

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.



November 03, 2024

Reverend Dennis Morgan

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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.

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 3, 2024 "Behind Every Great Church 10:15am
There is Prayer"

Worship Leader

Suzanne Latimer

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

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude & Meditation

Organist, Carol Kendall

Pastor's Address

Welcome & Announcements

Centering and Reflection (Leader):

Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us. The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us, yet God is with us. While all around us there is fear and hopelessness, God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.

*Introit

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

UMH #334

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: For all those who have paved the way for our freedom of worship, we give thanks, O Lord.

People: For those who have taught us about witness and the power of love, we give thanks, O Lord.

Leader: For those who work in our church that we may come to know what it means to serve, we give thanks, O Lord.

People: For all the saints, those who rest from their labors, and those who labor still, we give thanks, O Lord.

Leader: Praise be to God, who continually inspires and guides workers and witnesses.

People: Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, and help us to become good workers for you. AMEN

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Redeeming God, come this day and heal our lives. Open our hearts to receive your words of hope and joy that we may become faithful servants of yours in this world which you have loaned to us. All this we ask in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*Hymn of Praise "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Prayer for Illumination (unison) Rev. Dennis Morgan

Almighty God, we know that you are with us, giving us guidance and nudging us along our paths. As we now prepare our hearts to receive your Word, prepare our minds to accept the meaning that you have always intended, that we may then transform your Word into the action that you most desire. Amen.

Gospel Lesson Luke 20:27-38 Rev. Dennis Morgan

Prayers of the People and the Church Rev. Dennis Morgan

*Hymn of Meditation "Take Our Bread" UMH #640

The Message "God of the Living" Rev. Dennis Morgan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Invitation to Communion (responsive) Suzanne Latimer

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have heard the cry of the**

needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen

Passing of the Peace: (Pastor)

God wipes away our tears, bestowing blessings upon us. Let us share signs of these blessings as we rejoice in the peace and fellowship of the saints of God.

Special Music

The Choir

Offertory Prayer (Pastor):

As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

*Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

A Service of Word and Table III (Pastor)

UMH #15

*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.

*Monies left at the altar will go to the Pastor Fellowship Fund.

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Celebration "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

UMH #714

*Benediction (Pastor)

May the God of strength fill our hearts with hope as we face a quaking world.

May the Christ of Love fill our hearts with faith as we wonder what's next.

May the Spirit of Peace fill our hearts with tranquility as we seek eternal comfort.

May God's splendor illuminate the road ahead as we seek the joy of heaven.

Amen.

Postlude

*** Please stand as you are able.**
Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

Stewardship for week of October 27: \$1157.00

*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

- **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.
- **Thanksgiving Luncheon:** Come join us for good food and fellowship!!! Mt. Vernon UMC will be having a Thanksgiving Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 24, 2024 after worship service. Our wonderful ladies in the Susanna Wesley and Jewel Bryant Circles will provide turkey, ham, and stuffing. Please feel free to bring your favorite side dish and/or desert.

The congregation of Mt. Vernon UMC wishes to express their thanks to Vanda for the many hours that she spent working on the new church pictorial directory. Her dedicated efforts and creativity made it a directory that we can be proud of. THANK YOU, VANDA!

New Pricing for Cemetery Plots...

Previous Pricing Honored Until 12/31/2024

On September 4, 2024, at the request of the Cemetery Association, the Mt. Vernon UMC Administrative Council approved changes in the Cemetery Rules and Regulations, which included a price increase for assignment of plots to people eligible for burial in the cemetery. The new pricing continues to be less than that of local commercial cemeteries. 4' X 8' plots are for one (1) **traditional casket/vault burials**, or for **up to three (3) urn/vault cremation burials**. 4' X 4' plots are for **one (1) cremation urn/vault burials**. **For anyone interested in being assigned a plot, or plots, the previous pricing schedule will be honored through December 31, 2024.** The new pricing will become effective on January 1, 2025. For answers to your questions, please contact Russ H. or Bob D.