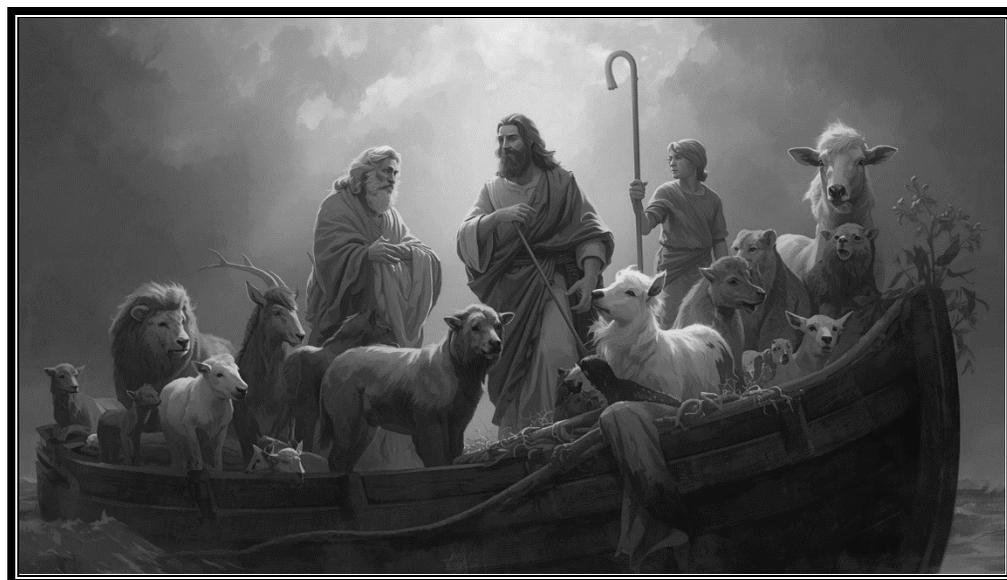


Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church

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.



“This is the Sign”

February 22, 2026

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

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

10:15am

“This is the Sign”

Worship Leader

Theresa Kaufman

*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

As we enter the season of Lent, we set our hearts and minds on a journey of self-examination and reflection. We attune ourselves to the guidance and caring presence of the Holy Spirit, understanding that trials and temptations are part of any life. Our trust in God allows us to examine our shortcomings, embrace grace, and grow in faith!

*Introit

TFWS #2160

“Into My Heart”

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

Leader: When we confess our transgressions, Christ’s grace and forgiveness encompass us.

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

Leader: Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Gracious and Eternal Father, turn us from our temptations. Inspire us to open ourselves to the way of Christ, that as we examine our lives and live out these days, we may become examples of your abundant love for all people. My we feel revived and sustained in our will to follow Jesus. AMEN

*Hymn of Praise

UMH #159

“Lift High the Cross”

Children’s Message

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Genesis 9:8-17

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 #396

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

The Message

Rev. Dennis Morgan

“This is the Sign”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

“Be Thou My Vision”

Passing of the Peace (pastor):

May the grace, the steadfast love, and peace of Christ be with us all as we greet one another in Christian love.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

May the gift of our lives and the gifts of our service create God's kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. 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 #530

“Are Ye Able”

*Benediction (pastor):

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ,
May the love of Jesus, offered to you without reservation, fill you with hope, and May the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, ever-present, nourish your very soul. AMEN

Postlude

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Announcements/Missions

- **Community Lenten Services:** The Wednesday, February 25 service will be held at Mt Vernon United Methodist Church, 7801 Church Lane, Toano. The speaker is Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly from Hickory Neck Episcopal Church. Hospitality at 6 pm, Service begins at 7 pm.
- **Missions Feeding The Homeless:** Please sign up to help us feed the homeless on March 2nd (supper) and 3rd (breakfast and lunch). A file folder listing the needs for those three meals will be found in the hallway. Any questions, please see or call Fran.
- **Bridge Group:** 10 am and 6:30 pm, Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall all are welcome.
- **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:

Rev. Dennis Morgan
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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**