

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF NEW VERNON



MORNING WORSHIP — APRIL 5, 2026

“There are only two ways to live your life.
One is as though nothing is a miracle.
The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

Albert Einstein

EASTER SUNDAY

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Introit *He is Not Here!*

Russell Nagy

Call to Worship*

Through God's miracle of grace,
we have come through the night
and arrived at this glorious dawn.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All doors are open, all creation sings,
all that was broken is made whole,
and we have new life.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn 232* *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Call to Confession

This is a day of celebration,
and nothing should prevent us
from lifting our voices in praise to God.

We must not hide the things we have done or failed to do,
the things that do not imitate the perfect love of Christ.
We must not let them fester and stifle our joy.
Therefore, let us bring them before God in confession.

Prayer of Confession

Resurrected Christ,
there is nothing we can do
to deserve the grace you give us.

There is no way we can earn your love,
there is no way we can be worthy
of your forgiveness.

And yet you shower these mercies on us.
You, who have taken away the sting of death,
meet us where we are,
in our doubt and fear,
in our regrets and shame,
in our delight and awe.

Meet us here in this place,
and call us once again to trust in you. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God says to us,
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Christ says to us, Do not be afraid.

We need not fear; we are forgiven,
we are loved, we are redeemed!
Alleluia! 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 *Jeremiah 31:1-6 (p. 733)*

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

Second Scripture Lesson *Matthew 28:1-10 (p. 33)*

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

Hymn 248* *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory Anthem *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
Craig Courtney

Hymn 606* Doxology

Affirmation of Faith (From the Iona Abbey Worship Book)

We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond the safe place:
into action, into vulnerability
and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;

to choose life
and be used by the spirit
for God's new community of hope. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

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

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Hymn 238* *Thine is the Glory*

Benediction*

Congregational Amen*

John L. Bell

Postlude



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OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM THIS SUNDAY

Liturgist: Carol Conger

Ushers: Craig Grant and Brett Fischer

Coffee Hour Hosted by: Meg and Don Richardson

Sanctuary Decorations: The Conine-Carifa Family

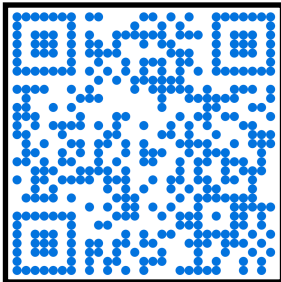
UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15 @ 12:00 pm | Let's Do Lunch

April 19 @ 3:00 pm Rio | Rio Clemente Jazz Concert

April 29 @ 7:00 pm | Contemplative Vespers

DONATION LINKS



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