Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2008
7:00 & 8:45 pm
Prelude
Terry Sisk, organist

Welcome

Call to Worship
Sanctuary Choir
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Mack Wilberg

Scripture
Luke 2:1-7

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn
ADESTE FIDELES
O Come, All Ye Faithful
O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, Born the King of angels!

Refrain:
O come. let us adore Him, O come, Let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, Born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest! (Refrain)

Prayer of Adoration

Worship Song
Offering
Paul Baloche / Arr. by David Shipp

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star while angels sang to lonely shepherds.
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar, hoping to find the child from heaven.
And falling on their knees, they bowed before the humble Prince of Peace.

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Chorus:
I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You’re due.
O Lord, I bring an offering to You. I bring an offering to You.

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love. There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne, before the holy One of heaven.
It’s only by Your blood and it’s only through Your mercy. Lord, I come. (Chorus)

I bring an offering of worship to my King. No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You’re due. O Lord, I bring an offering to You.
I bring an offering to You.

Prayer

Reprise
Offering

I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You’re due.
O Lord, I bring an offering to You. I bring an offering to You.

Offertory
What Shall I Give

Sermon

Service of Candlelight

Ushers will come forward, taking light from the Christ candle and will pass it along to the person at the end of each pew. Pass the light down the row, allowing the person with the unlit candle to tilt the unlit candle toward the lit candle. We will keep the candles lit during the singing of “Silent Night, Holy Night,” the reading of the Scripture and the prayer, and extinguish them during the final hymn.
Hymn
Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Scripture
Luke 2:8-14

Prayer

Hymn
Joy to the World!

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

Benediction

Postlude
Terry Sisk, organist
What We Believe:

VPC Core Beliefs
As a disciple-making community, we believe...

- Jesus in Lord
- Scripture is our authority
- Everyone is called to discipleship

VPC Mission
As a disciple-making community, we will...

- Call people to faith
- Equip people in discipleship
- Send people to love and serve

...both individually and in community

Tips For Navigating The Service:

Worshipping with your Children?

- Encourage them to participate!
- Kids are welcome to stand on pews to see.
- Wiggles are welcome.
- Wiggle room, if needed, is available in the lobby

VPC Welcomes You!

We are delighted that you are here! Preparation for the Christmas season can often become a race to the finish...decorations, gifts, baking, wrapping, entertaining...all the good things, but the time and energy spent in getting things just right can be exhausting! Why not try something different?

When we break it all down, we discover that what we really long for is acceptance, even when we don’t measure up; love, without conditions; and forgiveness, even in the face of our mistakes.

We believe in God who says, “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly” (Matthew 11:28-30 – “The Message”).

So, tonight, we invite you to enjoy a personal experience of God who accepts you just as you are; loves you unconditionally and offers forgiveness for anything that has gone before. Tonight, we wait expectantly and prepare to celebrate the coming of God incarnate, God’s love and being in human form, Jesus Christ, born for you.
What’s Next?

If you are a guest or a seeker tonight, we hope you will return next week and in the months to come. We are a community of people learning what it means to follow Jesus with our lives and we encourage you to join us on this journey. And of course, we are thrilled to worship and celebrate with our community of regular attenders as well!

At first blush, VPC may seem very large, but there are many smaller communities within; perhaps one that is just right for you! God is at work here at VPC! We invite you to explore these opportunities and consider how God is calling you…to a relationship with Him, to be in Christian community and to love and serve.

Going Deeper

**Sunday School Classes** from Nursery to Adult -- Every Sunday morning. Complete information is available on our website, [www.viennapres.org](http://www.viennapres.org). All classes are open to new attendees.

A new 15-week **study of the New Testament** begins on January 25th from 6-8 on Sunday nights and 9:30-11:30 on Thursday mornings. Contact Shannon Jordan at [shannon.jordan@viennapres.org](mailto:shannon.jordan@viennapres.org).

**CenterPoint** will offer three five-week courses in personal communication skills, a Biblical perspective on human sexuality, and getting to know Jesus in a more personal way beginning January 11th and 13th. For more information, visit [www.viennapres.org/centerpoint](http://www.viennapres.org/centerpoint).

