



## Mt Vernon UMC

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

### PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING<sup>1</sup> ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

Stop. Listen. Pay attention. Love is coming near.

**We wait in the love of the coming Messiah that  
transforms us.**

The Hope Bringer, Peace Maker, Joy Sustainer grows in a  
womb, preparing to be born among us.

**We wait in the love of the coming Messiah that  
transforms us.**

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<sup>2</sup> Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2023.

With Mary, we long for the coming of the Child who will transform the world, bringing justice where injustice reigns, fullness where hunger persists, and favor to the ones the world calls lowly.

**We wait in the love of the coming Messiah that transforms us.**

So let us join our voices and our lives in magnifying God, our Savior!

**We come to wait and to declare the coming of the Love that transforms us! Amen.**

HYMN

408. Gift of Love

SCRIPTURE

199. Luke 1:46b-55

NOISY OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Katie Stout

Some Children See Him

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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

Luke 1:26-38

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**

## **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.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**#706<sup>3</sup>**

**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.**

## **SENDING FORTH**

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<sup>3</sup> Andraé Crouch. ©1971 Bud John Songs, Inc.; Crouch Music Corp. CCLI 11249

# Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (Canteen Run)  
Helping Hands Donation  
Christmas Eve Worship

Today!  
1/7  
5pm, 12/24

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 52 Reading Plan:

<b>Mon</b>	2 Peter 1-3 Jude	<b>Fri</b>	Revelation 6-11
<b>Tue</b>	1 John 1-5	<b>Sat</b>	Revelation 12-16
<b>Wed</b>	2 John 3 John	<b>Sun</b>	Revelation 17-22
<b>Thu</b>	Revelation 1-5		

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)).