

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.



“Witnessing in a Shaking World”

November 16, 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.

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentacost

November 16, 2024

10:15am

“Witnessing in a Shaking World”

Worship Leader

Donna Wilson

*Please stand as you are able. Please read in Unison in **Bold**.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude and Meditation

Organist, Carol Kendall

Pastor’s Address

Welcome & Announcements

Centering and Reflection

What suffering are we facing in our lives? How do we respond to the turmoil and voice around us? When we are most anxious, most afraid, can we hold onto the promise of God’s new heavens and a new earth? Can we let ourselves imagine the grace that may yet come?

*Introit

UMH #171

“There’s Something About That Name”

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.

People: Thus says our God, the Holy One.

Leader: Be glad, and rejoice in this new creation.

People: We celebrate all that is coming.

Leader: Our weeping will be met with rejoicing.

People: And our suffering will be overtaken by new lives.

Leader: Heaven and earth will be filled with God’s peace.

People: Everything will become a new creation.

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

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

Loving and Merciful God, we give you thanks. You grant us strength when we feel weak; and courage when we cannot stand. You fill our hearts with your glory and bless our being with your grace. You protect our lives. In your care, not one hair on our heads shall perish, nor the smallest flutter of peace perish in our souls. AMEN

Children's Message

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH #504

"The Old Rugged Cross"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson Luke 21:5-19

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 #453

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

The Message

Rev. Dennis Morgan

"Witnessing in a Shaking World"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

“One”

The Choir

Passing of the Peace: (Pastor)

We, here, are the children of God, as shall our descendants be. Let the peace of God surround us and fill, now and forever, us as we pass the peace of Christ.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

Almighty God, you have poured out your many blessings on us, and we are grateful. Through our loving gratitude, we now return to you a portion of those gifts, that we may provide peace and comfort to those around us in less-fortunate circumstances. 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 #467

“Trust and Obey”

*Benediction (responsive):

Leader: People of God, the Lord calls! May the Christ of love fill our hearts with faith;

People: We shall answer - embracing new life, blessed peace, and a love that knows no end. AMEN

Postlude

Stewardship for week of November 9: \$2,038

Announcements/Missions

- **Operation Christmas Child:** THERE'S STILL TIME TO PACK A SHOEBOX! To date, Operation Christmas Child has delivered over 232 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children around the world at Christmas. If you would like pack a shoebox, there is information on the credenza by outside the Fellowship Hall. Cardboard OCC boxes are available for pickup, but you may also use a shoebox from home or a 6 or 7 qt. plastic box with a lid. Gift items may include little toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Please bring your packed shoebox to the church no later than Sunday, November 23rd and stay for our Thanksgiving luncheon! If you would like more information, please call the church office or Vanda.
- **Thanksgiving Luncheon:** this month our fellowship Sunday has been moved to November 23rd so that we may celebrate with a Thanksgiving luncheon. Stay after the service to share food and fellowship. There will be a sign-up sheet for items to bring outside the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, or contact Betty Smith.
- **Winter Coat Drive:** We are collecting new and gently used winter coats that will be distributed by Operation Love. All sizes and types are needed (Men's, Woman's, Teens, Childrens). Please bring coats to the Church Office or Church Library.
- **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.

*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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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.

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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!

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**