

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 9:15am.

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 11, 2024 "Behind Every Great Church 10:15am
There is Prayer"

Worship Leader

Jeanne Fulks

*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

"My Tribute"

UMH #99

*Call to Worship (responsive)

The light of God is shining...

shining around and within.

The voice of God is calling...

**calling not just from ancient texts,
but from here and from now.**

The love of God is with us...

flowing around and within us.

*Opening Prayer (responsive)

Holy One, when the world is full of confusion

and your message is hard to perceive,

still, we see you.

Still, your presence shines—
a light to illuminate the shadows.

**When we cannot find a way to speak your story,
let your being shine in us and through us,
that we may reflect your glory,
and your grace. Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise “O Worship the King” UMH #73

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Rev. Candee Martin

**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 Mark 9:2-9 (NRSVue)

Rev. Candee Martin

The Transfiguration

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”

⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Candee Martin

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Candee Martin

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 "Holy Ground" (sung twice)

TFWS #2272

The Message Thin Places: That Moment When Heaven
and Earth Meet

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

UMH #206

Special Music

The Choir

Offering

Offertory Prayer (responsive)

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God of light and love,
shine through the gifts
we bring before you now.

Speak through our hearts and our actions.

**Bless our gifts, our offerings, and our very lives,
that we may bless others with your presence.**

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 (Unison)

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 (responsive)

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God of life, you never stop shining.
Yet, sometimes, we forget to keep looking.

It is not always easy to remember

to keep our eyes on you—

**to watch until you are out of sight,
to remember that you are never really
out of sight.**

We long for you, O God,
especially when we have wandered away
and yearn to come home.

**Entrust us with a double portion of your Spirit—
when we need it most,
when we don't even know we need it,
when we have no words to ask.**

Bless us, we pray,
and bring us home. **Amen.**

*Words of Assurance

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When we have turned away and lost our way—
still, God is with us;
still, God will not leave us.

When we have stopped looking for God—
God is still looking for us,
shining as brightly as we need,
so that we can find and be found
again...and again.

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

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People of God, God has shined life into you.
You have seen it.
Now go and let your lives shine. **Amen.**

Postlude

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

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

Stewardship for week of February 4: \$3,730.00

*We sincerely hope you have felt the presence of
the Lord in our Worship Service this morning.*

We appreciate your attendance and support.

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Announcements/Missions

- **Suzanna Wesley Circle:** Will meet Monday, February 12th at 6:30 PM in the home of Judy F.
- **Fellowship Time:** The 3rd Sunday of every month there will be a Fellowship Time after the Sunday Service.
- **Cereal..Cereal..Cereal:** We will concentrate on collecting ONLY cereal donations to St. Olaf's & PGO Food Pantries, so please consider picking up an extra box or two of cereal each week and deposit it in the basket in the narthex. It's a need that we can help to fulfill. Thanks!
- **Bridge Group:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall.