



**Mt Vernon UMC**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will  
never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

*John 8:12 (NIV)*

## ENTRANCE

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

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

### GREETINGS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ reveals himself to us, even today.

**Praise the Lord!**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star  
in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is  
Emmanuel.

Enable us who know your presence with us, so to  
proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to  
his light and bow before the brightness of his rising,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. **Amen**

### PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

245. The First Noel

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>3</sup>

Arise! Shine!

**God's light has come to reveal The Way  
in this New Year.**

Arise! Shine!

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**  
Arise! Shine!

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**God's light penetrates the darkness  
that covers the world.**

**Arise! Shine!**

**Nations shall come to God's light and kings  
to the brightness of God's dawn.**

**Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord  
has risen upon us.**

## **HYMNS**

**I Saw the Light**

**254. We Three Kings of Orient Are**

## **SCRIPTURE**

**Isaiah 60:1-3**

*“The Lord’s glory will appear over you.”*

## **RESPONSE**

**70. Glory Be to the Father**

## **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**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

*“ahead of them went the star”*

## **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*

### HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN                      2006. Lord God, Almighty (v1,3)

## *SENDING FORTH*

### BLESSING

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                      318. Christ Is Alive (v1,5)

*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.*

## ***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 basement 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!
Noisy Offering for Champaign County Human Society	Today!
Sausage Sale!	Today thru 1/17
Sausage Delivery	1/17, 1/18
Church Council?	6:30 p.m. 1/15
UWF Meeting	1/22

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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!  
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](tel:217-751-4400), [pastor@mtvernon-umc.org](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).