

# *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.*



March 2, 2025

*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.

## Transfiguration Sunday

February 23, 2025 "Behind Every Great Church 10:15am  
There is Prayer"

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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):

As God's glory shone in and through Jesus Christ, may God's glory shine in and through us with the beauty and grace of Christ's love.

\*Introit "Come, We That Love the Lord" (verse 1)  
UMH #732

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: Christ has called us here,

**People: inviting us to offer praise and prayer.**

Leader: May Christ's presence be revealed in this time,

**People: showing us the way to go.**

Leader: May Christ's glory shine into our worship,

**People: that Christ's glory may shine in our lives.**

\*Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of glory and power, pour out your Holy Spirit on us today. Reveal to us your wisdom and guidance. Manifest through us your Spirit of glorious grace and love, and make your loving presence known to all through the ministries of your church. AMEN**

\*Hymn of Praise "Ask Me What Great Thing I Know"  
UMH #163

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (unison) Rev. Dennis Morgan

**Gracious Lord, we gather this Sabbath to praise you and offer our thanksgiving. We come to spend time in fellowship, and we come to hear and understand your Word. Grant us understanding, that we may be the hands doing your work in this world. AMEN**

Gospel Lesson Luke 9:28-36 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 "Fill My Cup, Lord" UMH #641

The Message "Awakened to Glory!" Rev. Dennis Morgan

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir



Passing of the Peace: (Pastor)

By God's mercy, we are redeemed and renewed to shine with the love of Christ! Let us show our gratitude by sharing signs of peace and reconciliation.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is a right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere... And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of Heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your child of light, Jesus Christ... And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts of love and light, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving. As your covenant people and as reflections of your glory, in union with Christ's love for us, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine... Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forevermore

**ALL: Amen.**

Offertory Prayer (unison):

**Glorious God, shine through this offering we now return to you. May our gifts and our very lives bless your world and reveal your love. In gratitude we pray. 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.**

### **SENDING FORTH**

\*Hymn of Celebration "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"  
UMH #352

\*Benediction (responsive)

Leader: Go forth to shine with God's light and love.

**People: We'll shine joyously for all to see! AMEN**

Postlude

<p><b>* Please stand as you are able.</b> <b>Hearing Assistance Devices</b> are available in the Narthex</p>
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**Stewardship for week of February 23rd: \$2952.00**

*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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**Pastor office hours:**

**Monday 3pm-6pm  
Tuesday 10am-1pm**

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## Announcements/Missions

- **Fellowship Time:** Fellowship Time will be held every third Sunday of each month, after worship service in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Pastor's Office Hours:** Pastor Dennis' office hours will be changed beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. New office hours will be Monday 3p-6p and Tuesday 10a-1p. In addition, Pastor Dennis can meet *by appointment* at other times throughout the week.
- **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.
- **2025 Community Lenten Services:** Our wonderful Al Glindemann has again coordinated Lenten Services with the local Ministerial!!! Mt. Vernon UMC will be hosting Lenten service on April 2, 2025. There will be fellowship and refreshments at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Lenten service at 7:00 p.m. From His Hands is the organization Mt. Vernon UMC will sponsor. Please see the full Lenten Service schedule in the Weekly News Blast.