



*Mt Vernon UMC*

*Second Sunday after Christmas*

«Lectionary date during seasons. Calendar date during ordinal time.»

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## **ENTRANCE**

### **GATHERING<sup>1</sup>**

*Welcome to a time of reunion, respite, and renewal.*

### **GREETINGS**

«Maintain lines 1, 2, 4. Make line 3 relative to theme.»

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ, the light of the world, is with us!

**Praise the Lord!**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRAYER**

«Typically extemporaneous by leader.»

#### **PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING**

«Vary this by season, but consistent week-to-week.»

3004. O God, You Are My God

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP / OPENING PRAYER**

«Always responsive or unison.»

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«If hymns are from UMH/TFWS/W&S, numbered ref is enough. Otherwise, put lyrics somewhere in bulletin.

The hymn names are in one of two formats»

«Format A:»

#### **HYMN**

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57. TODO TODO TODO

3015. TODO TODO TODO

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<sup>1</sup> Cover art by «Jane Artist, including © notice»

«Format B:»

HYMN - #57. TODO TODO

HYMN - #3015. TODO TODO

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«Either Psalm or Proverb, according to whether it is a  
Proverb Sunday.»

PSALM - 774. Psalm 40:1-11

RESPONSE - 71. GLORIA PATRI

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NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,**

**and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

***PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE***

SCRIPTURE

Book 4:99-88

*“Key verse or idea in italics.”*

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-7

*“Ditto.”*

MESSAGE

PEACE & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

## **THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

«GT only on first Sunday of the month and holidays.»

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks  
for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SENDING FORTH**

### **BLESSING**

«Topical blessing OR:»  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all. (2 Cor 13:14).

### **CANDLES**

*Go into the world, the body of Christ redeemed by His  
blood, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, to praise the  
Father and love His people.*

## Every Day With Jesus

Congratulations! Today is the final day of “Every Day With Jesus,” our Bible reading plan for 2024.

Jan 5,365	,Malachi 1:1-4:6,	Psalms 150:1-6,	Proverbs 31:30-31,	Revelation 22:1-21
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## In Search of Wisdom

In 2025, we will focus on the Book of Proverbs. Inspired by Joyce Meyer’s *In Search of Wisdom*, for 31 Sundays we will consider each book of Proverbs, in turn. Books are available in the narthex or you may purchase them on Amazon.

Jan 19	Prov. 1	Apr 27	Prov. 12	Aug 03	Prov. 21
Jan 26	Prov. 2	May 04	Prov. 13	Aug 10	Prov. 22
Feb 02	Prov. 3	May 11	Prov. 31	Aug 31	Prov. 23
Feb 16	Prov. 4	May 18	Prov. 14	Sep 07	Prov. 24
Feb 23	Prov. 5	Jun 08	Prov. 15	Sep 14	Prov. 25
Mar 02	Prov. 6	Jun 15	Prov. 16	Sep 14	Prov. 26
Mar 09	Prov. 7	Jun 22	Prov. 17	Oct 05	Prov. 27
Mar 23	Prov. 8	Jun 29	Prov. 18	Oct 12	Prov. 28
Mar 25	Prov. 9	Jul 20	Prov. 19	Oct 19	Prov. 29
Mar 30	Prov. 10	Jul 27	Prov. 20	Oct 26	Prov. 30
Apr 06	Prov. 11				

## Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$	Today!
Play practice during Sunday School and after church	Today!
Christmas Caroling	Today!
Children's Program	12/24
Christmas Eve Worship	5pm, 12/24

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## Recent and Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Travis Sherman, Mason Drollinger, Tracy Bailen  
Tom & Cheryl Blackburn

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**For more information** about these and other activities, check your email for *This Week at Mt. Vernon*. If you don't receive *This Week at Mt. Vernon*, please let us know.

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God calls Mt Vernon UMC to:

Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught

Learn together of God's love and grace

Serve others by using our God-given gifts and talents

Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!.

To learn more, visit [facebook.com/MtVChamp](https://facebook.com/MtVChamp)

If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob (~~217-751-4400~~, [pastor@mtvernon-umc.org](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).