

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.



“Apistos”

April 12, 2026

Reverend Dennis Morgan

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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 Easter

April 12, 2026

10:15am

“Apistos”

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 you I take refuge. In you I find life. May I keep you always before me.

*Introit

UMH #328

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

***Affirmation (responsive) [hymnal #888]**

This is the good news

Which we have received,

In which we stand,

and by which we are saved.

Christ died for our sins,

was buried,

was raised on the third day,

and appeared first to the women,

then to Peter and the Twelve,

and then to many faithful witnesses

We believe Jesus is the Christ,

the Anointed One of God,

the firstborn of all creation,

the firstborn from the dead,

in whom all things hold together,

in whom the fullness of God

**was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. AMEN**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Jesus of the Resurrection, we rejoice in you. You were struck down, but you defeated the cross and stood before your beloved disciples, as you are present and alive with us today. We rejoice in you, Risen Savior, for you open before us your grace and peace. You are our Lord and God. AMEN

*Hymn of Praise UMH #327
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Children's Message

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson Rev. Dennis Morgan
John 20:19-31

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 #314
"In the Garden"

The Message Rev. Dennis Morgan
"Apistos"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Passing of the Peace (pastor):

Long ago, Jesus Christ gave his peace to disciples who were locked in a room and sorely in need of peace. Let us pass this peace to all who join us today with the words, “Peace be with you!”

Offertory Prayer (unison):

May the gifts we offer today reach out beyond the walls of our church and into the world beyond, that other may feel your joy, your caring, your deep compassion, and your grace. 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 #310

“He Lives”

*Benediction (Responsive):

Jesus called out to his disciples, “Peace be with you!”

We praise Jesus, our Lord and our God, for the Holy Spirit who accompanies us.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, go out into the world with power - to forgive, to touch wounds with healing hands, and to live out the love, life, and power of our Lord and our God.

Alleluia! AMEN!

Postlude

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The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospel for Christian Preachers and Teachers, Liturgical Press
The Daily Study Bible commentary series, Westminster Press
The New Interpreter's Bible commentary series, Abingdon Press

Announcements/Missions

- **Susanna Wesley Circle:** will meet Monday, April 13 at 6:30 pm at the home of Carol K.
- **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 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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