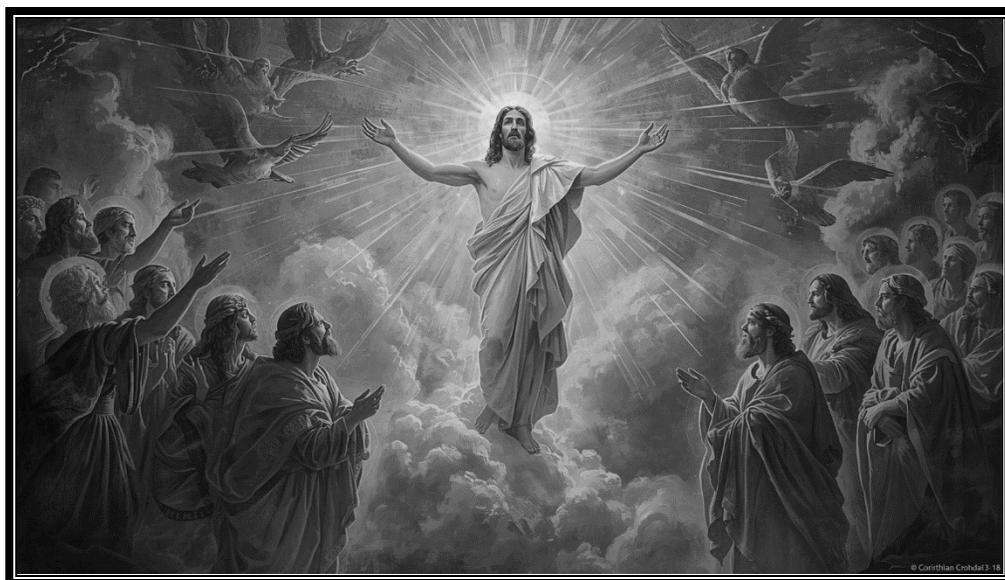


Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church

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.



“Our Relentless God”

March 8, 2026

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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

10:15am

“Our Relentless God”

Worship Leader

Jeanne Fulks

*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 our human frailty, we turn from God. In our moral weakness, we stray. In our spiritual inattention, we drift. God, however, does not ever consider us forever lost. God never gives up on us. Our God relentlessly pursues a relationship with us.

*Introit

UMH #405

“Seek Ye First”

***Affirmation** (responsive)[UMH #889]

Leader: There is one God
 and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
 who came as a ransom for all,
 to whom we testify.

**All: This saying is sure
 and worthy of full acceptance:
 That Jesus Christ came into the world to
 save sinners,
 and was manifested in the flesh,
 vindicated in the Spirit,
 seen by angels,
 proclaimed among the nations,
 believed in throughout the world, and**

**taken up in glory.
Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel.
AMEN**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God of all creation, we thank you for the lives we have been granted. All that we are and all that we have we owe to your good graces and mercy. We ask that you forgive us for straying from your precepts, and pray that our disobedience has not turned your face away. Redeem us, Gracious Lord, and restore us to righteousness. AMEN

***Hymn of Praise** **UMH #128**
“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”

Children’s Message

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson **Rev. Dennis Morgan**
2 Corinthians 3:7-18

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 #174**
“His Name Is Wonderful”

The Message **Rev. Dennis Morgan**
“Our Relentless God”

Reception into Full Membership (Hymnal #33)

Sharron Ridpath

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

“Be Still and Know”

Passing of the Peace (pastor):

Christ has called us to love one another as we love ourselves. Let us now greet one another with signs of brotherly love, peace, and forgiveness.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

Gracious Lord, we thank you for the many blessings with which we have been blessed, and so we offer you a portion of our resources with which you have blessed us. May our offering be used to further your kingdom here in this realm. 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 #369

“Blessed Assurance”

*Benediction (pastor):

Our God is relentless in pursuit of a relationship with us. God never falters in the efforts made to bring us into righteousness before God. Go now with the assurance that God has not, does not, and will not ever falter in seeking the personal relationship God wants with you. AMEN

Postlude

Announcements/Missions

- **Susanna Wesley Circle:** The Susanna Wesley Circle will meet on Monday, March 9 at 6:30 pm at the home of Nora.
- **Community Lenten Services:** The Wednesday, March 11 service will be held at Olive Branch Christian Church, 7643 Richmond Road, Williamsburg. Hospitality at 6 pm, Service begins at 7 pm.
- **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:

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