Advent Sermon Series: Gospel Beginnings

Word Power

John 1:1-14

November 28, 2010
Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #9
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Apostles Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Worship Song
Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

What hope we hold this starlit night   A King is born in Bethlehem
Our journey long we seek the light    That leads to the hallowed manger ground

What fear we felt in the silent age   Four-hundred years can He be found
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Chorus
Emmanuel Emmanuel   God incarnate here to dwell
Emmanuel Emmanuel   Praise His name Emmanuel

The Son of God here born to bleed    A crown of thorns would pierce His brow
And we beheld this offering   Exalted now the King of kings
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground (Chorus)

Ending
Praise His name Emmanuel

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
You Are More

2009 worshiptogether.com songs (CCLI #206597)

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

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Offering of Gifts and Pledges
Youth Choir accompanied by Alena Gilmore, Flute
Advent Hymn
Liebergen

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.
Children in the Bridges class are dismissed.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
We give Thee but Thine own, whate’er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee

Scripture
John 1:1-14

Sermon
Word Power
Advent Sermon Series: Gospel Beginnings

Hymn
Blessed Assurance
Shipps
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, Purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, Washed in His blood
Perfect submission, Perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above, Echoes of mercy, Whispers of love.

Chorus:
This is my story, This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, All is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, Looking above, Filled with His goodness, Lost in His love (**Chorus**)

Chorus Tag:
This is our story, This is our song, Praising You Jesus all the day long,
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Benediction

Postlude
Prelude
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland  J. S. Bach

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Prayer of Adoration  Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

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Minute For Witness  Julie Kim

Anthem
And The Glory  Sanctuary Choir
Handel

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Baptisms
9:30  Benjamin Hadman Bergert, child of Thomas & Julie Bergert
      Joshua Grant Hunt, child of Jeffrey & Nicole Hunt

11:00 Winifred Jane Hutchins, child of James and Ann Hutchins
      Caroline Reese Rector, child of Joseph & Sarah Rector
      Joseph Alan Rector (adult)

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Offering of Gifts and Pledges
What Can We Bring

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Benediction

Postlude
Veni Emmanuel

Gerhard Krapf
Prayers

Grieving: Barbara Addams (father); Jane Braun/Betty Bates (mother/aunt); Seth Carter (sister); Phil Covell (mother); the family of Gwen Higgins (former member); Ann Mische/Carolyn Hoeges & Alyssa Mische (father/grandfather)

Hospitalized: Jean Anspaugh's friend Rose; Susan Christopher's friend Tony; Marieke Ertel's friend Kieran (newborn) & family; William Krisko’s/Wendy Rose's friend Kathryn (14)

Facing Tests or Surgery: Mary Flounlacker; Phil Kratovil; Kamal Rahal; Judy Sommerfeld; Jack Warner (3); Mary Flounlacker's father; Stuart Hoffman's mother; Wendy Rose's friend Linda; Stephanie Sefcik's friend Anabel (2-1/2) & family; Mary Wisenbaugh's son; Marianni & Vern

Homebound: Bill Phillips

Ill or Convalescing: Bea Blasdell; Sheila Breuer; Dee Burns; Chuck Garland; Alan Haas; Gordon Hamlet; Myrna Ives; Charles Killion; Mildred Kratovil; Adriana Manik; Bill Phillips; Jerry Schnell; Rick Thompson; Joanne Werman; Bill Windle

Family and Friends: Jeanne Bingham's friend Jim; Ed Brogan's mother (Hospice); Liz Brooke's husband Ty; Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's friend Walter; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Beth Crowder's brother; Christa Davidson's mother, former member Jacque Jeutter; Larry Dowdy's mother; Marieke Ertel's friend Grace (5); Mary Flounlacker's friend Tammy; Kathryn Gilchrist's brother and cousin Caroline (4); Nina Graves's brother-in-law; Vilma Gronning's son Joel; Rebecca Huffman's father; Mike Hughes's niece Karen; Connie Kanady/Gary Kanady's niece/cousin; Tana Leasure's father; Lindsey Loving's newborn cousin Conner; Mary Monie's mother; Mary Pella's friend Matthew (5); Janet Schuchmann's mother; Mary Ann Singlaub's mother; Judy Smith's friend Melanie; Ginny Smoot's friend Amy; Bev Stream's goddaughter and friends Louise & Jim; Dick Stream's friend Bruce; Robin

Other: Betty Jo Dickson; Greg Coats; Kurt Gilchrist; Mike Hughes; Melinda Mayes; Wendy Rose's friend Cindy; Debbie Scozzie's mother; the people of Haiti, Indonesia & Pakistan; Haymarket Crossroads Mission

We give God thanks for Alice Burroughs, who joined VPC on December 4, 1960 (50 years).

