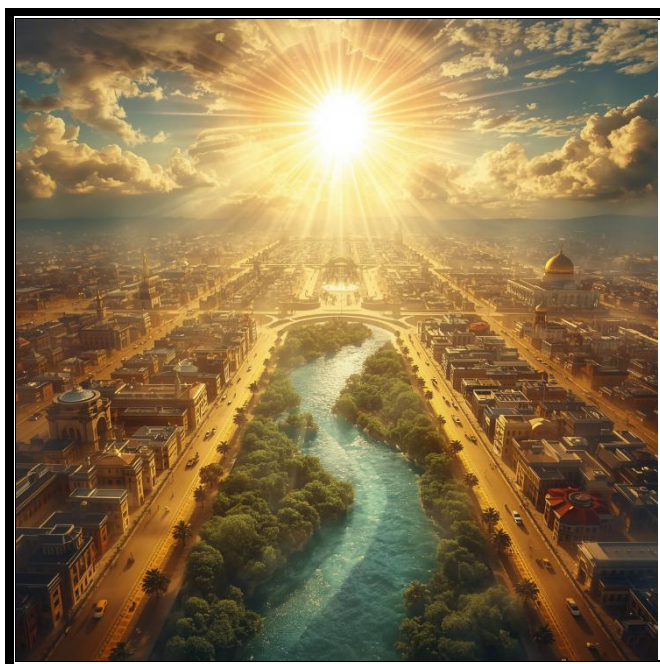


# *Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church*

*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.***



*“City of God”*

May 24, 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

# Pentacost Sunday

May 24, 2026

10:15am

“City of God”

Worship Leader

Theresa Kaufman

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

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude & Meditation

Nita Scarlett, Guest Pianist

Pastor’s Address

Welcome & Announcements

Centering and Reflection (Leader):

We think of the City of God as a place that’s far away and in some exotic foreign locale... or that it’s hidden outside of the Universe. We think of it as a place to which we may someday travel. We think that we have to pay some sort of toll to gain entrance. Maybe we’re wrong.

\*Introit

UMH #57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

\*Call to Worship (responsive)

Sing to the Lord!

**Let us sing to the Lord for as long as we live!**

God formed all that there is: oceans, rivers, hills, and mountains.

**Praise God who creates all things!**

God created all that is: the animals and birds, the fish and all the peoples of the earth

**Praise God the Creator!**

When God’s hands are open, all are filled.

**Praise God who nourishes!**

Let all that we are praise God.

**Praise God, now and forevermore!**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Spirit of God, Eternal Father, help us to see ourselves as your instruments here in this realm. Pass to us the blueprints of the world you have designed, give us the necessary tools, and the strength to build your City. Let us build with the care that reflects our adoration, completing the work that Jesus began. AMEN**

\*Hymn of Praise

UMH #98

“To God be the Glory”

Children’s Message

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Gospel Lesson

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Prayers of the People and the Church

\*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 #496

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

The Message

Rev. Dennis Morgan

“City of God”

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Special Music “No More Night”

Passing of the Peace:

Peace lives within each of us. Now is the time to let it flow between one another.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

**God of Love, we are called to care for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Let us bless them through the tithes and offerings that we make today. Move us to extreme generosity. 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 #327

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

\*Benediction (pastor):

May the presence of God the **Creator** give you **strength**;  
May the presence of God the **Redeemer** give you **peace**;  
May the presence of God the **Sustainer** give you **comfort**;  
May the presence of God the **Sanctifier** give you **love**.

**AMEN**

Postlude

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## Announcements/Missions

- **Special Thanks:** A special thank you goes out to our guest musicians, Nita Scarlett and Julie & Calvin Forrest, for donating their time and talents to our service today.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship Breakfast:** Join us next Sunday at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious breakfast prior to the worship service.
- **Update on 2026 Membership Directory from Vanda White:** We've made good progress thus far on creating the 2026 edition of our church pictorial directory. Quite a few of you have come forward to have your photo taken!

I'll be available to take photographs after worship services in the Fellowship Hall on May 31 and June 7. We have some new folks who haven't been available or submitted a photo yet. Please call me at the number below so we can include you! If your picture is already in the current directory and you would like a new one, please see me. If I don't hear from you, I'll assume that you want to use the same picture. Lastly, If you have a favorite portrait taken elsewhere that you prefer to use, you may send it to me via email, as long as it has a good resolution.

I will get updated addresses and contact information from the church office, so please make sure that Ellyn has your latest data. My goal is to have the directory printed and ready to distribute by the time Pastor Meghan arrives. Thanks for your help!

Vanda White

- **Bridge Group:** Bridge meets at 10 am and 6:30 pm, Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall all are welcome.
- **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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