

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.



“Will He Find Faith?”

October 19, 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 19, 2025

10:15am

“Will He Find Faith?”

Worship Leader

Donna Wilson

*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 can depend on God's promises, written on our hearts. As we look within and recall the promises God has made, we can then claim God's future of peace, the peace that surpasses all understanding.

*Introit

UMH #99

“My Tribute”

*Call to Worship (responsive) [Psalm 119]:

Leader: Oh, how I love your will, dear Lord. I meditate on your wisdom throughout the day.

People: Your teaching makes me wiser each day. Your instruction helps me to become my truest self.

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste - sweeter than honey to my mouth.

People: Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light that shines on my path.

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

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (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 #62

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8

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 #452

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

The Message

Rev. Dennis Morgan

"Will He Find Faith?"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

"Soli Deo (Glory to God Alone)"

Passing of the Peace: (Pastor)

Jesus instructs us to love God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind. Christ also tells us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Let us now show one another signs of peace, love, and reconciliation.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

Your promises are written on our hearts, dear God, and your strength is in the work of our hands. We offer you all that we are and all that we have, that your love may be made known throughout your world. 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 #571

“Go, Make of All Disciples”

*Benediction:

God’s love never ceases.

May we never fail to share this love with one another.

Go in the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the spirit, now and always. AMEN

Postlude

Announcements/Missions

- **Choir:** Choir practice meets each Thursday at 1pm in the Sanctuary.
- **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
- **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 October 12: \$1550

*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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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 22. 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**