



Mt Vernon UMC

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵

706. Soon and Very Soon²

**Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, We are going to see the King.**

¹ Cover art by KaLisa Veer, <https://unsplash.com/@kalisaveer>

² Andraé Crouch. ©1971 Bud John Songs, Inc.; Crouch Music Corp. CCLI 11249

CALL TO WORSHIP³

Come! Listen! A voice cries out: “In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

We come, and we wait in the just peace of the coming Messiah.

Pay attention! God is removing barriers and leveling the playing field, making a way for all people to witness the glory of the Lord.

We pay attention, and we wait in the just peace of the coming Messiah.

We wait, and we work as God’s landscapers, filling in valleys and making rough places a plain, bringing justice where conflicts and obstacles once reigned.

We wait, and we work in the just peace of the coming Messiah.

As we gather, may we prepare our voices to proclaim and our hands to get messy as our lives declare the coming of our Savior and Comforter.

We come to worship and to grow in the just peace of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.

↑⁴HYMN 

224. Good Christian Friends Rejoice

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-11

↑HYMN 

211. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

↑PSALM

806. Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

NOISY OFFERING & CHILDREN’S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

³ Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2023.

⁴ ↑ Please stand as you are able.

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

↑SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-8

↑HYMN

3045. Down By the Jordan, v1-2

SERMON

PASSING THE 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.

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

POSTLUDE

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Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (Canteen Run)

Today!

Christmas Caroling

Today!

Helping Hands Donation

1/7!

Children's Program

3:30pm, 12/23

Christmas Eve Worship

5pm, 12/24

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Meredith Barnes, Travis Sherman, Mason Drollinger,
Tom & Cheryl Blackburn

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.

Week 49 Reading Plan:

Mon	Romans 14-16	Fri	Colossians 1-4 Philemon
Tue	Acts 20:4-23:35	Sat	Ephesians 1-6
Wed	Acts 24-26		
Thu	Acts 27-28	Sun	Philippians 1-4

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

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).