

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.



“A Frustrated Christ”

May 31, 2026

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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

Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

10:15am

“A Frustrated Christ”

Worship Leader

Theresa Kaufman

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

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude & Meditation

Jeanne Fulks

Pastor's Address

Welcome & Announcements

Centering and Reflection (leader):

We often counsel our children, but they think they know better and do what they want. This frustrates us. Throughout scripture we find Jesus offering counsel, and, like children, we often think we know better.

*Introit

UMH #393

“Spirit of the Living God”

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Jesus ate with sinners and was called a glutton.

Jesus fed the thousands with 5 loaves and two fishes.

Jesus drank with tax collectors and was called a drunkard.

Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana.

Jesus tended to the poor, the marginalized, and the ill.

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus proclaimed the gospel and was called a heretic.

Jesus is the Son of God the Father.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Eternal Father, your patience is relentless. So many times you have counseled your children, and so many times we stray from your paths. Still, you are always with us and always providing us with the direction we need, if only we listen. Open our ears to your words, O Lord, and guide us past the noise that distracts us from your will.
AMEN**

*Hymn of Praise

UMH #420

“Breath on Me, Breath of God”

Children’s Message

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson

Rev. Dennis Morgan

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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 #328

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

The Message

Rev. Dennis Morgan

“A Frustrated Christ”

Holy Baptism – Mohammed Saeed

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Passing of the Peace:

From the cross, Jesus said, “Forgive them, Father....” Let us now share signs of peace and reconciliation, as did our Savior.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

Lord of Peace, we thank you for the many blessings we receive through your grace. In humble appreciation, we now return to you a portion of the blessings we have received. May they be used to build 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 #334

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

*Benediction (pastor):

As we depart, let us take with us the Grace of God, the peace of Christ, and the love of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

Postlude

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The New Interpreter's Bible commentary series, Abingdon Press

Announcements/Missions

- **Special Thanks:** A special thank you to Jeanne Fulks for providing the music for today's service.
- **Jewell Bryant Circle:** The next Jewell Bryant Circle meeting will be Monday, June 1st, at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Memorial Service for Alan Palmer:** A memorial service for Alan Palmer will be held on Thursday, July 9 at 2:00 pm here at Mt Vernon UMC.
- **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!

- **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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