

# *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 9am.

**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.

# Transfiguration Sunday

February 19, 2023 “Behind Every Great Church 10:15am  
There is Prayer”

Worship Leader Kathy Glindemann

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

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude & Meditation Organist, Carol Kendall

Lighting the Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Words

Transfigured by light, Jesus was changed. All those who witnessed God’s light will be changed. Climb to the mountaintop to see God and to see yourself bathed in God’s holy light. Climb to be changed.

\*Introit “This Is the Day” UMH #657

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Listen, for God is still speaking.

**People: Look, for God is still present.**

Leader: Worship, for God is in our midst.

\*Opening Prayer:

**God of glory, grace us with your presence. Overwhelm us with your love. Guide us with your wisdom and fill us with your Holy Spirit, as we worship and praise you this day. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”  
UMH #103

## 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.**

Gospel Lesson          Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSVue)  
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          "I Love You, Lord"  
TFWS #2068

The Message          "Mountaintop Moments"  
Rev. Candee Martin

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Hymn of Response          "Holy Ground"  
TFWS #2272

Special Music          The Choir

Offering

Offertory Prayer

**Generous God, you reveal your goodness and light through countless blessings and gifts. Receive our offerings — a small portion of what you have given us — and reveal your goodness and grace to others in the name of Christ, our Lord. 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 Confession

Gracious God, we have seen your light and glory in the work of your church, in the faces of loved ones, and in the life of Jesus Christ.

**Yet, our memories are short, and we complain if we no longer feel your presence among us. Forgive us when we descend from life's mountaintops and turn our minds from the knowledge of how you have loved us.**

Pardon us when we neglect to seek you in the faces of lonely and suffering neighbors.

**Open our eyes and our ears, Lord. Teach us to seek you always, and to listen to the call of your call. Amen.**

\*Words of Assurance

Don't be afraid. We are beloved children of God. We belong to a God whose love and grace always draws us to our home in God.

## **SENDING FORTH**

\*Hymn of Celebration "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

UMH #404

Extinguishing the Candles

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

## \*Benediction

Let us not linger too long on the mountain. Go and bear God's light to a world that longs for peace. May God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, walk with us now and forevermore.  
**Amen.**

## Postlude

**\*\*REMINDER:** The winter season is upon us and Covid cases are increasing in our area. PRG encourages wearing masks and social distancing. Please be mindful of those wearing masks and allow them to approach you according to their comfort level.

### **Special Prayer Requests**

**For Health Recovery:** 1/10 Easton Lee Chandler (preemie baby, friend of the Hardie's); 12/14 Ellen Lane (Rotor cuff surgery), Lanny Smith (fall); 11/28 Jerry & Gale Simmons; 10/23 Valarie Carr; 10/5 Ruth Figg; 9/25 Bob Smith, Ray (Dianne H. brother); 9/1 Sue & Jack Warman, June Kasperek; 7/29 Ed Dodson (Fran's friend); 7/26 Dorothy Copper (June K. Sister); 7/3 Our enemies, Nation & Leaders; 6/19 Masonic Home of VA.

**For God's peace and comfort:** 1/27 George Martin, Family & friends of Dora Mae on her passing; 1/18 Family & friends of Sandra Stafford on her passing; 1/3 Family & friends of Betty Thorp on her passing;

**For God's protection:** 8/2 Residents and staff in Assisted living facilities.

### **Members at Home or Assisted Living**

Sarah Welch, Edith Dinwiddie, Charlotte Schmid, Barbara Hounshell, Scotty Beachum & JoAnn Strader

### **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

George Martin, Leta Beck, T.J. Hardie, Trevor Howard, June Kasperek, Jack Kendall, Judy Kennedy, Shirley Little, Helen Palmer, Brent Smith, Vickie Sprigg, Brenda Umagat, Trent, Nora Watkins. Our military & their families, our leaders and world leaders, healing and peace world-wide, all who reside in assisted living homes and in rehabilitation facilities.

## Praises

Candee Martin welcomed a new Grand-nephew  
Leo Azai Hensler-Martin, on  
February 10, 2023 at 11:24PM  
Weight: 7Lbs. 8oz., 20 ½ inches long  
Everyone is doing well.

&

Bob & Judy Fulks welcomed a new grandson,  
Rowan Augustus Fulks, on  
January 19, 2023. Everyone is doing well.

**To be on the prayer list or One Call Now,  
please call church office 757-566-0162 or  
Rev. Candee Martin**

**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.**

**\* Please stand as you are able.**

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

### **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.
- † **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 Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents Day.
- **Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Rev. Candee will be in the sanctuary from 12:00-1PM to give the imposition of ash and there will be time for prayer and quiet reflection.
- **Bridge Group:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall.

### **Mt. Vernon Stewardship – February 12, 2023**

<b>Worship Attendance</b>	<b>Offering</b>
<b>In Person: 22 Streaming: 0</b>	<b>\$1,675.00 Needed Weekly \$2,764.27</b>
<b>Total: 22</b>	<b>2/5: 2,854.00 2/12: 1,675.00 2/19: 0,000.00 2/26: 0,000.00 Monthly amount needed: \$11,978.50</b>

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