Missions/Missionaries of the week: World Venture, India (International); Davis & Elkins College, WV (National); FACETS, Fairfax (Local)


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, x301; or E-MAIL linda.kemple@viennapres.org; or enter a prayer request via 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.
Announcements

VISITORS AND GUESTS – WELCOME TO VPC!

We are delighted you are here. Here are some ways to make the first steps on your spiritual journey at VPC easier. For more information, please visit www.viennapres.org/firststeps or contact Shannon Jordan at 703.938.9050 x123.

Step 1: Visit the Welcome Table in the narthex for a gift, then visit the Great Hall for coffee.

Step 2: Orientation to the Journey: Next Session, Sun, Dec 12. We’ll give you a brief look at who we are as a church and what we believe. Ask questions and find where you fit. 11 am. Light refreshments served. Great Hall.

Step 3: “Invitation to the Journey” class: In this more in-depth look at our mission, beliefs, values and practices, discover what we mean by “learning to follow Jesus with your life” and “living your life as Jesus would.” This 3-week class is required for membership at VPC. Please contact Linda Kemple (x100) for more information. Next series starts January 23, 2011.

Step 4: Share the Journey in a Small Group: Grow in Christ and connect with others. Find your group at viennapres.org/smallgroups.

New to faith, small groups, or VPC? Christianity Explored is a great place to start: See p.11 in “Study Opportunities”

WE NEED YOUR PLEDGE CARD RESPONSE!

Thanks to the over 350 individuals and families who have pledged to the 2011 Ministry and Missions Plan.

600 pledges are needed, so if you have not yet participated…Please prayerfully consider your estimate of giving for next year and thank you for getting your pledge card in!

Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. Pledge Cards and 2011 plan budgets are available at the Welcome Table and in the Gathering Space.

Thank you for your covenant with God and commitment to the VPC community so that our ministry and missions programs can move forward.

Advent and Christmas Devotional 2010

Prepare your heart for the Christmas season...

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth” John 1:14

Explore the beginnings of the Gospels, recognize the light of Christ’s presence, and warm to His love and transforming powers.

Available in the narthex, Grapevine Books or signup to receive daily emails at viennapres.org/devotionals.
There are people in our own backyard that are hungry, homeless, and/or unemployed... there is endless need for food, clothing, gifts for Christmas and more.

You can’t do everything...
But you CAN do something...

Come to the Giving Tree in the Great Hall.
Take a tag, buy a gift, lend a hand.

Sundays 9-1, Nov 28 to Dec 19 and Christmas Eve
Service Opportunities

Hanging of the Greens: Embrace the holiday spirit. Come and stay all day; lunch will be provided or just come for the morning or afternoon! No childcare is available. RSVP to Pam Kattenburg, pamkatt@aol.com or 703.620.9114. Dec. 1

Volunteers Needed for Vienna Church Street Stroll Outreach: Hundreds of people stroll up Church Street to celebrate the start of the Christmas season. We provide a carol sing-along in the Chapel, refreshments, and gifts. Info: 703.937.1897 or phil.kratovil@viennapres.org Nov 29, 6-9pm

Knitters Needed: New Hope International, Hand-knitted scarves to be delivered to Moldova. Place completed work in the box labeled "Moldovan Scarf Ministry", VPC Church office by Nov 30. Anna Katherine & Ron Scott rakscott@verizon.net or 703.281.9256

Translators Needed: Do you speak another language? Many of the adult students in our ESOL program need help to communicate with child's school or teacher. Willing to help? Contact bonnie.grouge@viennapres.org

Bethany Women's Center: a homeless shelter needs your help. Easy-to-prepare recipes and sign-up sheet are available outside the kitchen door. Call Cindy Alls, 703.222.3657

Did you know that… you and your children can be involved in VPC worship service? Help set up or clean up after communion once a month, bi-monthly or when available. Only 30 minutes from your day can make a difference. Contact Linda Arend, Deacon Communion Team, at lindaarend@gmail.com

Plastic Mats for the Homeless Workshop: Help us crochet mats. Bring a large (L+) crochet hook; and we will have extras. Donate plastic grocery bags to boxes in the narthex and in Room 203-204. Dec 4, 1-4pm Rms 308-309

Donation Opportunities

Gifts from the Heart in the Great Hall between services—help your less fortunate neighbors. See pg 8.

