

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF NEW VERNON



MORNING WORSHIP — MAY 3, 2026

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“I wish not merely to be called Christian,  
but also to be Christian.”

— Ignatius of Antioch

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## GATHERING

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Prelude

Welcome

Introit *To God Be the Glory*

**Call to Worship\*** (from the Iona Abbey Worship Book)

We gather here in your presence, God.

**In our need,**

**and bringing with us the needs of the world.**

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

**And you know by experience**

**what human life is like.**

We come with our faith and with our doubts;

**We come with our hopes and with our fears.**

We come as we are, because you invite us to come;

**And you have promised never to turn us away.**

**Opening Hymn\*** (insert) *Oh How Good it Is*

**Call to Confession**

Jesus taught us mercy

by praying for the forgiveness of those who killed him.

This amazing grace shows us

that no matter what we have done, or said

no matter what we have left undone or unsaid,

we can come to Christ with our honest confessions.

Confident in this grace, let us pray together now.

## Prayer of Confession

Christ, our way, our truth, our life,  
you have shown us the way,  
so clearly and fully.

You have not simply told us how to live,  
you have shown us.

But we still fall short, and miss the mark.  
We do not believe all you have said to us.  
We do not trust the way you have shown us.

Forgive us, and help us, O God.  
Open our ears to your truth.  
Open our eyes to your way,  
and lead us together into new life with you.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Beloved, believe the good news.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Jesus prepares a place for us, inviting us to come  
even in moments of doubt and unbelief.  
We are God's own. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.

## 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.**

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**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**

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## HEARING THE WORD

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### **Children's Chat & Celebration of Confirmands**

### **The Sacraments of Baptism & Communion**

### **Words of Invitation**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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

## Prayer of Consecration

### Sharing the Bread & Cup

#### 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 *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (p. 505)*

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

#### Second Scripture Lesson *John 14:1-14 (p. 108)*

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

#### Hymn 366\* *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

#### Reflection

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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#### Offertory Anthem *Ain't That Good News* arr. Moses Hogan

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

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SENDING

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

#### 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

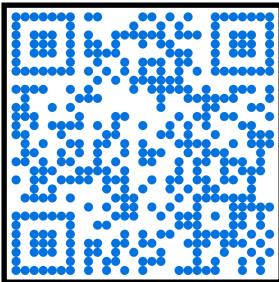
3rd grade and up

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: 77

	Last Week	Year to Date	Commitments for 2026
Annual Giving	\$7,000	\$170,700	\$412,000
Plate	\$330	\$6,800	\$32,000



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# Oh How Good It Is

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By Keith and Krystin Getty

Oh how good it is  
When the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit  
In faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace,  
Of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of God's presence  
Here among us.

## **Chorus**

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out God's word  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For God dwells in the presence of God's people.

Oh how good it is  
On this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy  
And weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength  
The afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing  
Of belonging.

## **Chorus**

Oh how good it is  
To embrace God's command  
To prefer one another  
Forgive as God forgives.  
When we live as one  
We all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father  
And the Spirit.

## **Chorus**

# OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM THIS SUNDAY

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## Ushers

Don and Meg Richardson

## Coffee Hour

The Mallen Family

## Flowers

The Mallen Family

*Congratulations to our confirmands  
and happy birthday Lucy Mallen!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Let's Do Lunch

May 20 @ 12:00 pm

### House & Garden Tour

With Harding Land Trust

June 1

Email [hayley@pcnv.org](mailto:hayley@pcnv.org)

### Playing Me

A Cabaret featuring Rachael Gareau

June 7 @ 3:00 pm