Sunday Worship 8:00

Prelude
Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming
Youth Choir
arr. Pethel

Welcome

Call to Worship
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Kelly Fox and Kristen Robbins, flutes
arr. Wasson

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Isaiah 60:1-3
The Pearson Family
Wendy Pearson

Hymn #1
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
Chris Hammond

Worship Song
Offering (Christmas Version)
Baloche/arr. Shipps

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.

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 2x)

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Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
Offertory
Mary, Did You Know? Lowry

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Hymn #592

Children in the Bridges class are dismissed.

Scripture Matthew 24:36-44 (pages 26/27 NT)

Sermon Pete James
Ready or Not
Sermon Series: iReady

Communion
Communion Music The Lohrmann Family
Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground) Tomlin/Cash
People Get Ready...Jesus Is Comin’ Ray

Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. Galbraith
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

Chorus
O come, let us adore Him O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation
O sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above
Glory to God, All glory in the highest (Chorus)

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv’n
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing (Chorus)

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Benediction

Postlude
Prelude
Oh, Come, Little Children

Welcome

Call to Worship
The Blessed Son of God

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Isaiah 60:1-3

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Allison Shelby

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Children’s Message (9:30)

Rita Lockwood

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Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (11:00)

Offertory
E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come
Sanctuary Choir
Manz

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

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Postlude

Today’s flowers are given by John and Lisa Gibb, in memory of Pat Jolley and in celebration of Stewart Gibb; by the Hine family, in memory of Kent T. Johnson; and by the Hallanan family, in memory of Grandpa and Grandma Sennikoff and Grandmother Hallanan.
Lord, we are grateful for all that you have done, are doing and will do in the life of VPC. We ask your continued blessing as we seek to do your will through the commitment of our financial resources to your kingdom. Amen.

**Grieving:** Ruthanne Buterbaugh (sister); the family of Bennie Clemmer; Anne Crossman (mother); Jennifer Zicht (mother)

**Hospitalized:** Bob Hannah's sister; Gloria Sladek's great grandson; Jo Ann Talley's friend Janet

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Dana Burnett; Phil Kratovil's mother

**Homebound:** Audrey Moore

**Ill or Convalescing:** Ian Anspaugh (11); Carmody Bornemann; Carole Burgess; Herman Carter; George Cronin; Isabelle Davis; Dot Eason; Marieke Ertel; Chuck Garland; Linda Hannah; Rae Harpe; Mary Ellen Keaton; Jeanne Larsen; Laura Lee; Tom Lyle; Maria Madrid; Jim McCoy; Rodney Neely; Laura Nickell (12); Bill Phillips; Jason Renalds (13); Jerry Schnell; Joe Teresa; Mark Tracz; Roslyn Venditti; Bill Windle; Amber

**Family and Friends:** Mariann Alicea's brother-in-law; Larry Breuer's father; Ed Brogan's mother (Hospice); Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's cousin; William Buterbaugh's sister; Grady Carlson's mother; Melinda Carter's friend Brent; Danielle Clay's grandfather-in-law; Pamela Crippen's mother; Ted Davies's cousin; Donna DeLanoy's mother; Sarah-Joy Hunter's friend Betty Jo; Melissa Jensen's neighbor Wendy; Linda Kemple's stepmother and cousin; Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Gretchen Majors's co-worker; Ruth Marotto's mother; Vicky McClaine's cousin and her friend Marcia; Rodger Rak's father (former member Daniel Rak); Ginni Richard's mother (Hospice); Mary Ann Singlaub's mother; Bob Stoepker's sister; Mary Wisenbaugh's cousin Jack and wife Maggie

**Other:** Mindy Aki & husband; Kirsten Cleary; Greg Coats; Sithole Khe

**Missions/Missionaries of the Week:** Oscar Dorantes, Jr., ACCION, Mexico (International); Sunnyside Retirement Communities, Virginia (National); Shepherd’s Center of Oakton/Vienna, Seniors (Local)

**Congratulations to:** Caroline and Steve Braskamp on the birth of a son, William, on Nov. 21.


**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, x 301; or

E-MAIL david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org; or enter a prayer request via the website, www.viennapres.org.

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 up to four weeks but can certainly be extended upon request.
WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!
The level of response from the congregation will determine the level of Ministry and Missions programs and support for next year. Especially in these unsettled financial times, your communication is integral to developing a sound plan for 2010.

If you were unable to participate, please fill out a Pledge Card (available in the pew racks) and add it to the offering plate, drop it by the church office or mail it in. You can also go to www.viennapres.org and fill out your 2010 Pledge Card. It is urgent and important that we hear from you!

Thank you to the more than 480 individuals and families who have responded faithfully with their estimate of giving pledge cards to VPC’s 2010 Ministry and Missions budget. We still need 120 individuals and families to communicate the estimated giving for 2010.

God is on the move in the life of VPC and we want to be able to make sound decisions on the levels of Ministry and Missions commitments to God’s plan for next year.
You Won’t Want to Miss…

“Beyond Ourselves” Gift Mart—Global Fair Trade Gifts and Crafts:
Today, 9 am-1 pm, Great Hall

Join VPC Missions and Grapevine Books today for the “Beyond Ourselves” Gift Mart, featuring Fair Trade and alternative gift-buying opportunities. Learn more about VPC missionaries as you browse and buy unique items from the countries they serve.

What to get for the person who has everything? How about purchasing lifesaving items from World Vision, proceeds from which will go directly to people in need?

HighPoint Family Advent Celebration: Today, 3-5 pm, 3rd floor Activity Center

Bring family and friends to celebrate the start of the holiday season!
Today, 3-5 pm on the 3rd Floor, followed by dinner, 5-6 pm in the Great Hall
There will be crafts for all children (age 3-6th grade), a chance to get ahead with making Christmas gifts, time to think about the real meaning of Advent, carols and food!
Crafts: $5 per child ($12 limit per family)
Food: $12 per family ($5 per individual)
This is a family event; please, no drop-offs. No reservations needed.

Glorious Sounds of Christmas: Dec. 20, 4 and 7 pm, Sanctuary

Make plans now! These two ministry concerts will be the last Christmas celebration of 2009.
Get your family and friends ready to attend and come early; we are expecting standing room only at both hours.
Christmas Season 2009
at Vienna Presbyterian Church

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<td>Kid’s Nation 34 Caroling</td>
<td>Fa la la la la la la! Meet at the church and come with us to retirement homes and private homes to minister and have a blast singing Christmas carols. We’ll return to VPC in time for a party on the 3rd floor, before the 8:30 pm pickup. Daryl Wright, 703.938.9050 x126 or <a href="mailto:daryl.wright@viennapres.org">daryl.wright@viennapres.org</a> Dropoff and pickup at VPC</td>
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<td>Club 56 Caroling</td>
<td>Club 56 Caroling...bring whatever voice you have! Our 5th and 6th graders will be visiting houses and retirement homes to sing Christmas carols and encourage people with their cheery faces and hearts. Afterwards, the kids are invited for refreshments to Pat and Elizabeth Sheridan’s home (2680 Oakton Glen Dr., Vienna, 703.938.3408), where they may be picked up between 8:30 &amp; 9 pm. Dropoff at VPC; pickup at the Sheridans’</td>
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<td>Our Daily Bread</td>
<td>VPC partners with Our Daily Bread four times a year to donate and deliver food to low-income residents in Fairfax County, VA. The next delivery is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13. VPC is looking for volunteers to help sort the food into bags on Dec. 12, at 1 pm (note time change) in the Great Hall, and deliver the donated food items to each family on Dec. 13. Matt Stockburger, <a href="mailto:mstock_w@yahoo.com">mstock_w@yahoo.com</a> Sorting location: Great Hall</td>
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Full brochure is available at the Welcome Table and also at www.viennapres.org/christmas
Discover What Our Lord is Doing Around the World—And in Your Neighborhood.

“Perspectives on the World Christian Movement” is a course that has helped people throughout the world find their niche in God's overall purpose to bless the nations.

