Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship
Emmanuel, God With Us
Polly Lohrmann, soloist
Nockels/Nockels

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.

Prayer of Adoration
Chris Hammond

Worship Song
Glory to God
Fee

Before the world was made Before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings Yeah You were yeah You were
And now You’re reigning still Enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out We join them as we sing

Chorus
Glory to God Glory to God Glory to God forever (Repeat)

Creator God You gave me breath So I could praise
Your great and matchless name All my days all my days
So let my whole life be A blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings The greatness of our King (Chorus)

Bridge
Take my life and let it be All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory Take my life and let it be Yours (Chorus 2x, then Bridge)

Tag
Glory to God Glory to God Glory to God forever
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
Go, Tell It On the Mountain

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message (9:30 & 11:00)

Offertory
What Child is This?

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication (8:00)

Scripture
Luke 2:41-52
Pages 55/59 NT

Sermon
Born Identity

Hymn #29
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Benediction

Postlude

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

**Grieving:** The family of Edith Brinkley, Lisa Fritz (father); Tom King (mother); the family of Dee Liebengood; Ford Moseley (father); Ginni Richards (mother), the family of Suha Saliba; Rebecah Shepherd (grandfather); Bob Stoepker (sister)

**Hospitalized:** Arayanna Darst's friend Rose; Bob Hannah's sister; Phil Kratovil's son-in-law; Gloria Slake's great grandson; Joanne Talley's friend Janet

**Homebound:** Fred Wilburn

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Jerry Schnell

**Ill or Convalescing:** Ian Anspaugh (11); Carmody Bornemann; Carole Burgess; Dana Burnett; Herman Carter; Marieke Ertel; Chuck Garland; Bonnie Grouge; Rae Harpe; Laura Lee; Tom Lyle; Maria Madrid; Phil Marotto; Laura Nickell (12); Al Odachowski (former member); Bill Phillips; Mark Tracz; Roslyn Venditti; Phyllis Wilcox; Bill Windle

**Family and Friends:** Ed Brogan's mother (Hospice); Ruthanne Buterbaugh's cousin; William Buterbaugh's sister; Melinda Carter's friend Brent; Danielle Clay's grandfather-in-law; Pamela Crippen's mother; Ted Davies's cousin; Donna DeAno's mother; John Gibb's mother; Melissa Jensen's neighbor Wendy; Michelle Jones's husband; Maggie Karnis's mother; Linda Kemple’s stepmother and cousin; Linda Lyon’s son-in-law; Gretchen Majors's co-worker; Debbie McBrien's mother; Vicky McLaine's cousin and her friend Marcia; Rodger Rak's father (former member Daniel Rak); Ginni Richard's mother (Hospice); Mary Ann Singlaub's mother; Mary Woolner's brother-in-law and niece; Ken Workman’s friend Steve

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.

**Other:** The Burks family; Kirsten Cleary; Greg Coats; Sihole Khe; Ken Workman’s friend Seth (16) & his family

**Missions/Missionaries of the week:** Caleb Lucien (Hosean International Ministries), Haiti (International); Davis & Elkins College (Presbyterian), Elkins, WV (National); N Street Village/Bethany Women’s Center, Washington, DC (Local)

**Congratulations to:** Diane Hoag, on the occasion of her 96th birthday on Dec. 26.


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**UNIFIED GIVING**

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**CAPITAL GIVING**

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Giving totals as of 11/30/2009 (updated monthly)
You Won’t Want To Miss…

Sacred Rhythms Retreat for Men and Women:  
Mar. 12-13, 2010

Do you desire deeper levels of change and transformation in your life?  
Are you longing for a way of life that works, but don’t know how to  
make it happen? Led by author Ruth Haley Barton (at left),  
this congregational retreat at VPC is designed to help you  
experience the spiritual practices that lead to deeper levels of spiritual transformation.  

_Early Registration Discount ends Dec. 31._  
For details about registration and the retreat schedule, visit  
www.viennapres.org/sacredrhythms.

New CenterPoint Classes

CenterPoint is an adult Christian education program offering classes and forums for persons at all stages of their faith journeys.  
Classes typically meet for five sessions. The instructors are drawn from VPC staff, regional pastors, seminary faculty and community professionals. Basic discipleship classes are free; a $25 fee is charged for all other classes.  
Childcare is available by making a reservation at 703.938.9050 ext. 351 no later than 48 hours prior to the class. For details, visit: www.viennapres.org/centerpoint.  
Upcoming classes include:

**WHO IS JESUS?**  
Sundays at 5:30 pm, Jan. 10-Mar. 21  
The course is introductory in nature and accommodating to those unfamiliar with church settings, Christianity or the Bible. Register at www.viennapres.org/centerpoint.

**INVITATION TO A JOURNEY**  
Sundays at 5:30 pm, Jan. 10-Feb. 7  
A journey is a wonderful metaphor for our life in Christ. This class will serve as a road map and travel guide for those who want to explore the journey of our life in Christ. Register at www.viennapres.org/centerpoint.

**CHRISTIANITY IN THE WEST—A POST-CHRISTIAN FUTURE?**  
Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, Jan. 12–Feb. 9  
Today, much of Europe is deeply secular, barely remembering the faith that was the central identity of Europeans for so long. By examining how Central Europeans have wrestled with the relationship between their Christian faith and their culture, we will gain a better understanding of our own relationship between faith and culture. A $25 fee applies to this course. Register at www.viennapres.org/centerpoint.

**PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT**  
Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, Jan. 12–May 11  
This course provides new insights and a better understanding of God’s ultimate purpose in the world. Register at www.perspectives.org.
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, then join us for coffee between services in the Great Hall. We hope you will visit with us again.
For more information about these events and announcements, plus much more, visit [www.viennapres.org](http://www.viennapres.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS

From HighPoint (Children’s Ministries):
Today there are no classes for elementary-aged children; worship services will be “child-friendly.” Nursery and preschool classes will operate as usual.

From the Underground (Student Ministries):
Please note our winter break schedule:
Today - No Underground AM or PM
Jan. 3 - the Underground AM as scheduled at 9:30;
No Underground PM
Jan. 10 – Full program resumes. Happy New Year!

Grapevine Books is OPEN today; see p.7.

Apprentices 11:00 Adult Sunday School cordially invites you to join a study of Philip Yancey’s *What’s So Amazing About Grace*, beginning Jan. 3. Stop by Grapevine Books, today or starting Jan. 3, to order the book and participant’s guide.

Sacraments Classes for children in 3rd grade and up begin Jan. 17. Please see the website for more information, and register your child via [www.viennapres.org/registrernow](http://www.viennapres.org/registrernow). Questions: clare.maynard@viennapres.org

U.S. Army Chorus Concert: Jan. 16, 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. This popular event is free and open to the public. Watch for details!

VPC Weekday Preschool is holding information tours beginning Jan. 5, in anticipation of the Jan. 26 new family registration date. Call Bonnie Downs at 703.255.1419 to arrange a tour today—children welcome!

GriefShare support group, for people grieving the loss of a loved one, begins a new seminar on Jan. 24. Inajo Cox, 703.624.1747, and Bill and Sherrie Steinbach, 703.938.3106

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

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](http://www.viennapres.org) under Marriage Preparation.

Your Prayerful Response to God’s Plan for VPC is Important!
Thanks to all who have submitted their estimate-of-giving pledge cards toward the 2010 Ministry and Missions budget. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully fill out a Pledge Card and turn it in, even if you are unable to pledge a specific amount. 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 2009 giving. December has historically been a big giving month at VPC, and this year we have the big number of $841,000 needed to make budget. If you have not fulfilled your church giving for this year and plan to do so, please do not wait. 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 four years to make “Giving Generously” a more spiritual exercise of personal prayer, discernment, communication and congregational response.

For any giving questions, contact Rob McLallen at ext 119.

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Announcements

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Small Groups are Forming for a 10-week “Journey of Transformation” as we study Colossians beginning Jan. 10. If you would like more information about a group near you, at a time that is convenient for you, please contact Shannon Jordan. Also, if your small group or reunion group would like to order this material, please contact Shannon ASAP at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or ext. 123.

CenterPoint Classes: See page 5.

Apprentices Class: See page 6.

Sunday Morning Adult Classes: See page 8.

More Study Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/study

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

CHO/Northeast Vienna Citizens Association’s Food Drive continues through December. Please donate nonperishable groceries to local families in need. Collection box is located near VPC’s 2nd floor office.

The Childcare Ministry wants to make the childcare wing a happy, warm, and inviting place to be! We would like to have a mural painted in the hallway in the childcare wing. Are you an artist who is interested in sharing your gifts with the families and children in our care? Elaine Wright, elaine.wright@viennapres.org or ext. 159

HighPoint (Children’s Ministries) is seeking an additional small group leader at the 9:30 service for our 3rd graders once or twice a month. If you have some experience of working with children, please contact clare.maynard@viennapres.org for more information.

Student Ministries continues to grow; consequently, we need 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.

More Service Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grapevine Books is OPEN today. The bookstore will be closed Dec. 28-Jan. 2. Beginning Jan. 3, please see our recommended devotionals to help us all put Jesus first in the new year.

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

High School Program Leader: VPC is seeking an individual with a commitment to leading high school students as they grow as followers of Jesus Christ. See www.viennapres.org/staff/openings for a full job description. Please direct all resumés and questions to Barry Hill, Director of Student Ministries, barry.hill@viennapres.org.

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

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

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

CARE MINISTRIES

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

Christian Cancer Companions (CCC): Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or luckylister32@verizon.net

GriefShare: Inajo Cox, 703.624.1747, and Bill and Sherrie Steinbach, 703.938.3106

NewSpring: Hope for the Sexually Abused: david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org or ext. 116

Passages: passages@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050

Stephen Ministers: lee.taylor@viennapres.org or ext. 103
Children’s Room Assignments

TODAY: NO CLASSES FOR ELEMENTARY-AGED CHILDREN. SERVICES WILL BE “CHILD-FRIENDLY.” NURSERY AND PRESCHOOL WILL OPERATE AS USUAL (SEE BELOW).

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Student Ministries (Middle School/High School):
NO CLASSES OR YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Adult Education Classes

9:30 am
Beyond Basics: Join the class for a time of Christmas carol singing. Regular class resumes next week. Rooms 203/204. Coordinator: Kate Lund
Friendship Class: For adults with intellectual disabilities. Room 109. 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 lenses 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

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Pastors            Peter James
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman
David Jordan-Haas
E. Stanley Ott
Teaching Pastor          Chris Hammond
Music Director             Lance Vining
Associate Music Director  Kerry Wilkerson
Organist                         Terry Sisk
Interim Director of Adult Group Life  Shannon Jordan
Young Adult Ministries Coordinator  Kelly Gould
Student Ministries Director   Barry Hill
Middle School Director        Kim Snyder
Children’s Ministries Director  Clare Maynard
Asst. Children’s Ministries Director  Daryl Wright
Preschool Director            Bonnie Downs
Evangelism Director  Phil Kratovil
Missions Director             Barb Jones
Connections Coordinator      Rob McCallen
Interim Director of Finance  Dick Eagan
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(Registration keywords: username: faithful; password: christian)
Worship Bulletin                 bulletin@viennapres.org

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