**Young Adult Bible Study** (22-34) begins a new session on January 7th and we’ll gather for our monthly luncheon on Sunday, January 4th in the Great Hall after the 11 am worship service. Contact Kelly at [kelly.gould@viennapres.org](mailto:kelly.gould@viennapres.org) or 703.938.9050 x112.

**Grapevine Books** has a wide array of Bibles, Bible studies, and books that encourage disciples and seekers of all ages to make connections between faith and daily life. Bookstore reopens on Sunday, January 4th. Visit [www.viennapres.org/grapevine](http://www.viennapres.org/grapevine) for hours of operation and more information.

Interested in joining VPC? For information about the New Members’ Seminar that begins Sunday, January 31st. Contact Linda at [linda.kemple@viennapres.org](mailto:linda.kemple@viennapres.org) or 703.938.9050.

Opportunities for Community

**Men’s “Great Supper”** will happen on Wednesday, January 30th. Meet the men of VPC, hear a great speaker and have a delicious dinner. Contact Phil Kratovil at [phil.kratovil@viennapres.org](mailto:phil.kratovil@viennapres.org).

**Youth Groups for Grades 3 through High School:**
- **Kids Nation 34 (Grades 3&4)** – Meet Friday, January 6th, 7-8:30 pm
- **Club 56 (Grades 5&6)** – Meet Fridays, January 16th and 30th, 7-9 pm
  More information at [www.viennapres.org/children](http://www.viennapres.org/children)
- **Middle School (Grades 7&8)** – Meet every Friday starting January 9th, 6:45-9 pm
- **High School (Grades 9-12)** – Meet Sundays, January 11th and 18th, 5:30-7:30 pm
  More information at [www.vpcstudents.org](http://www.vpcstudents.org)

Please visit [www.viennapres.org](http://www.viennapres.org) to learn more about this joyful, contagious Christ-centered community!
We Are Here For You!

Have questions? Need prayer? We’d love to speak with you about your interest in learning, need for support, or desire to serve other…anything at all!

Pastors

Peter James
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman
David Jordan-Haas

Teaching Pastor

E. Stanley Ott

Parish Associate Pastor

Chris Hammond

Music Director

L. Thomas Vining

Youth Music Director

J. Kerry Wilkerson

Organist

Terry Sisk

Children’s Ministries Director (infant – 6th grade)

Clare Maynard

Asst. Children’s Ministries Director (3rd – 6th grade)

Daryl Wright

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Bonnie Downs

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Elaine Wright

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Barry Hill

Middle School

Kim Snyder

High School

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Barb Jones

Care Liaison

Lee Taylor

Prayer Liaison

Linda Kemple

Director of Finance (Interim)

Rob McLallen

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Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

Website

www.viennapres.org

(To register, use username: faithful; password: christian)

Newsletter

newsletter@viennapres.org

Worship Bulletin

bulletin@viennapres.org

Sermons are available anytime at www.viennapres.org, under Worship.

