

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF NEW VERNON



MORNING WORSHIP – JANUARY 19, 2025

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“You can’t confuse childlike faith with childish thinking.”

Rev. John F. MacArthur

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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GATHERING

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**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship\***

Leader: Praise the Lord, all of creation!

**All: God is exalted in heaven and earth**

Leader: In sun and moon and shining stars,

**All: God is exalted in heaven and earth.**

Leader: In sea creatures, land beasts, and flying birds,

**All: God is exalted in heaven and earth.**

Leader: From young to old, from princes to peasants,

**All: God is exalted in heaven and earth.**

Leader: Raise up your horns, lift up your voice,

**All: for God is exalted in heaven and earth!  
Hallelujah!**

**Hymn #401\* “Gather Us In”**

**Call to Confession**

In faith and in hope, we trust that God is merciful and just and receives our prayers with grace. In humility and with meekness, let us confess our sin together.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God,**

**though we are in awe of the dawn  
of your light in Jesus Christ,**

we remain self-centered  
and cling to the sin of the world.

We celebrate the birth of our savior,  
yet we struggle in our commitment to follow him.

We are called to pursue justice,  
love kindness, and walk humbly with you;  
yet we are content to seek our own comfort  
and conveniently ignore the cries  
of those in need.

By the light of the Christ child,  
lead us on a path of goodness and righteousness,  
as we seek to love all of your bountiful creation.  
Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

We are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved.  
The mercy of the Lord  
is from everlasting to everlasting.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

### **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\***

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**All: And also with you**

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### HEARING THE WORD

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## **Chat With the Children**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

O God,  
through your mighty acts  
we receive grace upon grace.  
From your fullness,  
feed us with your life-giving Word,  
that our lives, like bread,  
may feed a hungry world. **Amen.**

### **The First Scripture Lesson — 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **The Second Scripture Lesson — Luke 2:41-52**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **Hymn #292\* “As the Wind...”**

## **Sermon**

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### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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## **Offering and Offertory**

## Hymn 606\* 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

We believe ...  
that God wishes to teach the church  
what is good and to seek the right.

We believe ...  
that the church must therefore  
stand by people in any form of suffering and  
need, which implies, among other things,  
that the church must witness against  
and strive against any form of injustice,  
so that justice may roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We believe ...  
that the church as the possession of God  
must stand where the Lord stands,  
namely against injustice and with the wronged.

We believe ...  
that in following Christ, the church must  
witness against all the powerful and privileged  
who selfishly seek their own interests, and thus  
control and harm others.

Therefore ...  
we reject any ideology which would legitimate  
forms of injustice and any doctrine which is

unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel. Amen.

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

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SENDING

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**Hymn 338\*** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

**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 in the sanctuary, 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 during coffee hour. If you have any questions, please talk to Rev Hayley.

**LAST WEEK**

ATTENDANCE: 104

	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Commitments for 2025</b>
Annual Giving	\$11,100	\$126,360	\$425,474
Plate Offering	\$360	\$700	\$30,000

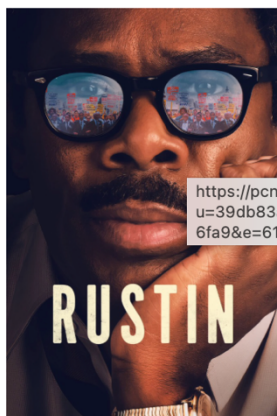


**January 20th 9:00 - 11:00 am (drop in)**

Join us for a morning of service to our community. We'll be showing kindness to our neighbors by packing essentials bags for Homeless Solutions, and writing valentines to residents of Fellowship Village and those who are homebound.

We'll also have bagels, coffee and juice! Everyone is welcome.

## Faith and Society Movie

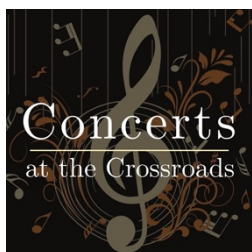


Rustin re-enacts the planning behind the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, notable for the 250,000 people involved in a peaceful and orderly demonstration and for MLK's "I Have a Dream" speech. Rustin, a relatively unknown civil and gay activist, organized the march and is played by Colin Hanks. Domingo received 2024 Oscar and Golde Globe nominations for best performance by an Actor in a major role.

**Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm**

**Register to attend at [pcnv.org](https://pcnv.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=39db83a0b9d23937323753af6&id=09adee6fa9&e=61b040d19a)**

## Jazz Happy Hour



Hear Jerry Vezza's Jazz Trio, and enjoy refreshments and good company!

**Sunday, Feb. 2 5:00 pm**

**Register to attend at [pcnv.org](https://pcnv.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=39db83a0b9d23937323753af6&id=09adee6fa9&e=61b040d19a)**

# OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM THIS SUNDAY

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## Liturgist

### Usher

Jane Coyle & Jamie Miller

### Coffee Hour

Molly & Lindsay Allison

### Flowers

*Given in honor of the gifted performers of  
Amahl and the Night Visitors:*

*Stephen Fox, Madeleine Bufanio, Catherine Webber,  
Theron Cromer & Luke Basile*

## DEACONS ON DUTY

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### Coffee Hour

Barbara Gill & Twinkle Tong

### Flower Delivery

Craig Grant & Meg Richardson