

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW VERNON



MORNING WORSHIP — APRIL 26, 2026

“What should young people do with their lives today?
Many things, obviously. But the most daring thing is to
create stable communities in which the terrible disease of
loneliness can be cured.

— Kurt Vonnegut

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Introit *Here In This Place*

Call to Worship* (inspired by Psalm 23)

We have been through much,
but the Lord has been with us,
and so we find peace and give thanks.

**The Lord is our shepherd;
we have everything we need.**

Through shadow and light,
through death and birth, through grief and joy,
we have never been alone. We rest in that truth.

**Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow us all the days of our lives,
and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Opening Hymn 409* *God Is Here*

Call to Confession

Christ is the good shepherd,
who leads us to safety and peace
no matter what we have done.

Christ's voice calls us to repent and return;
let us heed that voice and go to God in prayer.

Prayer of Confession

God of community,
you call us to a world
radically different from what we are used to.

You ask us to lay aside
our ideas of “mine” and “yours.”

You show us a life where goods are shared,
where all are loved,
and faithfulness is shown through generosity.

But we cling to our possessions,
trusting them more than we trust you.

Forgive us, merciful God.
Help us to truly believe
in your just and peaceful realm
and to work to make it so.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ himself bore our sins
in his body on the cross, so that,
free from sins, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

For we were going astray like sheep,
but now we have returned to the shepherd
and guardian of our souls. 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.

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

Living God, with joy we celebrate
the presence of your risen Word.
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit
so that we may proclaim the good news
of eternal and abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson *Psalm 23 (p. 501)*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson *Acts 2:43-47; 4:32-37 (p. 120)*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 306* *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory Anthem *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

Hymn 606* Doxology

Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of Belhar)

We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and up build one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness.

Together we pray; together we serve God in this world.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Hymn 300* They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

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

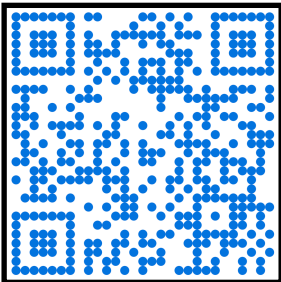
3rd grade and up

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: 75

	Last Week	Year to Date	Commitments for 2026
Annual Giving	\$16,500	\$163,700	\$412,000
Plate	\$300	\$6,500	\$32,000



Venmo



ACH/Card

OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM THIS SUNDAY

Liturgist

Eileen Urban

Ushers

Matt McDonald

Coffee Hour

Wade and Hayes Vince

Flowers

Faith Winow

Congratulations Caitriona and Shawn!

DEACONS ON DUTY

Coffee Hour

Elizabeth Califano, Christine Taranto,
and Michelle Vince

Flower Delivery

Eileen Bevan, Nancy Burrows,
Melissa Ramsey, and Jane Zielinski

CONTEMPLATIVE
Vespers

APRIL 29
7:00 PM

Join us for a quiet and reflective service with communion on the last Wednesday of the month. These services will include scripture readings, music, silence, and a very simple communion.

WEDNESDAY

MAY 20
12:00 PM
FPCNV Library

LET'S DO LUNCH

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



RSVP: Faith
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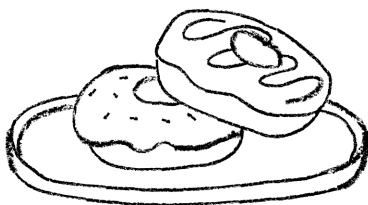
THE DEACONS ARE LOOKING FOR

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

to provide light refreshments, milk, and half-and-half following Sunday worship

The Deacons will take care of coffee, juice and assistance with set up and clean up!

Sign up boards are located in Fellowship Hall



ASK A DEACON IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR EMAIL OUR OFFICE AT OFFICEADMIN@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

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

Christine Taranto

Cindy Thompson

Twinkle Tong

Michelle Vince

Jane Zielinski