

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.



“Beyond What is Expected”

October 5, 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.

October 5, 2025

10:15am

“Beyond What is Expected”

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

We worship God and study the gospel message of Jesus Christ, and we have faith. And yet, we feel unworthy, unprepared, and unqualified to move the message forward. Jesus tells us that the smallest bits of faith can still give us the power to great things in serving the kingdom of God.

*Introit

UMH #601

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: The Holy Spirit rekindles God's purpose and grace for our lives.

People: Grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

Leader: Jesus, our Savior, abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.

People: This is good news, not just for ourselves, but for the world.

Leader: Let us worship with an attitude of thanksgiving and praise.

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

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy and Triune God, your table transcends time and space. As your disciples on World Communion Sunday, we join our voices to the songs and prayers offered to your name throughout the world. Increase our faith and give us grace to love and forgive one another, as you have loved and forgiven us. AMEN

Children's Message

*Hymn of Praise

UMH #77

"How Great Thou Art"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson Luke 17:5-10

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 #468

"Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See"

The Message

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"Beyond What is Expected"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

Passing of the Peace: (Pastor)

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

Service of Communion

Offertory Prayer (unison):

Divine Master, purify the motivations of our hearts as we offer you the works of our hands. May our financial gifts inspire us to be as generous in our gifts of forgiveness. 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 #98

“To God Be the Glory”

*Benediction (responsive):

Pastor: Though we may leave God's house,

People: we do not leave God's presence.

Pastor: Like green olive trees in the house of God,

People: we will plant our roots in the soil of holy love.

Pastor: Heeding the joy of God's call in our lives,

People: we go to share God's love for all.

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 28: \$940

*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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