Project Angel Tree: Prison Ministries, provides Christmas gifts in the name of Jesus to the children and grandchildren of incarcerated adults. Small groups are sought to contact families, purchase, wrap and mail gifts for the DC area. Tricia Hine, PLHine@hotmail.com 703.863.4590 by Nov 30.

CHO Christmas Store: Seeking donations of new toys for kids 1-12, gift cards for teens, food cards, gently used bikes, coats and jackets. Carolyn Mysel 703.938.7213, Dec. 11 at VPC; set up on Dec. 10.

More opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve
HighPoint Children's Ministries:
See page 12 of weekly bulletin for Sunday classroom assignments.

Sign up for our weekly HighPoint Parent Information email to keep up with all Children’s Ministries’ events.
Visit: viennapres.org/children

Kid's Nation 34 Christmas Caroling: Go to retirement and private homes, sing songs to folks who will love it! Bring some Christmas cookies! Pick up your child at 8:30pm on the 3rd floor. Fri, Dec 17, 6pm Church lot

Club 56 Christmas Caroling: Visit various private and retirement homes and encourage people in song. Bring some Christmas cookies, chips or even something healthy! Party following at the home of Pat and Elizabeth Sheridan a 2680 Oakton Glen Dr., Vienna, 22181, 703-938-3408 Dec. 3, 2010 6-9pm Gathering at 6pm in VPC lot Pickup at Sheridan’s at 9pm For more info: daryl.wright@viennapres.org 703.903.9050 x126

VPC Preschool Christmas Concert: Cute as buttons and full of wiggles, these music makers are sure to bring a smile to your heart. Tue, Dec 7, 9:30am Sanctuary

Children's Choir Concert in the Sanctuary, Sunday, Dec 12, 4pm. Reception to follow in the Great Hall.

Rehearsal times: Sunday from 5:30-6:30pm.

Children’s Handbells: Rehearsal times: Celebration Ringers Sunday 12:30pm; Joy Ringers, Sunday 4pm

Homeless Hope: Student Ministries is providing coats, hats and gloves to the homeless community in D.C. If you would like to donate, please bring in items before Dec. 4. Place in the collection bins in the Underground (lower level below the Sanctuary) Barry Hill barry.hill@viennapres.org for info.

HighPoint Family Advent Celebration: Bring Family and friends to celebrate the start of the holiday season.
Crafts ages 3-6th grade $6/child $14/family
Make Christmas Gifts, Sing Carols;
Enjoy fellowship and dinner $12/family $5/person

This is a family event, please no drop-offs but drops-ins are welcome!

Today, 3-5pm 3rd floor followed by Dinner 5-6pm in Great Hall

STUDENT MINISTRIES

TONIGHT NO Underground PM (Youth Group)
TODAY NO Underground AM (Sunday School)

Regular Student Ministries programs resume Dec 5:
Come for Breakfast and Sunday School from 9-10:30am in the Underground (lower level). Youth Group meets:
• Middle School from 5-7pm
• High School from 6:30-8:30pm
Don’t forget to register your middle and high school students. And to stay on top of all the news www.vpcstudents.org/smsignups

Wanted: We are still in need of 3 men and 1 woman to lead small groups on Sunday night. If you would like to learn more about leading a small group, please contact Thea at x128 or Kim at x129.

Student Ministries needs a few good men to lead confirmation small groups. Contact Barry Hill x130

Student Ministries is collecting used cell phones. If you have old cell phones you would like to donate please put phone and charger in a Ziploc bag and place them in the collection bin outside the Student Ministries Office (L-9)

Ski Liberty: Registration for Middle and High School Ski Trip now open. See www.viennapres.org/smskitrip for details

Dec 12 6:30-8:30 High School Annual White Elephant/Tacky Christmas Sweater Party: The Underground celebrates Christmas a little early. Find something at home to swap (old Barbies, DVDs, Backstreet Boys CDs, etc.) wrap it up and bring it to our annual gift exchange. You never know what you might get! Contests for the best Christmas outfit, tackiest sweater and other Christmas games. Bring your friends and join the fun. Contact thea.lamberson@viennapres.org for more information.

Dec 17 6PM-10PM Middle School Movie-Pillow Fight-Game Night: Celebrate the season with Christmas games, the largest pillow fight in Vienna and a great Christmas themed movie. There are always great snacks too! Bring your friends and check out all the fun things in the Underground. Contact kim.snyder@viennapres.org for more information.

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CARE MINISTRIES
At VPC, several ministries are dedicated to caregiving, healing and support. To learn more, visit www.viennapres.org/ministries/careprayer.

Caring for Aging Parents: Lois Poland, lpoland@tmareresources.com or 703.502.8502.

