

Holy One The Word The Sacrifice Firstfruits
Mediator Son of God Living Stone
Light of the World Prince of Peace Deliverer
Beloved Lord King of Kings Living Word
Emmanuel Almighty Lord of Lords
Judge
JESUS CHRIST
Savior of the World
Begotten Master Worthy
Living Water Beginning and End Alpha and Omega
Advocate Redeemer Unchangeable
Holy Child Great I Am Son of Man
Prophet Anointed Rabbi
Cornerstone Lamb of God Great Physician
Morning Star Good Shepherd Healer True Vine
Lion of Judah Messiah
Lord of all The Way
Example The Truth
Bread of Life The Life
Living Water
Word of Life Our Passover King of the Jews
Wonderful Chosen One

Mt Vernon UMC

January 1, 2023

Holy Name of Jesus

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER²

Lord of yesterday, today and tomorrow, we gather here
this first day of the New Year, in a mixture of hope,
anticipation, fear, excitement, and expectation.

We do not know what the year holds for us.

**There are things we are afraid of: worries about health
and family, job security and finances.**

**There is much to look forward to—weddings or
anniversaries or baptisms, holidays to enjoy, friends
to laugh with.**

Lord God, the coming year is full of uncertainty and hope.
Whatever the year holds for us, though, we trust You, and
we place every day of this year in your care knowing
that, as in the past, You are with us, caring for us with
constant love.

**And so Lord, we place ourselves into your keeping and
dedicate our lives to your service through Jesus
Christ, your Son, our Saviour. Amen.**

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 

63. Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!

Blessed be the name of the Lord! (2x)

HYMN 

219. What Child Is This

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-11

HYMN 

254. We Three Kings

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² Written by Rev. Ian Elston, and posted on the Church of Scotland's *Starters for Sunday* website.

CALL TO WORSHIP³

O magnify the Lord with me Ps 34:3 NRSV

Let us exalt his name together

Some trust in chariots and some in horses Ps 20:7 NIV

We trust in the name of the Lord our God

Praise the name of the Lord Ps 148:13 NRSV

For his name alone is exalted

His glory is above earth and heaven

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Ps 8:1 NIV

Praise the Lord!

Ps 113:1 CEB

You who serve the Lord — praise!

Praise the Lord's name!

Blessed be the name of the Lord Ps 113:2-3 NRSV

From this time on and forevermore

From the rising of the sun to its setting

The name of the Lord is to be praised

CHANGE OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

Numbers 6:22-27

PSALM

Psalms 8

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.

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<https://revlisad.com/2016/04/08/call-to-worship-gods-glorious-name/>

**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

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 2:21

HYMN 🎵🎵

154. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON - #12

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING - #17 🎵🎵

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.**

CHARGE & BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be
gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you
peace.

As Christians, carry the name of Christ into the world, be
blessed, and be a blessing to others.

POSTLUDE

672. God Be With You

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Food Pantry Donations

Today!

SPPRC Meeting

1/4

Church Council

1/11

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Darian Darling, Mary Kae Sherman, Margaret Virt

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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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!.

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