recorded workshop, with opportunities for conversation and connection.

Thursday, November 19
Coffee at 8:30 a.m.
Workshop: 8:45–10:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon · Fellowship Hall
4 Lees Hill Rd, New Vernon

Thursday, November 19
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Kemmer Library

CELEBRATE.
CONNECT.
CONSIDER
VOLUNTEERING.

As Thanksgiving approaches, join us for an evening celebrating our newest First Aid Squad members and thanking the neighbors who serve our community.



Meet the team, learn what membership involves, and explore how you might get involved – all in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

Deacons' Pantry Sale

100% of proceeds go to the PIN FUND

Soups, stews, sauces, baked goods, and more will be available for purchase!

NOVEMBER 22 **COFFEE HOUR**

Interested in donating? Contact Meg Richardson at rich.meg63@gmail.com

Interfaith Food Pantry Network

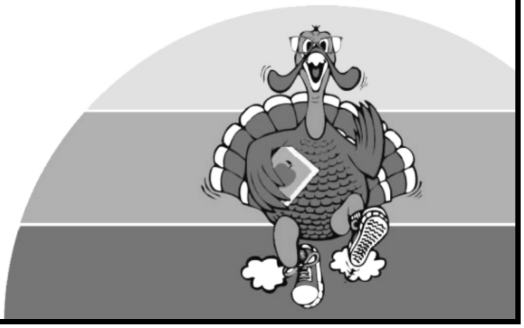
READ•FEED•RUN

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF MORRIS COUNTY

INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY TURKEY TROT

NOVEMBER 26 AT 8:30 AM
GINTY FIELD, MORRISTOWN

JOIN THE FPCNV TEAM,
THE SAINTS & SPRINTERS!



DECK THE HALLS

ALL-AGE EVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
3-5 PM

Wreath Workshop
With Sarah Conine of Garden Cottage



Merry Making for Kids
Make magical reindeer food and a Christmas ornament for your tree!

A special visitor to end the afternoon!

More holiday fun:

- **Ages 8+:** *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* movie in the sanctuary
- **Younger children:** Christmas story and crafts
- Nursery care available

Volunteer Team This Sunday

Liturgist
Ray Caprio

Ushers
Lindsay & Tom Allison

Coffee Hour
Dickson Family

Flowers
Bevan Family
In honor of Bram & Lena Klok

Deacons on Duty

Coffee Hour
Eileen Bevan, Nancy Burrows,
Melissa Ramsey, & Jane Zielinski

Flower Delivery
Carol Conger, Cindy Thompson,
Meg Richardson, & Twinkle Tong