

# *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.**



January 26, 2025

*Reverend Dennis Morgan*

7801 Church Lane, Toano, Virginia 23168

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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.

**Ecumenical Sunday**  
**Third Sunday After the Epiphany**

January 26, 2025 “Behind Every Great Church 10:15am  
There is Prayer”

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Worship Leader

Jeanne Fulks

\*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):

The joy of the Lord is our strength. The Word of God is our joy! Thanks be to God!

\*Introit “There's Something About That Name”

UMH #171

\*Call to Worship: (responsive)

Leader: Each day we encounter the voice of God, telling us of God's will.

**People: What voice speaks without words or speech?**

Leader: The Heavens are telling of the glory of God's Kingdom.

**People: We listen but do not understand.**

Leader: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

**People: Who will teach us, that our hearts may rejoice?**

Leader: Pray in the spirit and you will come to understand.

\*Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of Wisdom, we have come to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of what he would teach us. With the heavens above and the earth below, we rejoice in the good news he brings: succor to the poor, release to the captives,**

**recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed.**

**Reveal to us the mystery of your precepts, that we might come to know the fullness of creation. AMEN**

**\*Hymn of Praise “Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”**

**UMH #163**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**\*Prayer for Illumination (unison) Rev. Dennis Morgan**

**Merciful God, as we seek to know your ways, may we be more ready to receive the gifts of your grace than to trumpet the earthly gifts we have received. Lay your call to Christian unity on our hearts, as we listen to your precepts and seek to live by them each day. As the heavens proclaim your praise, and the truth of Jesus Christ is revealed to us, open our hearts to those who need our care. In Jesus’ name we pray. AMEN**

**Gospel Lesson Luke 4:14-21 Rev. Dennis Morgan**

**Prayers of the People and the Church Rev. Dennis Morgan**

**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 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”**

**UMH #348**

**The Message “You Can’t Go Home Again!” Rev. Dennis Morgan**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

Passing of the Peace (Pastor):

The heavens above and every part of creation below reveals God's glory without speech. Look upon one another now and silently share the peace of Christ with a smile, a bow of the head, a handshake, a hug, or simple reverence.

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Rev. Dennis Morgan

**God of our ancestors, Caretaker of our future, thank you for your faithful love. May the gifts we bring before you this day honor the many ways you bless this church. And may our offering reflect our commitment to lead lives of love as we continue the mission of Jesus to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. In your holy name we pray. 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

“O How I Love Jesus”

UMH #170

Extinguishing the Candles

Benediction: (responsive)

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Leader: In one Spirit, we perceive the glory of God proclaimed in the heavens above.

**People: Spirit, make us one.**

Leader: In one faith, we have been nurtured through the precepts of the living Lord.

**People: Christ, make us one.**

Leader: In one great love, we have been saved.

**People: God, make us one.**

Leader: Go with the blessing of God, that all might be one.

Postlude

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

**Stewardship for week of January 19th: \$2235.00**

*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 of each month in the Fellowship Hall after worship 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.
- **Trustee Committee:** The Trustee Committee will be meeting Monday, January 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Choir Practice:** Choir practice will be held Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.