Originating in 1974 from the U.S. Center for World Missions, a non-denominational ministry serving churches, campus ministries, and mission agencies world wide, Perspectives provides new insights and a better understanding of His ultimate purpose in the world through lessons in four sections:

1. Biblical Foundation (acquiring a new awareness as you read God’s Word)
2. Historical Progress (noting key events and people used by God throughout history)
3. Cultural Distinctions (discovering how the Gospel is understood and received in different cultures)
4. Strategic Involvement (using your skills/passions to glorify God, no matter your location or vocation)

Are YOU ready to see the world in a new Perspective?

NINE DAYS LEFT FOR EARLY REGISTRATION FEE OF $265
Class meets Tuesdays at VPC, 7-9:45 pm, beginning Jan. 12 for 15 weeks (spring break: Mar. 30).
VPC contact: Sheila Breuer, sheila.breuer@viennapres.org; To register: www.perspectives.org

ALL NEW CENTERPOINT CLASSES ARE LISTED AT WWW.VIENNAPRES.ORG/CENTERPOINT

UPCOMING EVENTS

Touchdown! Today is the 6th annual Turkey Bowl, so join Student Ministries/the Underground for our High School Students vs. Adults classic (this year the adults might win). Waters Field, across from the Vienna Fire Dept., 2-5 pm (2:15 kickoff). Come to cheer, ref or play!

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- Kid’s Nation 34 Caroling
- Children’s Choirs Christmas Concert
- Club 56 Caroling

Widows and Widowers Luncheon: Dec. 12, noon, Clyde’s at Tysons Corner. Gwen Datt, 703.759.4209

New Member Classes begin Sundays, Jan. 10 and 17 (11 am-noon) and Jan. 24 (11 am-1:30 pm, lunch included). RSVP/questions to Linda Kemple at the church office, 703.938.9050, and to arrange childcare (ages 6 and under).

High School White Elephant Christmas Party: Dec. 13, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Underground. This is the chance to wrap up and give away the strangest things—Barbies, old Bob the Builder DVDs—Be creative! Enjoy the fun and celebrate the joy of the season!

Middle School Christmas Movie/Game/Pillow Fight Night: Dec. 18, 7-10 pm. Bring your friends!

Marriage Prep Classes will be held Sundays in January, 11 am-noon, plus two Saturday mornings (Jan. 23 and a date TBA). These free sessions are required for those being married by our pastors but open to others, also. Linda Kemple, 703.938.9050; enroll ASAP at www.viennapres.org under Marriage Preparation. Next seminar: April 2010.
Announcements

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School Ministry Staff Leadership: VPC is seeking an individual with a commitment to leading high school students as they grow as followers of Jesus Christ. Please direct all resumés and questions to barry.hill@viennapres.org.

Are You in Job Transition? Bridgepoint Transitions support and networking group meets Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am in Rooms 203/204, for a time of spiritual encouragement, networking and job-seeking tips. Invite a friend who’s in job transition or come yourself to serve as a resource and encourager. Phil Kratovil, phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

Student Ministries continues to grow; consequently, we are in need of more leaders for small groups, Youth Group and Sunday School. If you feel called to work with middle school and high school students, please contact barry.hill@viennapres.org.

From Grapevine Books:
• Now available for pickup: VPC Christmas card orders. We have a limited number of extra cards for sale if you were unable to order in advance. Shop for Advent wreaths, candles, calendars and unique gifts, too.
• In addition to our regular Tues/Thurs/Sun hours, Grapevine will be open today, 9 am-1 pm & 5-7 pm, and Dec. 20, 5:30-8 pm.

Do you have space and would you be willing to provide housing to a Student Ministries intern for the year? Barry Hill, barry.hill@viennapres.org

the Underground (Student Ministries) Programs:
www.vpcstudents.org

HighPoint (Children’s Ministries) Programs:
www.viennapres.org/highpoint

From LARC Adult Library (2nd Floor):
• Used Books for Sale: Carts in front of the library have many almost-new books for sale. Find a wide range of subjects, not just religious, for you and also as Christmas gifts. Hardcover: $2. Paperbacks: $1.
• Library Donations: We welcome all types of gently-used books for the sale carts (religious books will be screened for the library). Proceeds go directly to the library. Bring your donations to the library door and, if you’d like a receipt, put your name in the box.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Current Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes are listed on page 12.

More Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/study

CARE MINISTRIES

Details on the following ministries may be found at: www.viennapres.org/ministries/careprayer.

Christian Cancer Companions (CCC) support newly-diagnosed cancer patients. Trained volunteers call or visit individuals in that time between initial diagnosis and entering the care of experienced healthcare staff. Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or luckylister32@verizon.net

GriefShare is a special seminar and support group for people grieving the death of someone close. The next cycle of meetings will begin in late January. Inajo Cox, 703.624.1747, and Bill and Sherrie Steinbach, 703.938.3106

NewSpring: Hope for the Sexually Abused educates and informs our community about sexual abuse and offers resources for hope and healing. david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org or ext. 116

Passages provides support to those experiencing the pain of marital separation or divorce. Meetings are held Tuesdays, 7 pm in Rooms 203/204. passages@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050

Stephen Ministers offer confidential, one-on-one care for people going through crises. They can offer a listening ear in a distinctively Christian way to people with all types of spiritual and emotional needs. lee.taylor@viennapres.org or ext. 103

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Become part of the Sunday Morning Worship Team. We need volunteers to set up and operate the worship projectors on Sunday mornings, all services! (Early birds set-up 7:20 am and worship services as scheduled). Barb Jones, ext. 111

See Page 9 (“Opportunity for Alternative Giving”) for information about the following:
• CHO Christmas Store
• Our Daily Bread Sorting and Deliveries
• Northeast Vienna Citizens Association/CHO’s 14th Annual Food Drive

More Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve
Sunday Mornings at VPC

Vienna Presbyterian Church
124 Park Street NE, Vienna, VA 22180
703.938.9050

Pastors
- Peter James
- Glenda Simpkins Hoffman
- David Jordan-Haas
- E. Stanley Ott

Teaching Pastor
- Chris Hammond

Music Director
- L. Thomas Vining

Associate Music Director
- J. Kerry Wilkerson

Organist
- Terry Sisk

Children’s Ministries Director
- Clare Maynard

Asst. Children’s Ministries Director
- Daryl Wright

Student Ministries Director
- Barry Hill

Middle School Director
- Kim Snyder

Young Adult Ministries Coordinator
- Kelly Gould

Preschool Director
- Bonnie Downs

Evangelism Director
- Phil Kratovil

Missions Director
- Sheila Breuer

Connections Coordinator
- Rob McAllen

Executive Director
- Dick Eagan

Office hours
- Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–5:30 pm

Website
- www.viennapres.org

Newsletter
- newsletter@viennapres.org

Sermons are available anytime at www.viennapres.org under “worship”

Children’s Room Assignments
8 am Bridges Class meets in Room 320

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Student Ministries (Middle School/High School—Lower Level)
9-9:25 am: Breakfast; 9:30-10:30: Sunday School

Adult Education Classes

9:30 am


Friendship Class: For adults with intellectual disabilities. Room 108C. Teachers: Emmy Parker, Helen Neely & Beth Gourley

Lightseekers: In-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am service not required. Parlor. Facilitator: Judy Chelson

Searchers in the Word: In-depth study of Jesus’ ministry in the Gospel of Mark, an action-filled narrative for practical living. The Bible is the main text, plus written and audio commentaries. Conference Room. Leader: Marion Billington


11:00 am

Berean: “Psalms—It is Not Just Poetry.” A look at the Psalms through the lens of prophecy, inspiration, thanksgiving, grief and wisdom. Drop-ins welcome! Rooms 203/204. Coordinators: Esther and Duane Harder


ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Bible Study: Open to adults (Intermediate or Advanced speakers of English) who wish to gain a better understanding of God’s Word, to build community and to improve English skills. Room 317. Leaders: Shun and Doris Ling

ESOL Bible Study: Room 317 (in addition to Room 322)