

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.



“To Whom Should We Listen”

September 28, 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.

September 28, 2025

10:15am

“To Whom Should We Listen”

Worship Leader

Theresa Kaufman

*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

God's promises are certain. We return from exile to find hope and new beginnings. Let us consider how we are to live lives worthy of the grace we have received through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*Introit

TFWS #2016

“Glorify Thy Name”

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: God is our refuge and our fortress.

People: In God, we place our trust.

Leader: When we are weary,

People: God lifts us up as if on wings of eagles.

Leader: Come before the Lord with love and the desire to serve.

People: God is our hope and our salvation.

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

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Generous Spirit, you call us to share our resources with the poor and disadvantaged, lest we follow self-interest to our ruin and destruction. Teach us to bestow your blessings on those in need, lest we be trapped in our own selfish pursuits. Set our hearts on the riches of good works, rather than the allure of earthly treasures. Help us to take hold of the life that you intended for us. AMEN

Children's Message

Betty Smith

*Hymn of Praise

UMH #529

"How Firm a Foundation"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson Luke 16:19-31

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

UMH #377

"It Is Well with My Soul"

The Message

Rev. Dennis Morgan

"To Whom Should We Listen?"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

Passing of the Peace: (Pastor)

Having set our hearts of the things that are above, let us share our joy with one another by exchanging signs of Christ's peace.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

Loving God, you protect us from harm and shelter us in your loving arms. Just as you deliver us from evil, may these offerings lead others to find the hope of your salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

*Doxology:

UMH #95

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

UMH #600

"Wonderful Words of Life"

*Benediction (Pastor):

May we now go forth from this place as a people who truly listen - to the Word of God, to the cries of the poor, to the prophets among us, and to the voice of the risen Christ. And in listening, may we be moved to love, to give, to serve, and to live as citizens of God's Kingdom. Amen.

Postlude

Announcements/Missions

- **Choir:** Choir practice meets each Thursday at 1pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Bridge Group:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall.
- **Save the Date:** The holiday Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 15 from 9am-1pm. More details to follow.
- **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!
- **Pastor's Office Hours:** Pastor Dennis' office hours are Monday 3p-6p and Tuesday 10a-1p. In addition, Pastor Dennis can meet *by appointment* at other times throughout the week.

Stewardship for week of September 21: \$1,365

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

We appreciate your attendance and support.

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