

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 24, 2024

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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.

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

November 24, 2024 "Behind Every Great Church 10:15am
There is Prayer"

Worship Leader

Theresa Kaufman

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

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude & Meditation

Organist, Carol Kendall

Welcome & Announcements

Centering and Reflection (Leader):

All human leaders will one day disappoint and fail us. Divine kingship alone is faithful

*Introit "Come, We That Love the Lord" UMH #732

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: When leaders disappoint and fail us,

People: turn to Christ, who is always faithful.

Leader: When deceitful words appeal to our baser instincts,

People: harken to Christ, and clarion call our better angels.

Leader: When charlatans seek our allegiance,

**People: hold fast to Christ, our rightful Lord and King.
AMEN.**

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Sovereign God, you clothe your people in the garments of salvation, and you bless them with grace and peace. Open our eyes to the glory of your Son, who comes to rule with justice and reign with righteousness. Open our ears to the sound of his voice, and open our hearts to love as he loves, that we might shine like the morning dew in the early sunshine, and dwell in the peace of Christ. Amen

*Hymn of Praise "We Gather Together" UMH #131

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Prayer for Illumination (unison) Dr. Carlos Liceaga

Mighty God, you are the bedrock of our lives, and the source of our wisdom and strength. When we lose our way, help us to follow your guidance and embrace your rule in our lives. When we build our lives on shifting sand, we ask that you fix our gaze on Christ's Kingdom, that we might build our future on the solid foundation of Christ, our rock and our cornerstone. AMEN

Gospel Lesson Luke 15:11-32 Dr. Carlos Liceaga

Prayers of the People and the Church Dr. Carlos Liceaga

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

The Message: "Sharing The Father's Welcome"
Dr. Carlos Liceaga

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Passing of the Peace Dr. Carlos Liceaga
Christ's glory fills the skies and gladdens the heart. Let us offer signs of kinship in Christ's name by exchanging the peace of Christ.

Special Music The Choir

Offertory Prayer: Dr. Carlos Liceaga
The Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the one who was and is, and is to come, invites us to share our blessings with others, as we collect our tithes and offerings. AMEN

*Doxology (unison) UMH #95
Praise God for whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Celebration “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
UMH #694

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.

*Benediction (responsive)

Dr. Carlos Liceaga

Leader: The Mighty One of Israel is faithful.

People: God’s promises are certain!

Leader: The rock of our salvation is strong and true.

People: Christ’s kingdom never ends!

Leader: The Holy Spirit guides and guards us.

People: The Spirit’s love leads us home!

Postlude

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

Stewardship for week of November 17th: \$2005.00

*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:** Fellowship Time will be held every third Sunday in the Fellowship Hall after worship service.
- **Trustee Meeting:** A Trustee meeting will be held Monday, November 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- **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 is having a Thanksgiving Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall today, Sunday, November 24, 2024, after worship service. Our wonderful ladies in the Susanna Wesley and Jewel Bryant Circles are providing the meal today!
- **It's Not Too Late!!!:** There is still plenty of time for you to pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child (OCC)! OCC sends gift-filled shoeboxes to children around the world at Christmas, together with the message of the Gospel. There is information and cardboard boxes on the credenza by the entrance door to the Sunday School wing. Or you can use your own shoebox or plastic box with a lid. There are brochures with lists of suggested gift items and labels for your boxes. A \$10 donation is suggested for each box to cover the shipping and project costs (see donation instructions in the brochure or on the label.) PLEASE PLACE YOUR PACKED SHOEBOX WITH LABEL ON THE TABLE BEHIND THE FIRST DOOR TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH. We will pick up the boxes that Sunday after the Thanksgiving luncheon and deliver them to the local collection center. Thanks for your participation and please pray for the child who will receive your gift!

➤ **Mt. Vernon Church Christmas Cards:** For the first time, Mt. Vernon UMC is selling Christmas cards featuring images of our church taken by its own members. There are two designs: 1) One of the church at night taken on Christmas Eve; and 2) one of the church on a snowy day enhanced by a cardinal and the word PEACE. Each pack has 8 cards with verses & envelopes and sells for \$10. To see pictures of the cards and the verses within, please go to the church website at <https://mtvernontoano.org>. Then scroll down to the pictures and click to enlarge.

We are also selling packs of note cards that feature a sketch of the church on the cover. The note cards are blank inside and also sell for \$10 a pack. Envelopes are included. If you would like to purchase cards, they will be available to pick up in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings after the worship service. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the church's general fund. Please support our church by purchasing a pack of cards and sharing these greetings during the holidays!

June Lois Kasperek 1926-2024

Dale and his family would like the congregation to know that June held in her heart the Mt. Vernon church in Toano and each and every member of the congregation. Dale and his family want to thank everyone for the friendship and support given to June from 2002 to 2024. Dale and his family also want to express their appreciation for the cards and the contributions made to Mt. Vernon UMC in her memory. Dale knows that his mother wants the congregation to carry on. Dale believes that June will be with you, spiritually every Sunday. Thank you.