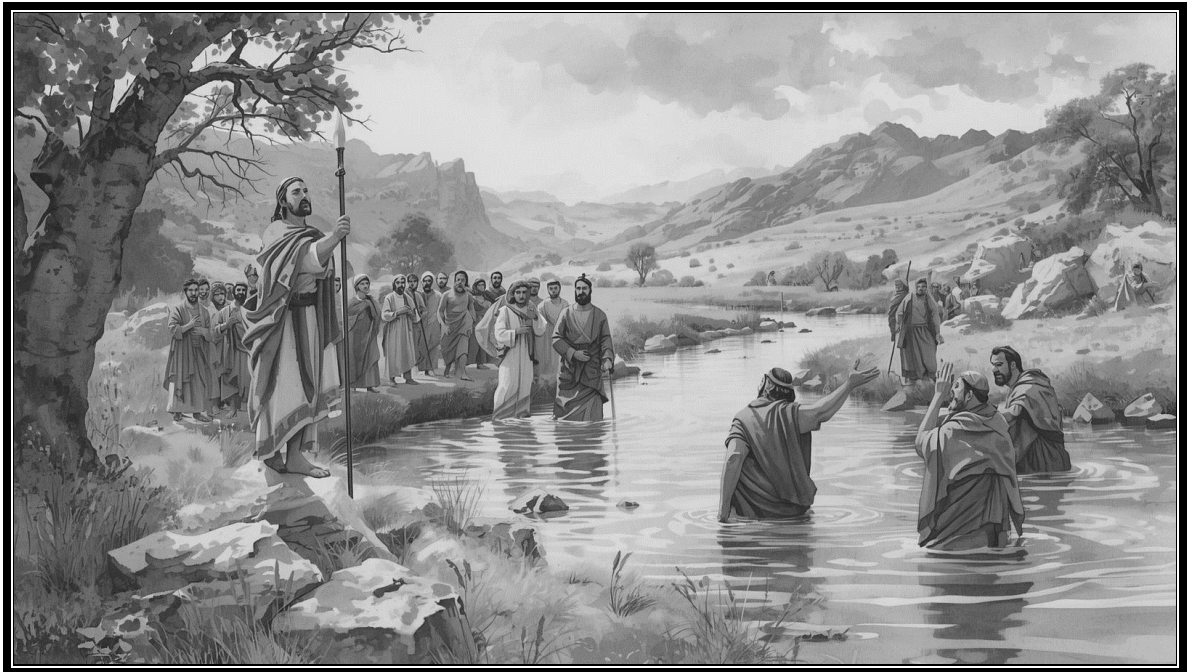


# *Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church*

*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.***



*“Bear Fruit Worthy of Repentance”*

December 7, 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.

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

**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available in the Narthex

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

10:15am

“Bear Fruit Worthy of Repentance”

Worship Leader

Suzanne Latimer

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

### THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude and Meditation

Organist, Jeanne Fulks

Pastor’s Address

Welcome & Announcements

Centering and Reflection

Lay down your burdens. Forget your fears. Christ has invited you here to live in the hope and peace of God.

\*Introit

TFWS #2090 verse 2

“Light the Advent Candle”

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: People of God, Christ has invited us here!

**People: We gather to praise God, who brings justice and righteousness to all.**

Leader: We gather to give thanks to God for hope and peace.

**People: Blessed be the Lord, who has done marvelous things.**

Leader: Let us praise God together.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**God of hope and peace, as we worship you this day, may we catch a glimpse of your peace; may we open ourselves to receive your grace; may we welcome one another as you have welcomed us. And when our worship is done, may we be renewed in body and spirit, prepared to bring your righteousness and justice to the world. In the name of Christ, we pray. AMEN**

\*Hymn of Praise

UMH #196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Children’s Message

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson    Matthew 3:1-12

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 #641

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

The Message

Rev. Dennis Morgan

“Bear Fruit Worthy of Repentance”

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Passing of the Peace (responsive):

Leader: Wherever you have been, you are welcome here.

**People: We are glad to be here, gathered in the glorious name of God!**

Leader: Here and everywhere, may the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Service of Communion (responsive):

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Offertory Prayer (unison):

**We give thanks for the blessings God grants us, blessings that nourish us and help us to do wonderful things for God and God's world. In a spirit of thanksgiving, let us now offer what we can to the will of God. 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 #220

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

\*Benediction:

May the God of love fill you with joy and peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you, now and forevermore.

And may the Holy Spirit fill your days with hope.

AMEN

Postlude

**Stewardship for week of November 30: \$1,108**

## Announcements/Missions

- **Christmas Caroling:** The Jewell Bryant Circle will be performing Christmas carols for the Dominion Village Assisted Living Facility on December 8. Anyone who would like to participate should meet at the Church at 10 am.
- **Susanna Wesley Circle:** Will meet Monday, December 8 at 6pm for their annual Christmas party and dinner at the home of Kay Rowe.
- **Christmas Poinsettias:** Poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas season. If you would like to purchase one in honor/memory of a loved one, please fill out the request form located outside of the fellowship hall or contact the church office. The cost will be \$8.00 each and request must be placed no later than Wednesday, December 17. Make checks payable to Mount Vernon and indicate Poinsettias.
- **Choir:** Choir practice meets each Thursday at 1pm in the Sanctuary. Choir will not meet on 12/25 or 1/1.
- **Bridge Group:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall.

### *December Birthdays*

December 16	Jeanne Fulks
December 22	Carole Dishman
December 25	Suzanne Latimer

### *December Anniversaries*

December 1	Tom and Sharron Ridpath
December 27	Russ and Karen Hobgood

*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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**Wednesday Bible Study:** We have gotten a bit behind in our series due to technical difficulties. Please join us for our next sessions listed below. There will be two lessons each week followed by discussion. You may attend one or all; sign up is not required.

Lesson	Date	Lecture
13	December 10	Jesus' Exaltation-Earliest Christian Views
14		The Backward Movement of Christology
15	December 17	Paul's View-Christ's Elevated Divinity
16		John's View-The Word Made Human
17	January 14	Was Christ Human?-The Docetic View
18		The Divided Christ of the Separationists
19	TBA	Christ's Dual Nature-Proto-Orthodoxy
20		The Birth of the Trinity
21	TBA	The Arian Controversy
22		The Conversion of Constantine
23	TBA	The Council of Nicea
24		Once Jesus Became God

**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**