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CHRIST!

Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2009
7:00 & 8:45 pm
Prelude
What Child is This? Cathedral Strings and Matt Breuer, trombone

Welcome

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Wreath
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Isaiah 7:14 Kaiti Jones, signer; Chelsea Vereide, lighter

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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Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #23
Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Minute for Witness

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
Scripture

Sermon

Pastor Pete James

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 #60
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.

Prayer
Hymn #40
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 is 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 for discipleship
Send people to love and serve

...both individually and in community

VPC Welcomes You!

We are delighted that you are here! Preparing for the Christmas season can often become a race to the finish: decorating, gift-giving, baking, wrapping, entertaining—all good, 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.

God, who came to us in the form of Jesus Christ, understands our humanity and calls to us, saying, “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.”


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—and invite each of you to take that next step in your faith journey—to go deeper.

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

“WHO IS JESUS?”
This CenterPoint course, to be held Sundays at 5:30 pm, Jan. 10-Mar. 21, is introductory in nature and accommodating to those unfamiliar with church settings, Christianity or the Bible. For more information, visit www.viennapres.org/centerpoint.

GOING DEEPER

Small Groups: A new 10-week study will begin the week of Jan. 10. Consider joining a group for women or men, in the morning, daytime or evening. We can help find one that fits your schedule. For information and to order materials, contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or ext. 123.

Evening Classes: Beginning the week of Jan. 10, CenterPoint will offer two five-week courses: “Invitation to a Journey” and “Christianity in the West—A Post-Christian Future?” In addition, a special 15-week course, “Perspectives on the World Christian Movement,” begins Jan. 12. For more information, visit www.viennapres.org/centerpoint.

Sunday Morning Adult Classes: Several classes, for all ages and stages of Biblical knowledge and interests, meet at both 9:30 and 11 am. See www.viennapres.org/SundayAMclasses.

Weekly Bible Studies for Women: Tuesdays at 9:30 am and 7:30 pm, beginning in February. Contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or ext. 123.

Young Adult Bible Study (ages 22-34) begins a new session on Jan. 21. Contact Kelly at kelly.gould@viennapres.org or ext. 112.

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. We’ll help you find the perfect devotional for the New Year. The bookstore reopens Sunday, Jan. 3. Visit www.viennapres.org/grapevine for hours of operation and more information.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Sunday School Classes from Nursery to High School: Every Sunday morning. Complete information is at www.viennapres.org/SundayAMclasses. All classes are open to new attendees.

Youth Groups for Grades 3 through High School:
  Kid’s Nation 34 (Grades 3&4) – Meets Friday, Jan. 22, 7-8:30 pm, 3rd floor
  Club 56 (Grades 5&6) – Meets Friday, Jan. 8, 7-9 pm, 3rd Floor
  Middle School (Grades 7&8) – Meets Sundays starting Jan. 10, 5:15-7 pm, the Underground
  High School (Grades 9-12) – Meets Sundays starting Jan. 10, 6:30-8:30 pm, the Underground

More information at www.viennapres.org/children
More information at www.vpcstudents.org

Please visit 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 others…anything at all!

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Memorial Poinsettias

Jeanne Bingham, in memory of parents Allen and Evelyn Bingham; John and Donna Hall, in memory of parents; Barbara J. Greig, to the Glory of God and in loving memory of David N. Greig and Kathy Greig Van Meter; Norma and Malcolm Booth, in memory of brother, Donald Booth; Bob and Julie Drake and family, in memory of Julie’s father, Latimer Snowdon; Beverly A. Bender and sons, to the Glory of God and in memory of James Bender; Lindsey and Richard Loving, in honor and memory of the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces; Harold Mason, in loving memory of Pauline “Polly” Mason; RJ and Jessica Clarke, in memory of Fan and Joe Valenti, Dick and Mill Clark, John and Anne Nelson, and Miguel Diaz; Peter and Julia Smith and family, in loving memory of Hayden, Pat, Janie, Grammy & Grampy; Stan King, in memory of Howard L. Rubendall, D.D.; Dara Myrah, in memory of Vincent J. Biecker; the Aaron Reed family, in loving memory of Edward F. Reed; Janine Vitray Mohl, in loving memory of my mom, Jane G. Vitray; Roger and Mary Nichols, in memory of family; Warren, David, Stephen and Christopher Greene, in memory of Nancy Greene; Tim and Cheryl Dronsfield, in memory of family; Ed and Sandy Brogan, in memory of parents, Andrew and Doris Currie; Kathy and Bob Herndon, in memory of Louis W. Herndon, Betty Jane Kennedy and O. G. Kennedy; Steph and Bill Downer, in loving memory of Meemaw, Daddo, Papa and Gammy; Kathlynn, Gerry and Rebecca Lear, in memory of Olivia Parson, Kathlynn Parson Fadely, Joe Parson and Chester Lear; Judy, Brian, Mary and Sarah Rainey, in loving memory of our parents, grandparents and brother, Joe; Jane MacDuff, in memory of my late husband, George MacDuff, and daughter, Melinda; Dick and Janet Titus, in memory of James Titus and June Perry; Luree James, in memory of my dear husband, Philip James; Brent Duckworth, in memory of my brother, Clifford Duckworth; Sherrie and Bill Steinbach, in memory of loved ones; Maryanne and Bob Jones, in honor of our newest grandson and his cousins; George and Jane Sibley, in memory of George and Rose Sibley and William Taylor; the Landry and Scott families, in memory of Andre Manroy Scott; Russ and Laurie Owen, in loving memory of Belle Owen and Arlyn Moeller; Kristine, Emma and Leah Morris, in loving memory of Donald K. Miller, father and grandfather; Emma and Leah Morris, in loving memory of their father, Tony Morris; Herbert and Lisa MacArthur, in loving memory of M. Wayne and Louise A. Timblin and A. Gordon MacArthur; Bert and Gerri Webb, in memory of Elizabeth Kramer and Oddie Webb; Gwen Datt, in loving memory of John Datt; William and Mary Bailey, in loving memory of family; Chet and Kate Lund, to the Glory of God for Bryan Smilie; Betty Little, in loving memory of Bernie; Shirley, David, Daniel and Austin Leedy, in loving memory of Donald J. Leedy; Jeff, Christa and Grace Davidson, in loving memory of Jack and June Davidson and Jerry Jeutter; James and Elaine Cudney, in loving memory of Annette Ewart; Fred and Sylvia Bergert, in memory of loved ones; Rachel and Duane Wills, to the Glory of God; Kim and Mark Tracz, in loving memory of Joseph Keating; Judy and Doug Rhodes, to the Glory of God; Lamar Collier, in memory of Don Goodman; Gretchen Komnik, in memory of Karen Wiechelt; Lois Poland, in memory of L. R. Kuldell; Bill Mayne, to the Glory of God; Linda and Ed Gabris, in honor of Friendship Class teachers and aides; Judy Smith, in memory of John and Fred; Sally and Andy Mitchell, in memory of their parents; Charlie and Debbie Marshall, in loving memory of Wilbur Marshall and Marjorie Cratty; Allison, Stuart. Lauren, Dalton and Connor McKeel, in loving memory of William R. Ludwig; The Wiencek family, in memory of Robert Hess, loving father and grandfather, and in memory of our dear friend, John Lussier.