

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018 "Behind Every Great Church There is Prayer" 10:15 am  
Worship Leader Pat Ziesmann

\*Please stand as you are able.

### THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude & Meditation Organist, Carol Kendall

Lighting the Candles Bring in the light of Christ.

Greeting: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the LORD Jesus Christ.

Invocation

Passing the Peace Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

**Response: And also with you!**

\*Introit Advent Song, verse 3 #TFWS 2090

\*Advent Candle Call to Worship Workman Family

Leader: During Advent we celebrate that God comes to the chosen people. Jesus is the One-who-comes; Jesus is the One-who- rules. Jesus is the One-who-was-promised.

**People: We worship the One-who-was-promised!**

Leader: Jesus shines as the One-who-was-promised.

**People: Let the light shine! Amen!**

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

\*Hymn of Praise "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Is Your Heart Prepared for a King? Choir

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Anthem Is There Room in Your Heart for a King? Choir

Children's Time Judy Fulks

Reception of New Members

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 12:1-6

Gospel Reading Luke 1:67-79

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Message The Salvation of Israel is Coming Pastor Lori Beach

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*Hymn of Meditation "In the Bleak Midwinter" #221

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed #881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" #70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn of Celebration "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #240

The altar is available for prayers and dedication.

Come forward as the Holy Spirit leads you.

Extinguishing the Candles Christ's light leads us into the world to serve.

\*Benediction (Please hold hands with the person to your right and left.)

*Ministry and Mission Opportunities*

*See Insert*

*Please read the insert for information on meetings, dates and upcoming events.*

Please welcome Bill and Nora Watkins to our church family. We receive them today by **transfer of membership** from Loudon UMC in Loudon, Tennessee.

We extend our **Christian sympathy** to Nancy and Myles Pierson on the passing of Nancy's cousin, Lucille Byers. She died on December 11. Please keep Nancy, Myles and their extended family in your prayers.

**Special Prayer Requests**

Pastor Lori requests healing prayers for Jeff Wray who underwent brain surgery on Wednesday December 12. Please keep June Kasperek, Dick Garms and Dora Mae Martin in your prayers as well.

**Members at Home and in Assisted Living**

Edith Dinwiddie, Frances McCoy, Leta Beck and JoAnn Strader

**Ongoing Prayer Requests**

Becky Alexander, Jim Alexander, Carol Allil, Ken & Scotty Beachum, Mel, Jewell & Anna Bryant, Glenda Casper, Valerie Casper, Jeff Copper, Claudia Dutrow, Dick & Marika Garms, Kathy & Tom Henry, Eddie Higgs, Barbara Hounshell, Ruth Howard, Ashley Johnston, Lisa Jones, Judy Kennedy, Angel Kilgore, Peggy Knipple, Shirley Little, Phyliss Lowry, George & Dora Mae Martin, Melissa Napier, Ronald Paul, Helen Palmer, Nancy Paschall, Jim Rigney, Freddie & Charlotte Schmid, Ruby Sellers, David & Mary Sharp, Sandra & Ray Stafford, Betty Thorp, Timothy Vaughan, Kathy Wallace, Ida Wescott, Pat Ziesmann, Joan Zubal, and Military & National Leaders.

To be **on the prayer list or One Call Now**, please call the office at 757-566-0162 or Pastor Lori at 804-539-2389. If there is anyone who needs to be taken off the prayer list please call the office.

**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available in the Narthex.

**To use the restrooms during worship**, please use the door by the choir loft.

**Scripture Readings** are from the Pew Bible.

**A Diabetic Emergency Kit** is available in the refrigerator with juice and snacks.

Please help yourself.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9am–12pm

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# *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 Lori Beach*

7801 Church Lane, Toano, Virginia 23168

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9am.

**Welcome to our worship service!** Mt. Vernon has been worshipping our Lord and serving the Greater Williamsburg Community since 1887. Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service in the Fellowship Hall. If we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know.

# The Church in Ministry and Mission

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