

Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church
Where All the People are Ministers of Christ



Our vision is to seek to live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to nurture persons of all ages and circumstances for faithful discipleship, and to transform faith into service to others.

Pastor Mi Sook Ahn

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Welcome to our worship service! Mt. Vernon has been worshipping our Lord and serving the Greater Williamsburg Community since 1887. If we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know.

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2020

(*please rise as you are able. **Bold wording** please read in unison.)

Music: Carol Kendall

Worship Leader: Mi Sook Ahn

Prelude

Entrance

Leader: Listen!, I am standing at the door, knocking;
If you hear my voice and open the door,
I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

People 1: In the name of God, we beg: will you let us enter?
We are tired and we are cold. May we please have shelter?

**People 2: You look dirty and you smell. Will you please keep moving.
For your kind there is no place, for our inn is decent.**

Leader: It is not by our own choice that today we travel.
But the emperor has said that all must be counted.

**People 2: For our reasons we care not, every room is taken.
Can't you see the place is full? You are bad for business.**

Leader: He was in the world, and the world came into being through him;
yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own,
and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received
him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become
children of God.

People 2: Who are the children of God?

People 1: All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

People 2: To what does the Spirit of God guide us?

Leader: You shall love the lord your God with all your heart, and with all
your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor
as yourself. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

People 2: How do we know we love the Lord and have faith?

People 1: What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have
faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or
sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them,
"Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not
supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by
itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Leader: Will the child be born tonight out on a street corner?
Can't you find a place for him? Do you have no pity?
People 2: Oh, my goodness, do come in. You can use the manger. For the rooms that we do have are for a rich traveler.

All: Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; There he lay, the underfiled, to the world a stranger. Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior? Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.

All Pray:

**God all-powerful,
Grant that we may rid ourselves of the works of darkness, and that we may invest ourselves with the weapons of light in this life to which your Son, Jesus Christ, with great humility came to visit us; so that in the final day, when he returns in majestic glory to judge glory to judge the living and the dead, we shall rise to eternal life through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

THE CANTICLE OF MARY:

UMH 199

(Response) The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed; all flesh shall see it together.

(R) My soul proclaims the greatness of the lord,

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior, who has looked with favor on me, a lowly servant.

From this day all generations shall call me blessed:

The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is the name of the Lord, whose mercy is on those who fear God from generation to generation.

The arm of the Lord is strong, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich empty away.

God has come to the aid of Israel, the chosen servant, remembering the promise of mercy, the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children for ever. (R)

***CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING:**

Our Christmas Affirmation

Leader: Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us; Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus. It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the Christ Candle.

People: We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ our hope is fulfilled; our love is consummated; our joy is complete; and our peace is sealed.

Leader: Rejoice, a Savior is born.

All: A savior is born, indeed. Joy to the world!

Carol: "Light the Advent Candle" The Faith We Sing #2090

⁵ Light the Christmas candles, now: Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow; birthday candles for the King, let the alleluias ring. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS BORN:

Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Carol:

"The First Noel"

UHM #245

¹. The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

³. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

PSALM 98:

UMH 818

(R) Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

O Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things!
God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

The Lord has declared victory, and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. (R)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! **With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the Lord! (R)**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth. The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the people with equity. (R)

GOSPEL READING AND MEDITATION:

Pastor Mi Sook Ahn

PRAYER

Visit your family, O God,

Give us love, joy, and your peace.

Purify our thoughts, words, and deeds, so that when Jesus Christ comes, he will find a place prepared for his coming.

O heavenly Father,

As we prepare ourselves for the coming of your Son, fill our hearts and lives with praise.

Grant that we may be just and merciful, ready to help in the needs of our neighbor and conscious of your great love for all the world. Fill the Christian family with your spiritual gifts of forgiveness, patience, mutual love, and unending joy. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***LIGHT TO THE WORLD:**

Invite Congregation to Walk Outside as light Candles.

***HYMN**

“Silent Night Holy Night”

UMH 239

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

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The Church in Ministry and Mission

- ✝ You can complete a Health Questionnaire form **by going to www.EVC.vaumc.org and click the yellow tab on the left side that states Covid Health Acknowledgement Form.** Once you submit the health form on line it will go directly to Pastor Mi Sook. You can also bring your completed health form on Sunday.
- ✝ **December 27th Sunday Worship:** To keep everyone safe, December 27th Sunday worship service will be a **virtual service only through Facebook Live.** Thank you for your understanding and praying everyone has a Merry Christmas!
- ✝ **A Christmas ornament** has been graciously purchased for each family from Jack Kendall, please pick one up in the Narthex on your way out and it is 1 per family/household.
- ✝ **During Advent** there will be "Christmas Caroling in the Parking Lot" after Sunday worship. It will be approximately few minutes after 11am. We will sing carols for those who want to come sing together in the parking lot with mask and social distancing.

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