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

GriefShare: Informational brochures are available in the narthex and the Gathering Space. Meets Sundays at 6:30pm in room 203

NewSpring: Hope for the Sexually Abused: david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org and 703.938.9050.

Join NewSpring’s Leadership Team: Help with event planning, praying for the community, caring for abuse survivors, and researching safe-church practices. Jeanie Thomas, jthom1231@verizon.net, or david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org and 703.938.9050.

Passages: For those experiencing marital separation or divorce. Information: passages@viennapres.org or Romey McPherson, 703.478.9794 Tuesdays, 7pm, Room 203/204.

Stephen Ministers: Offers confidential, one-on-one care for people going through crises. lee.taylor@viennapres.org or x103.

Bridgepoint: For those in employment transition. Networking group offers encouragement, and job-seeking tips. Wednesdays 7-8:45pm, Rooms 108A/108B Visit Bridgepointconnections.org or contact Phil.Kratovil@viennapres.org

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES
Sunday Morning Adult Classes: The Me I Want to Be Take Two! If you were unable to join a group to discuss this fun and meaningful John Ortberg book during the sermon series, come to the Apprentices Class to discuss. Information on this class and others on p.12 and at viennapres.org/SundayAMclasses.

Bible Studies:
• Christianity Explored: Explore the essentials of Christianity through a lecture series by Rico Tice on DVD, followed by group discussion. For more information, contact Phil Kratovil at 703.937.1897 or at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org. Sundays at 11:00am, 2nd floor conference room near the church offices. Register: www.viennapres.org/BibleStudyRegistration

• Women’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study will look at Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. Childcare available with 48 hour advance registration at x351.


• New 4-week class on HOSPITALITY 11am in 108 A/B. We’ll explore the Biblical basis for radical hospitality in preparation for the holiday season! Learn to welcome the stranger into your midst! For more information, contact Barb Jones at barb.jones@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x111 or John & Kathy Draper at jkdraper@ymail.com

MINISTRY and MISSIONS FINANCIAL UPDATE

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Campaign Year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

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**Sunday Mornings at VPC**

**Children’s Room Assignments**

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**Adult Education Classes**

**9:30am**

- **Beyond Basics**: Study of James in process. Room 203-204. Questions? Kate Lund katejlund@yahoo.com.
- **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 8am service not required. Meet in 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. Conference Room. Leader: Marion Billington.
- **Partners With Christ**: Come learn about the "I Am" sayings of Jesus in the Bible. All newcomers welcome. Questions? Martha Strauss at 703.319.7050 or wmstrauss@aol.com. Classes resume 12/5.

**11am**

- **Christianity Explored**: 2nd floor conference room near the church offices. Phil Kratovil phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.
- **Apprentices**: We are studying "The Me I Want to Be" by John Ortberg. Please join us if you haven’t experienced it yet! Newcomers always welcome. Questions? Contact Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or Isaiah12elaine@aol.com. Room 205.
- **ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)** Bible Study: For adult ESOL students (intermediate/advanced) Gain a better understanding of the Bible and improve English listening, speaking and reading skills. Room 317. Shun and Doris Ling, Leaders.

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**Vienna Presbyterian Church**

124 Park Street NE, Vienna, VA 22180
703.938.9050

**Pastors**: Peter James, Glenda Simpkins Hoffman, David Jordan-Haas

**Teaching Pastor**: E. Stanley Ott

**Parish Associates**: Chris Hammond, Connie Jordan-Haas, Ed Dawkins, L. Thomas Vining

**Music Director**: J. Kerry Wilkerson

**Associate Music Director**: Terry Sisk

**Organist**: Judy Chelson

**Adult Ministries Director**: Shannon Jordan

**Student Ministries Director**: Barry Hill

**High School Ministry Coordinator**: Thea Lamberson

**Middle School Ministry Coordinator**: Kim Snyder

**Children’s Ministries Director**: Dawn Geschiere

**Asst. Children’s Ministries Director**: Daryl Wright

**Preschool Director**: Bonnie Downs

**Evangelism Director**: Phil Kratovil

**Missions Director**: Sheila Breuer

**Connections Coordinator**: Barb Jones

**Interim Director of Finance**: Rob McLallen

**Executive Director**: Dick Eagan

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

**Website**: www.viennapres.org

**Worship Bulletin**: bulletin@viennapres.org

**E-Blasts/E-Newsletters**: newsletters@viennapres.org

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

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**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 .*

- Cell people to faith
- Equip people for discipleship
- Send people to love and serve

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Give Generously

...both individually and in community.