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Memorial Poinsettias

The Seeman family, in memory of Rodger Seeman; James family, in memory of Philip James; Emma & Leah Morris, in memory of their father, Anthony David Morris; Kristine, Emma & Leah Morris, in memory of Nicholas Scott Morris, son and brother; Warren, David, Stephen & Christopher Greene, in memory of Nancy Greene; Peter & Julia Smith family, in loving memory of Grammy and Grampy, Pat, Jamie and Hayden; Herbert & Lisa MacArthur, in loving memory of Wayne & Louise Timblin and A. Gordon MacArthur; Bob & Barbara Spiller, in loving memory of Edward & Janet Martin and James R. Spiller; Harold Mason, in loving memory of his wife, Pauline “Polly” Mason; Gwen Datt, in loving memory of John Datt; Beverly Bender, in loving memory of James Bender and the Bender family; Jeanne Bingham, in loving memory of her parents Evelyn & Allen Bingham, and in memory of Emily Corse; Celeste Kacedan, in loving memory of Harriet Cook Coxton and Clayton Keen; Deborah Willis, in loving memory of her husband, Terry Willis and mother, Donna Williams; Bert & Gerri Webb, in memory of Ken Jones and their parents; Betty Little, in memory of Bernie Little; Shirley Leedy, David, Daniel and Austin, in loving memory of Donald J. Leedy; Charles & Nora White, to the glory of God; Jacquie Kuker, in loving memory of her mother, Isabel and Lynda, and to the glory of God; Erin Allen, in loving memory of Forrest, Grace, John and Robin Lindsey, and in loving memory of Don & Gloria Allen; Stan King, in memory of his wife, Ann; Shirley Gourley and family, in memory of John; Judy Smith, in memory of John & Fred; Carol, Scott and Allison Slocum, to the glory of God; Cap and Helene Oliver, in memory of loved ones; Maryanne and Bob Jones, in memory of their parents and in honor of their children and grandchildren; The Drake family, in memory of father/grandfather, Latimer Snowdon; Mark Tracz, in memory of Arla J. Tracz; Betty and Kamal Rahal, in honor of their granddaughter, Lucy Elizabeth Styers; Jean Anspaugh, in honor of her parents, Gerald & Mary Renfro; June Folini and Donna & Doug Reichert family, in loving memory of son & brother, William Pete Folini, husband & father, William Warren Folini, and mother & grandmother, Linda Lake; Hallanan Family, in loving memory of dad & grandpa Sennikoff; Bonnie & David Downs, in loving memory of Weldon Downs; Dick & Beverly Strean, in loving memory of Smoke, Janet & Barney Strean, and Ralph & Mary Eva Flynt; Roger & Mary Nichols, to the glory of the season; Marna & John Morgan, in memory of Hildegard & Bob Camaish, and Evelyn & Jack Morgan; Ebram W. Garas, to the glory of God; Bill & Sherrie Steinbach, in memory of loved ones; Linda & Ed Gabris, in praise of the Friendship Chimes; Kari Gabris, in thankfulness for the Friendship Class teachers and aides; Barbara J. Greig, in memory of Nevels & A. Margaret Pearson, and Florence Greig Rashid; Tim & Cheryl Dronsfield, in memory of their fathers; Pate, Emily & Katie McCall, in memory of Jo & Charles McCall; Robin & Tom Portman, in loving memory of Bob Portman; Rae Anne & Jackie Fischer, in loving memory of Robert & Pauline Fischer; Maurine & Jim Thomas, in honor of their children & grandchildren; Fred & Sylvia Bergert, in memory of loved ones; Dale & Lisa Luddeke, in memory of Emma Crockett; Karen & Rick Thompson, in memory of their mothers and fathers; Libby Scott, in loving memory of Dorothy Gunn May; The Reardon family, in memory of Ken Burke; the Todd Miller family, in loving memory of Ed Miller and Ted Miller; the Malekzadeh Family, in honor of their newest daughter, Lily Elizabeth; Russ & Laurie Owen, in loving memory of Belle Owen & Arlyn Moeller; Doug & Judy Rhodes, to the Glory of God; Robert & Polly Marshall, in praise and thanksgiving for VPC; Jane MacDuff, in memory of her husband, George MacDuff; Greg & Linda Arend & Lacey, in memory of their parents, Ruth & Coley Arend and Eddie Williams; Karl, Lori, Kevin and Kelly Wienczek, in memory of Robert Hess; the Magee family, in memory of Irene Fulkerson, and Ted & Bobbie Magee; George & Jane Sibley, in memory of George & Rose Sibley and William Taylor; the Donald Black Family, in memory of Stephen Paul; Jayne Young, in memory of Virginia B. Pasley, grandmother of Joby, Chris and Ryan Young; Stephanie Russell, in memory of her parents, Livia & William Prince; Gail & Randy Allen, in memory of Gail’s parents, Gordon & Christine Templar; Judy, Brian, Mary & Sarah Rainey, in memory of Joseph Kimmitt Rainey; Tom & Norma Jones, in loving memory of Carolyn; Jeff, Christa & Grace Davidson, in loving memory of father & grandfather, Jerry Jeutter; Jeff, Christa & Grace Davidson, in loving memory of Jack & June Davidson; Sarah Shamlal, in loving memory of Samuel & Charlie Pruett; Ollie & JoAn Fowler, in loving memory of loved ones.