



# Mt Vernon UMC

November 27, 2022

Advent I

GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵

**Hark! the herald angels sing.**

**Jesus, the light of the world.**

**Glory to the newborn King,**

**Jesus, the light of the world.**

**We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**

**Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.**

**Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.**

**Jesus, the light of the world.**

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house  
of the Lord!”

**Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
that we may learn God's ways  
and walk in God's paths.**

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

OPENING HYMN 🎵

246. Joy to the World

ADVENT CANDLES

RESPONSE<sup>3</sup> 🎵

**Hope, hope, hope,**

**may Earth be filled with hope.**

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<sup>3</sup> Advent lyrics by John Stuart, [www.stushieart.com](http://www.stushieart.com), 2022.

**The hope that fills the world with gladness,  
taking away our tears of sadness.**

**Hope, hope, hope,  
may Earth be filled with hope.**

**PSALM**

**Psalm 122**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER - #895**

**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.**

**RESPONSE** 

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,  
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

**HYMN** 

**251. Go, Tell It On the Mountain**

**SERMON**

**OFFERING & PEACE**

## 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### SENDING FORTH<sup>4</sup>

May the grace of Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the Spirit's joy  
surround you as you walk in the light of the Lord.  
Go share the light given you by our new-born Savior.  
Take your light into the world and announce  
in every office,  
on every street-corner,  
and from every mountain peak:  
Jesus Christ is born.

## POSTLUDE

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

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### *Questions for Reflection<sup>5</sup>*

*What does it mean to “get your house in order” for the coming of the Lord? Can we ever be perfectly ready for Christ’s return? Why is the coming of the Lord compared to a thief in the night? Is there grace in God’s surprising advent, God’s unexpected arrival?*

### *Household Prayer: Morning*

*Lord God, you have woken me from sleep; Rom. 13:11–14  
the night is gone, the day is here.*

*Enable me to put on the Lord Jesus Christ  
and help me to live honorably this day,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

### *Household Prayer: Evening*

*God, my Savior, you are even nearer now Rom. 13:11–14  
than when I first learned to trust in you.*

*Help me to lay aside the burdens of the day  
and rest in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
my strength and my salvation. Amen.*

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## Upcoming Ministry Opportunities


Quarter Tube for Daily Bread Soup Kitchen	Today!
Gift cards for Cunningham	Today!
UWF Wreath Fundraiser	Today!
Gift cards for Helping Hands due date	12/4
Helping Hands Donations	12/4
Children's Sunday	12/11
Christmas Eve Worship	5pm 12/24
Christmas Day Worship	10:30am 12/25
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast?	1/21?


## Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Will Weckhorst, Tyler Darling

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.

Next Sunday:

 Isa 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-7, 18-19; Rom 15:4-13; Matt 3:1-12

 Angels We Have Heard on High

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)).