Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

Wonder Counselor
Isaiah 9:2-7

December 7, 2008
Sunday Worship 8:00

Prelude
O Come O Come Emmanuel

Welcome

Call to Worship
Immanuel

Hymn
In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my Light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live;

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
‘Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

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Prayer of Adoration

Worship Song
Offering
See pages 6-8 for music

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Silent Prayers

Reprise: Offering
Offertory
Keep Your Lamps
Youth Choir
arr. Andre Thomas

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
Hymn #592

Scripture
Isaiah 9:2-7

Sermon
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Pastor Pete James

Celebration of The Lord’s Supper
Panis Angelicus (Cesar Franck)
The More I Seek You (arr. Dan Galbraith)
Samuel Waters
Polly Lohrmann and Sophia Sellars, Duet

Hymn
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Coffin, Neale and Hellmore
Arr. John Wasson

O come O come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear

Chorus
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel, Shall come to thee O Israel
O come thou Dayspring come and cheer, Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight (Chorus)

O come Desire of nations bind, All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy, strife and sorrow cease, Fill all the world with heaven's peace

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel, Shall come to thee O Israel
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Benediction

Postlude
Terry Sisk, organist

Today’s flowers are given in memory of
Simonne and Albert Grenade, Garrick's parents, by Anne Grenade.
Sunday Worship 9:30 & 11:00

Prelude Cathedral Strings

Welcome

Call to Worship Carol Choir
The Lion and the Lamb

Hymn Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
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Please request large-print hymnals from ushers
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
Children’s Message

Bonnie Downs and Daryl Wright

Baptisms
(11:00)  Robert Wayne Prunty IV, child of Robert & Jennifer Prunty
Rebecca Anne Prunty, child of Robert & Jennifer Prunty

Scripture
Isaiah 9:2-7

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The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. 2 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For all the boots of the trampling warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His authority shall grown continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Offertory
Sanctuary Choir and Cathedral Strings
For Unto Us A Child is Born

G. F. Handel

Sermon
Pastor Pete

James

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Celebration of The Lord’s Supper
Immanuel

Glenn and Paula Lohrmann
Written by Michael Card

Hymn #13
Prepare the Way

Benediction

Postlude
Terry Sisk, organist

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Simonne and Albert Grenade, Garrick's parents, by Anne Grenade.
Offering (Christmas Version)

Med. Ballad \( \frac{1}{2} = 67 \)

Based on the recording from the Integrity DVD “WORSHIP Christmas”

Paul Baloche
Arr. by David Shipp

Key: F

1. Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
2. The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love.

while angels sang to lonely shepherds.
There is no shadow in Your presence.

Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar,
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne,

hoping to find the child from heaven.

It's
Lead Sheet

Christmas Offering - page 2

Key: F

B♭ D C E♭ F A A♭7 Dsus4 Dm C B♭2

falling on their knees, they bowed before the humble Prince of Peace.

only by Your blood and it's only through Your mercy, Lord, I come.

F A B♭2 C7sus

I bring an offering of worship to my King.

F A B♭2 C7sus

No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.

F A B♭2 C Dm7

Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due.

1 - Repeat to Verse

G B♭2 C7sus F C E F

O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

B♭2 D B♭2 F C E F B♭2

I bring an offering to You.

2 - Repeat Chorus

B♭2 C7sus to 2

I bring an offering to You.

3 - to Song Ending

B♭2 C7sus

I bring an offering to You. I bring an offering to You.
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

Tag

O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

I bring an offering to You.

