

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.



“The Rarity of Gratitude”

October 12, 2025

Reverend Dennis Morgan

7801 Church Lane, Toano, Virginia 23168

757-566-0162

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.

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

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

October 12, 2025

10:15am

“The Rarity of Gratitude”

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

The Spirit invites us to deepen our faith in Christ and to find renewal and strength by seeking the welfare of the community around us. As we worship, let us be mindful of the many ways in which we may serve our surrounding community.

*Introit

TFWS #2065

“More Precious than Silver”

*Affirmation (responsive) [hymnal #885]

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare.

**People: We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is all over his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his
children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of Man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin
and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual
remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love,
as set forth in the example of our blessed
Lord,
to the end that the Kingdom of God may
come upon the earth.
AMEN**

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Holy God, we are grateful for your abiding Spirit and the ways the Spirit empowers us to be your people. In this time of worship, deepen our faith. Restore our souls and heal us. After we have spent this time with you, return us to our community, that we may share your love and grace with everyone we meet. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. AMEN

Children's Message

***Hymn of Praise** **UMH #64**
"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson **Luke 17:11-19** **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 #92

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

The Message

Rev. Dennis Morgan

“The Rarity of Gratitude”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

Passing of the Peace: (Pastor)

The Living Christ is here with us. May the peace of Christ dwell deeply within us as we greet one another in Christian love.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

Gracious God, we come to say “thank you” for all of the ways you bring forth life, health, and renewal. Bless this offering we now make, that they may bring forth life and healing in our community. 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 #536

“Precious Name”

*Benediction (responsive):

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, siblings in the family of Christ, as we go from this place, may our faith grow stronger.

People: We will find ways to share the good news of Christ's healing love with our community.

Pastor: Go in peace. AMEN

Postlude

Announcements/Missions

- **The Susanna Wesley Circle:** will meet Monday, October 13, 6:30 pm at the home of Carol K.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** "Shoeboxes" for the Christmas mission project are now available for pickup. Get started early...before the holidays are upon us.
- **SPPRC:** The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee is looking for a few new members. Your tour would start in January. District level training will be Monday, November 10 at 6:30pm. It will be held at Tabernacle UMC, 831 Poquoson Avenue, Poquoson, VA 23662
- **Save the Date:** The holiday Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 15 from 9am-1pm. More details to follow.
- **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.

Stewardship for week of October 5: \$4408

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

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The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025, Abingdon Press
The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospel for Christian Preachers and Teachers, Liturgical Press
The Daily Study Bible commentary series, Westminster Press
The New Interpreter's Bible commentary series, Abingdon Press

Upcoming Wednesday Bible Study: Bible Study led by Rev. Dennis will be held this coming Wednesday, October 8. There will be two lessons each week followed by discussion. You may attend one or all; sign up is not required.

Lesson	Date	Lecture
1	September 10	JESUS-The Man Who Became God
2		Greco-Romans Gods Who Became Human
3	September 17	Humans as Gods in the Greco-Roman World
4		Gods Who Were Human in Ancient Judaism
5	September 24	Ancient Jews Who Were Gods
6		The Life and Teachings of Jesus
7	October 8	Did Jesus Think He Was God?
8		The Death of Jesus-Historical Certainties
9	October 15	Jesus' Death-What Historians Can't Know
10		The Resurrection- What Historians Can't Know
11	October 22	What History Reveals About the Resurrection
12		The Disciples' Visions of Jesus
13	October 29	Jesus' Exaltation-Earliest Christian Views
14		The Backward Movement of Christology
15	November 12	Paul's View-Christ's Elevated Divinity
16		John's View-The Word Made Human
17	November 19	Was Christ Human?-The Docetic View
18		The Divided Christ of the Separationists
19	December 10	Christ's Dual Nature-Proto-Orthodoxy
20		The Birth of the Trinity
21	December 17	The Arian Controversy
22		The Conversion of Constantine
23	January 14	The Council of Nicea
24		Once Jesus Became God

Save This Shopping List for Quick Reference

Proclaiming Grace Outreach/St. Olaf's Food Pantry

- ☐ **Box of Cereal**
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FISH Food Pantry

- ☐ **Canned Tomato Products**
- ☐ **Pasta/Spaghetti**
- ☐ **Canned Tuna, Beef Stew**
- ☐ **Pancake Mix/Syrup**
- ☐ **Peanut Butter/Jelly**
- ☐ **Canned Fruits**
- ☐ **Canned Vegetables**
- ☐ **Canned Soup**
- ☐ **Laundry Detergent**
- ☐ **Shampoo**
- ☐ **Feminine Products (pads, tampons)**
- ☐ **Deodorant**
- ☐ **Toothpaste**
- ☐ **Diapers**
- ☐ **Pull Ups**