

# *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.***



*“Seasoned and Shining”*

February 8, 2026

*Reverend Meghan Roth Clayton*

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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

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

10:15am

“Seasoned and Shining”

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

In the beginning, God brought forth light out of the darkness. This light has shown throughout the centuries in the lives of prophets and teachers, young and old, and in the life of Christ. This light still shines today in you - let your light shine!

\*Introit

TFWS #2016

“Glorify Thy Name”

\*Affirmation (unison)

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of the God the Father  
Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. AMEN

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

**Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer, hear our prayer. We lift to you our thanks for the many gifts and graces with which you have blessed us, and we offer our service to bring others into closer relationship to you. As we gather in worship, we commit to loving one another as you love us, and to strengthen each other's faith. AMEN**

\*Hymn of Praise

UMH #163

"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

Children's Message

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Gospel Lesson

Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton

Matthew 5:13-20

Prayers of the People  
and the Church

Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton

\*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 #348

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

The Message

Rev. Meghan Roth Clayton

“Seasoned and Shining”

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

Passing of the Peace (responsive):

Leader: May the grace, the steadfast love, and the peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us offer one another signs of Christ's love and peace.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

**Eternal God, we humbly acknowledge the many gifts and graces we receive through your generosity and grace. Knowing that ours is the responsibility for bringing others into community with you, we now offer our gifts. Lord, grant that this offering is used for the further establishment of your kingdom, here on this earth.**

**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 #170

“O How I Love Jesus”

**\*Benediction (pastor):**

May the love of God bring forth healing and restoration for all of your days. May the light of Christ guide your way. And may the Holy Spirit empower you to do the good work of God. AMEN

**Postlude**

## **Announcements/Missions**

- **Jewell Bryant Circle:** will take place on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Susanna Wesley Circle:** will take place on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the home of Fran D.
- **Bridge Group:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall.
- **Choir:** Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 1 pm in the Sanctuary.
- **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. Pastor Contact Information:

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