Light vamp to end
Intercessory Prayers

Grieving: The family of Leon T. Miles; the family of Ralph Worth; Floyd Foley (brother); Lisa Gibb (mother); Jean Hamill (brother); Sarah Polchow (grandfather); John Wenk (father); former member Andi Goodrich (father, the Rev. Louis H. Evans, Jr.—Memorial service Dec. 13, 4 pm, The National Presbyterian Church)

Hospitalized: Kasen Ertel; Helen Franchois's mother; Paula Lohrmann's cousin-in-law; Chip Monie's mother; Emily Mandell (2)

Facing Tests or Surgery: Jane Vitray; Linda Colbert's friend Keiko; Kathryn Gilchrist's brother; Stephanie Russell's friend Janet; Dottie Swink's son John

Homebound: Natalie Whitney

Ill or Convalescing: Cecilia Baldwin; Cecily Bornemann; Christine Calabrese; Mary Carter; Sam Crawford; Marge Cremer; Dick Hutcheson; Larry Kennedy; Charles Killion; Pat Palmer; Bill Phillips; Jerry Schnell; Eric Stephens; Kathy Van Meter; Hilary Viscount; June Vogan; Bill Windle

Family and Friends: Jeanne Bingham's aunt; Bob & Joanne Bower's granddaughter Annie (3) and their friend Ralph; Bill Christopher's brother; Linda Colbert's friend Tucky; Jan Crerie's stepmother; Beth Crowder's brother; Arayanna Darst's friends Joshua (5), Dave, Scott, Doug & Margaret Hodge, the Jones family; Bill Downer's father; Karen Dunlop's sister; Nancy Ensey's friend Cyndy; Kathryn Gilchrist's cousin; Gary Kanady's brother; Linda Kemple's cousin; May Kepler's stepmother; Ruth Klug's mother; Ron Kuykendall's sister; Beatriz Lafuente's father; Stella Lansing's mother; Amy Larsen's student Santi (8); Kathy Leggette's brother; Lindsey Loving's uncle; Emma Lynch's father; Allen & Suzie Martin's grandson Wyatt (8) and Suzie's friend Marcia; Jenn Mattson's uncle; Vicky McLaine's cousin-in-law Annie; Paige Meade's friends Abagale and Michael; Kerry Nikolich's mother; Lois Poland's mother; Becky Rutkiewicz's friend Ellie; Dineke Shirley's brother; Jane Sibley's mother; Mary Ann Singlaub's mother and stepmother; Dave Smith's sister; Tricia Stevely's mother, and her friends Lloyd & Leanne, Bev Strean's friends Bonnie and Louise; Tom Sutton's sister; Joyce Hickson-Szten & Emil Szten's daughter; Leslie Vereide's stepfather (HOSPICE); Pamela Vining's friends Dianna and Linda; Malinda & Kurt Virkaitis's friend Mary; Lori Wiencek's friend John; Kerry Wilkerson's mother-in-law; Mary Wisenbaugh's friend Patti

Other: Greta Anderson; Kristin Brown; Greg Coats; Bev Strean's friend Judy; Leslie Vereide's mother; Dawn Watts's friend Suzie

Congratulations to: John & Lisa Gibb on the birth of Stewart James Gibb on Dec. 2.

A note of praise from Barbara & Bob Spiller: “Praise be to God that Rob McCracken has returned from Iraq.”


Non-Military, also “In Harm’s Way”: Mark

Need Prayer for Yourself or Someone You Love?

USE the cards in the Friendship Pad in your pew, or at the rear of the church, and place them in the collection plate or the wooden box in the lobby/narthex; or

CALL the church office at 703.938.9050, ext. 301; or

SEND an email to david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org or enter a prayer request via the website at www.viennapres.org (homepage “Prayer Requests.”)

Please make sure that you have permission before submitting a prayer request on behalf of someone else. Confidentiality requests are strictly honored.

If requested for the weekly bulletin, prayer notices will be made for two weeks but can certainly be extended upon
The VPC Web Team
is pleased to introduce our brand new website!

www.viennapres.org

Come by the Great Hall today between services…
Get a look at the site.
Learn some navigation tips.
Learn how to find what’s important to you!

We hope you will visit the website often to learn more about VPC as a disciple-making church, as well as to find opportunities for you and your loved ones to take the next steps in your spiritual journeys. We also invite your prayers that God will use this communication tool to draw others to our community.

Take a look…Enjoy!
Make Plans Now

Glorious Sounds of Christmas Concert
Sunday, Dec 21, 4 & 7 pm

Our choirs, orchestra, brass and strings—over 165 musicians in all—will present a delightful traditional Christmas program, including an opportunity for you and your guests to sing well-loved Christmas Carols. Escape the hustle and bustle of the Christmas rush and come see why overwhelming demand last year has required that we present two performances this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, Dec 24

4 & 5:15 pm
Live Nativity for families with young children
Childcare through age 3

7 pm
Candlelight Service with Sanctuary Choir
Childcare through age 6

8:45 pm
Candlelight Service with Sanctuary Choir
No childcare available

10:30 pm
Candlelight Communion Service with Youth Choir
No childcare available
Events You Won’t Want To Miss!

Young Adults Luncheon
Today, 12:10 pm
Are you a young adult new to the church? Join the young adult community for a free lunch and meet some new friends, today in the Great Hall after the 11 am service.

Children’s Christmas Concert
Dec 14, 4 pm
Our choir kids, tiny through elementary-aged, will present special family-friendly Christmas music. This is a special treat. Please plan to attend the concert in the sanctuary on Dec 14 at 4 pm.

PITS Parents Holiday Potluck
Dec 19, 7:30 pm
Calling all Parents of Infants and Toddlers (PITS):
Mark your calendar, call your sitter and plan to have some fun and fellowship at this annual parents-only appetizer/dessert potluck at the home of Dean and Linda Manson. We would love to see some new faces too!
RSVP to Mansonlin@yahoo.com or 703.622.2444.

SWATT Christmas Luncheon,
Dec 10, noon
Good friends, good caroling, good food! Join SWATT (Seniors with Available Time and Talent) at Marco Polo restaurant for our annual holiday lunch celebration. The cost will be $22. Contact Priscilla Skjei, 703.938.4623 or 99ssphs99@cox.net.
Welcome Gifts for Visitors and Guests: VPC cordially welcomes our visitors and guests. We are delighted you are here! Please stop by the Welcome Table in the narthex for a special gift. We hope you visit with us again.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christian Cancer Companions Christmas Celebration Dec. 21, 12:15-1:45 pm in the church parlor. Questions? Call Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or email luckylist3@cox.net.

SWATT (55+) Trip to Toby’s Dinner Theater Join us Jan. 21 for a VPC bus trip to Columbia, MD. We will enjoy a buffet lunch and hilarious afternoon at “Midlife Crisis.” Paid reservations ($40 check made to VPC) required by Dec. 21. Al Grouge, 703.620.9360 or bonnienal@aol.com.

Save the dates: The next New Member Seminar will be in three parts: Saturday, Jan 31 (8:30 am–1:30 pm) and Sundays, Feb 1 (10:45 am–noon) and Feb 8 (11 am–noon). Stay tuned for more details or call Linda Kemple in the church office (703.938.9050).

The next Widow and Widower Luncheon will be at the Lamplighter Restaurant at noon on Saturday, Dec. 13. The restaurant is located at 4068 Jermantown Rd., Fairfax, in the same shopping center as K-Mart. All widows and widowers are invited. Questions? Harry Mason, 703.281.2634.

Women, sign up now for the retreat! Mar 27-29, 2009 at Massanutta Springs Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA.

Join Pastor Glenda and lay leaders as we explore what it means to be part of God's Garden. Lower your cost substantially by rooming with two others. Details on the website. Register at www.viennapres.org/retreat. Questions? Judy Rust, 703.264.9820; Anna Whiston-Donaldson, 703.242.6253; Janine Mohl, 703.319.0972.

Important and Urgent!

Thanks to all who have submitted their estimate-of-giving pledge cards toward the 2009 Ministry and Missions budget. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully fill out a Pledge Card and turn it in. We need everyone’s commitment to help God’s plan for VPC’s Ministry and Missions to move forward. Our planning process depends on how God is moving in the giving of the congregation, so we need to hear from you.

The other prayerful response opportunity is year-end 2008 giving. December has historically been a big giving month at VPC and this year we have the big number of $837,000 to make budget. If you have not fulfilled your church giving for this year and plan to do so, please do not wait. God is moving in the life of VPC. It takes the stewardship of your God-given time, talents and financial resources to keep vibrant the Disciple-making Outreach, Worship, Education, Fellowship, Care, and Missions activities of the church.

We have worked for three years to make “Giving Generously” a more spiritual exercise of personal prayer, discernment, communication and congregational response.

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for a Christmas Poinsettia Memorial in the narthex through TODAY. Contact Pam Kattenburg, 703.620.9114 or pamkatt@aol.com.

"Live Faithfully" Stories: Do you know the stories behind some of the memorials around VPC? Do you have, or have you had, a spiritual mentor who was part of VPC? We will be compiling this type of testimony and invite you to join us. Submit stories to Linda Kemple at linda.kemple@viennapres.org.

Advent Devotionals are available at the Welcome and Sign-Up Tables in the narthex, the Gathering Space information wall, the Perkins Memorial Library on the second floor, and Grapevine Books. These thoughtful meditations for adults were written by the renowned Christian author, Henri Nouwen. Also, Children's Advent Calendars, devotionals and activities are available today in the Gathering Space outside the Great Hall. Please help yourself!

Please, no VPC parking in the Spokes east side lot. We need to respect their limited employee and customer parking spaces. Thank you!

Lost: Did you pick up the wrong coat last Sunday? A full-length black overcoat is missing. Please return to church office if found.


Thank You:
• To all the families who put together shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We'll be sending a total of 117 Christmas boxes to children who wouldn't have received any presents this Christmas, including literature telling them about Jesus. Thank you for sharing God's love and the good news of Jesus around the world this holiday season!
• From Emmanuel Lutheran Church to VPC for helping meet the needs of the homeless from Nov. 23-30. "Your generosity overwhelmed us and touched the lives of 240 visitors. A special thank you to Karen Covell, VPC’s coordinator."

HIGHPOINT (Children’s Ministries)

We're planning a live Nativity (no speaking roles) for the 4 and 5:15 pm services on Christmas Eve. All children aged 4 through 1st grade are invited to take part. Children must be available for rehearsals on Dec 14 and 21, from 11 am-noon in the Activity Center. Please send your child's name, age/grade and an idea of which part he/she would like to play to clare.maynard@viennapres.org. Also, let us know which service you plan to attend on Christmas Eve, and if you happen to have the appropriate costume at home. Assistants for rehearsals are very welcome!

Scripture Readers Needed for Christmas Eve
We’re seeking 12 children (grades 2-4) to read short scripture passages at either the 4 or 5:15 pm services on Dec. 24. Those children will need to be fairly fluent readers after practice. Please contact clare.maynard@viennapres.org as soon as possible. Children must be able to attend rehearsal on Dec. 21, 11 am-noon.

Children's and Music Ministries have volunteer positions available! We need an accompanist for Psalm Psingers (grades 2-3). We meet Sunday evenings, 5-6 pm, during the school year (on non-FCPS holiday weekends). Not able to make a long-term commitment? We could use your musical talent to provide back-up if the regular director/accompanist is unable to come. Please contact lance.vining@viennapres.org for more information.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Young Adults Bible study will resume Jan 7, 2009. Mark your calendars for our Christmas party on Friday, Dec 19, at 8 pm at Bert and Gerri Webb’s house. Come and enjoy some food, Christmas sweets, music, games and merriment! Questions? Contact kelly.gould@viennapres.org.
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The UNDERGROUND (Student Ministries)

Middle School & High School Sunday Schools will meet at 9:30 am today in the Underground.

High School Youth Group: We are back on for tonight. Come hang out at 5:30 pm (program starts at 6 pm). Our annual White Elephant Christmas Party is Dec. 14 during Youth Group—be there! Watch for Confirmation registration brochures being mailed home later this month. The interest meeting is Sun., Jan 11, 2009 at 12:30 pm.


Middle School Youth Group is on for the 12th; bring all your friends. We will start at 6:45 pm. Christmas Movie and Game Night is the 19th during the regular Youth Group time. Come hang out and get in the Christmas spirit.

Winter Ski and Tubing Day: Jan. 20. Watch for details!

CARE AND SUPPORT

GriefShare is a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. Meetings are at VPC on Sundays, 6-7:30 pm, through Dec. 14. You may begin attending the group at any time. Informational brochures are available in the narthex and the Gathering Space.

A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend
Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister may be able to offer the support he or she needs. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation trained to provide emotional and spiritual care to people who are hurting. It’s confidential, free and very helpful.

Christian Cancer Companions was formed a few years ago by members of VPC who are all cancer survivors and felt called to outreach to individuals newly diagnosed with cancer. If you know of others who would benefit from this support, feel free to invite them. Questions? Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or luckylister3@cox.net.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

VPC partners with Our Daily Bread four times a year to donate and deliver food to low-income residents in Fairfax County, Virginia. The next food delivery is scheduled for Dec 21. VPC is looking for volunteers to help sort the food into bags on Saturday, Dec 20, and deliver the donated food items to each family on Sunday, Dec 21. Please contact Matt Stockburger (mstock_w@yahoo.com) if interested (food donations welcome Dec 7 & 14).

High School Students: Come help lead Christmas Bingo at the Lamb Center, a shelter for the poor and homeless, on Dec. 20. Contact Liz Foskey at liz.foskey@viennapres.org.

Project Angel Tree, a Christian program providing Christmas gifts for children of incarcerated parents/grandparents, is looking for VPC families or groups to adopt an entire family. If your family/group wishes to adopt a family and provide 2-3 gifts for each child and a "thank you" for the caregiver, contact Tricia Hine at 703.863.4590 or PLHine@hotmail.com.

The annual Committee for Helping Others (CHO) food drive will be held through Dec 31. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the box near Grapevine Books. We are partnering with the Northeast Vienna Citizen's Association to supply food, thru CHO, to local families in need during the holidays.

Our annual CHO Christmas Event takes place at VPC on Dec. 13. We need donations of food cards, gift cards for teens, new toys, winter clothes and gently-used bikes. We also need volunteers both days for a couple of hours. Contact Carolyn Mysel at 703.938.7213.

Christmas Cards for the Troops
Got an extra Christmas card? Please feel free to drop a card (no envelopes necessary) in the S.O.S. box in the narthex either today or next Sunday. They will be mailed to troops deployed overseas. Sponsored by Operation S.O.S. (Support our Servicemen/women) ministry.

More service opportunities listed at www.viennapres.org/connections.
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Adult Education Classes:

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**Beyond Basics:** Everyone is invited to come and hear Jon Lochhaas present a series of lessons on William Wilberforce's book, Real Christianity. Room 203/204. Coordinator: Kate Lund

**Friendship Class:** For developmentally-challenged adults. Room 108C. Teachers: Emmy Parker & Beth Gourley

**Lightseekers East:** An in-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am service not required. Room 211

**Lightseekers West:** An in-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am service not required. Parlor. Coordinator: Leslie Vereide

**Searchers in the Word:** An in-depth study of the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, a message for our cynical times, with the Bible as the main text, plus written and audio commentaries. Room 312. Coordinator: Marion Billington

**Partners With Christ:** We are studying "The Father of Israel: Trusting God's Promises." Newcomers always welcome. Study guides available at Grapevine Books. Room 205. Contact: Martha Strauss, 703.319.7050

11:00 am

**Berean:** 9/14/08-8/23/09 “Through the Bible in 48 Sessions.” Class sessions begin with a 30 minute video lecture and are followed by discussion. Drop-ins are welcome! Room 203/204. Coordinators: Esther and Duane Harder

**Apprentices:** Each Sunday during Advent, class discussion and reflection will center around music and scripture text from a portion of Handel’s “Messiah”. Drop-ins are welcome. Room 205. Coordinator: Connie Edens

**ESOL Bible Study (English for Speakers of Other Languages).** For intermediate and advanced adult students from every country. Room 317. Coordinators: Shun and Doris Ling