

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.



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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.

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 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
TFWS #2158

The Message "A Wintry Blast in Springtime"
Rev. Candee Martin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"
TFWS #2146

Special Music The Choir

Offering

Offertory Prayer

God of the ages, your son told us to love one another.
Use these gifts we bring before you this day,
as expressions of this love.

**Use us as your servants,
through the ministries of this church
and through our very lives.**

**Use our offering to bring compassion and hope
to a world in need. 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

Risen Christ, rise in our hearts and in our lives.

Bring new life into our midst

when death threatens our hope.

Expand our love within our communities

when love is in short supply.

Grant mercy in our world

when sin and shadows threaten the peace.

Resurrect us with your grace,

and raise us up as new creatures in your love.

We are forgiven, accepted and loved.

With joyful gratitude, we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Jesus quenches our thirst for mercy,
and feeds our hunger for grace.

**In the love of the risen Christ,
we are resurrected with forgiveness and
compassion;
we are new creatures in a love that never ends.**

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Celebration “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
UMH #526

Extinguishing the Candles

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

*Benediction

Rev. Candee Martin

As you leave this place,
know that our worship is only beginning.
Go to love others as God has first loved us.
**In all that we see, hear, and take into our hearts,
may the love of Jesus the Christ be with us,
now and forevermore. Amen.**

Postlude

<p>* Please stand as you are able. Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex</p>

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The Yard sale has been cancelled for this year.

Announcements/Missions

- **Office Closure:** The office will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.
- **The Cemetery Association** will place flags on the graves of our 34 Veterans on Sunday, May 28th after the church service. All are invited to attend.
- **Cemetery Meeting:** Wednesday, May 31st at 10AM.
- **16th Annual Jenna Bash Festival:** Saturday, August 5, 2023 11am – 4pm at LifePointe Christian Church 8841 Richmond Rd. To adopt a butterfly go to PGOVA.org/jenna-bash-festival.
- **Grass Cutters are needed** for the summer. The sign-up form is on the bulletin board in the hall. If you are able, it would be much appreciated.
- **St. Olaf's Food Pantry:** Please consider donating these items or monies to the food pantry: Pasta Roni, Banquet-Complete meal, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, El Paso Taco kit, toilet paper, feminine hygiene Products.
- **Bridge Group:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall.