

## Thanksgiving Sunday

November 20, 2022 "Behind Every Great Church There is Prayer" 10:15 am  
Worship Leader: Kathy G.

\*Please stand as you are able. Please read in Unison in **Bold**.

### THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude & Meditation Organist, Carol Kendall

Lighting the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words

Let those who sow in tears, bear sheaves of joy this Thanksgiving. Let those who have endured a long season of waiting, sing for joy at the rich harvest of God's beautiful love.

\*Introit: "He Is Lord" UMH #177

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Be glad and rejoice!

**People: We rejoice in God's gifts!**

Leader: Sing praises of joy!

**People: Our mouths are filled with laughter.**

Leader: With gratitude, we come.

**People: God has done great things for us.**

Leader: Shout with laughter, in sunshine and rain.

**People: Praise God for our lives, for harvest and food.**

\*Opening Prayer:

Maker of heaven and earth, you enliven your creation: causing the skies to rain, the soil to be rich and fertile, the fields to yield abundant crops, and the trees to bear fruit.

**Enliven us once more, Holy One. Call us forth into the joy of your harvest: from tears to shouts of joy, from calamity to plenty, from worry to faith, and from what is false to what is true.**

You are our God, there is no other.

**We praise your name, for you have dealt wondrously with us and will do so again. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" UMH #694  
(Verses 1,2,3)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

**We thank you, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of holy scripture. Through it, you nurture our imaginations, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions. Bless, we pray, our hearing of your word this day. Speak to each of us; speak to all of us; and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 5:1-2, 8-9, 15-20 (CEB) Rev. Candee Martin

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer Rev. Candee Martin

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.**

Hymn of Meditation "We Gather Together" UMH #131  
(verse 1)

The Message "In All Things Be Thankful" Rev. Candee Martin

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH #102

Anthem The Choir

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, source of every blessing, we look forward to your harvest each year. **Our tables overflow with the bounty of this good earth, but our tables pale in comparison to the splendor that awaits us, and all of your children, at your heavenly banquet. Receive these offerings, as we thank you for our many blessings, and help us be mindful of those who go without, as we feast and make merry during this festive season. Amen.**

\*Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed UMH #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.

Prayer of Yearning Rev. Candee Martin

We gather before you today, O God, intent on giving you thanks.

**We remember the wonders of your past, even as we yearn for the wonders you have in store for us. We love to touch your mercy and your care, for our lives are often sown with tears.**

Help our rulers and authorities seek the building of your kingdom and the triumph of your righteousness.

**Restore our fortunes, O God, like streams watering the wilderness, that we may reap with shouts of joy what was planted in sorrow. Amen.**

\*Words of Assurance

Through Christ, God's love has done great things for us. Through Christ, God's grace restores our life and makes us whole once more.

### SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn of Celebration "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH #92  
(Verses 1,2,3,4)

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

\*Benediction

Go home with hearts filled with hope! For God, who has restored us in the past, will do so again. **Let us go home singing songs of hope.**

Go home with shouts of joy! For God, who knows our tears, will not leave us comfortless. **Let us go home singing songs of joy.**

Go home with souls touched by grace. For God, who knows our needs and daily cares, will provide us with the blessings of life. **Let us go home singing songs of thankfulness. Amen.**

Postlude

## *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.*



*Reverend Candee Martin*

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Adult Sunday School begins at 9:15 AM.

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.

# The Church in Ministry and Mission

- † **PRG (Post Pandemic Re-entering Group) Update:** A face mask is optional. We encourage you to keep social distance to minimize potential risk if you are unmasked.
- † **Name Badge Basket—Please place your name badge in a basket by the Exit door as you leave the service.**

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- **Office closure:** The office will be closed November 24th & 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.
- **United Methodist Men** will meet Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Fellowship hall.
- **Piano Recital:** Kathy F. is holding a piano recital in the Sanctuary for her students on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, all are welcome.
- **Bridge Group:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall.

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

## **Mt. Vernon Stewardship –November 13, 2022**

<b>Worship Attendance</b>	<b>Offering</b>
<b>In Person: 34 Streaming: 20</b>	<b>\$1,963.00</b>
<b>Total: 54</b>	

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Call to Worship: Sandra Miller, *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012* (Abingdon Press, 2011)

Centering Words, Opening Prayer, Offertory Prayer, Prayer of Yearning, Words of Assurance,

Benediction: Rebecca J. Kruger Gaudino, Mary Scifres, B.J. Beu, *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2021* (Abingdon Press, 2020)

Prayer of Illumination: Ann B. Day, *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*, edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi, (United Church Press, Cleveland, Ohio, 1990, The Pilgrim Press)

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal.

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**To be on the prayer list or One Call Now,  
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**The ongoing prayer requests will stay on for 2 months  
unless requested to stay on longer.  
If there is anyone who needs to be taken off the prayer list,  
please call church office.**