Advent Sermon Series: Gospel Beginnings

Fear Factor

Luke 1:57-66

December 12, 2010
Prelude

Welcome

Processional
Advent Processional
Youth Choir and Handbells
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Lighting of Advent Wreath
Pearson Family

Prayer of Adoration
Stan Ott

Worship Song
My Soul Magnifies the Lord
Tomlin

Good news of great joy For every woman, every man
This will be a sign to you A baby born in Bethlehem
Come and worship, do not be afraid

A company of angels Glory in the highest
And on the Earth peace among Those on whom His favor rests
Come and worship, do not be afraid chorus

Unto you a child is born Unto us a Son is giv'n
Let every heart prepare His throne In every nation under Heav'n
Come and worship, do not be afraid (Repeat Chorus 3x)

Of His government
There will be no end
He'll establish it with His righteousness
And He shall reign on David's throne
And His name shall be from this day on
Wonderful, Counselor, Everlasting Father (Repeat)

My soul my soul magnifies the Lord... (Repeat)

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

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
Advent Glory and Joy

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

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Luke 1:57-66

Anthem
I’ll Go Tell Elizabeth

Sermon
Fear Factor
Sermon Series: Gospel Beginnings

Hymn 22
Angels, From the Realms of Glory

Benediction

Postlude

Today’s flowers are given by Rachel and Duane Wills in loving memory of Rachel’s father Augustus Lotterhos, and by Sherrie and Bill Steinbach in loving memory of their son.
Sunday Worship 9:30 & 11:00

Prelude
Prince of Peace (9:30) Celebration Ringers
Change Ring Prelude on Divinum Mysterium (11:00) Exsultate Handbells

Welcome
Lighting of Advent Wreath (9:30) Friendship Class
(11:00) Prunty Family

Prayer of Adoration
Stan Ott

Worship Song
Prepare the Way

Prepare the way; Make straight the path for Him;
Let the King of Glory enter in; Let the King of Glory enter in;
Who is the King of Glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, The Lord, mighty to save;
The earth is full of His glory; Creation calls prepare the way;
His love endureth forever; His pow'r is without an end;
His strength is victory's treasure; Let all who call His name prepare the way.

(repeat from beginning)

His love endureth forever; His pow'r is without an end;
His strength is victory's treasure; Let all who call His Name prepare the way.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
Sanctuary Choir
Do You Hear What I Hear Simeone

Minute For Witness
TJ Funkhouser

Children’s Message (9:30)
Rita Lockwood
Children in the Bridges and Gateways classes are dismissed.

Prayers of the People (11:00)

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
Offering of Gifts and Pledges  Carol Choir

Simple Song of Thanks

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Luke 1:57-66  Page54/57 NT

Anthem
I’ll Go Tell Elizabeth  Danielle Talamantes Medema

Sermon
Fear Factor
Sermon Series: Gospel Beginnings  Pete James

Hymn 22
Angels, From the Realms of Glory  Smart

Benediction

Postlude
Veni Emmanuel  Augustus Hailstork

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Prayers

Grieving:  Barbara Addams (father)(burial at Arlington 12/13); Ed Brogan (mother); Dee Burns (son David); Vilma Gronning (son); Michelle Jones (father); the family of Virginia Lotz

Hospitalized:  Susan Christopher's friend Tony; Mary Flounlacker's father; Tana Leasure's friend Robert; Stephanie Sefcik's friend Anabel (2-1/2) & family; Mary Ann Singlaub's mother

Facing Tests or Surgery:  Mary Flounlacker; Myra Gillum; Judy Sommerfeld; Dan W. Wright; Stuart Hoffman's mother; Wendy Rose's friend Linda

Homebound:  James & Sarah Wood

Ill or Convalescing:  Emily Anderson (15); Bea Blasdell; Sheila Breuer; Dee Burns; Louise Findlay; Alan Haas; Gordon Hamlet; Myrna Ives; Charles Killion; Mildred Kratovil; Phil Kratovil; Adriana Manik; Bill Phillips; Kamal Rahal; Jerry Schnell; Rick Thompson; Jack Warner (3); Joanne Werman; Bill Windle

Family and Friends:  Jeanne Bingham's friend Jim; 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 Kieran (newborn) & family; Mary Flounlacker's friend Tammy; Kathryn Gilchrist's brother and cousin Caroline (4); Nina Graves's brother-in-law; Rebecca Huffman's father; Connie Kanady/Gary Kanady's niece/cousin; Tana Leasure's father; Sharon Lewis's husband Howard; Lindsey Loving's newborn cousin Conner; Mary Monie's mother; Janet Schuchmann's mother; Judy Smith's friend Melanie; Ginny Smoot's friend Amy; Bev Strean's goddaughter and friends Louise & Jim; Dick Strean's friend Bruce; Mary Wisenbaugh's son

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

Missions/Missionaries of the week:  Hope for the Nations (International); Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel (National); Central Fairfax Services, Fairfax, VA (Local)

Congratulations to:  Dan & Ellie Cammer who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 17.


Non-military in Harm’s Way:  Larry Butler, Jaclyn Broberg Collier, Trisha Nellessen, Barbara Ramey, Erik H. Vining

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.
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, Today, 11am. 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. 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? The next Christianity Explored class will begin on Feb 13. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Kratovil at 703.938.9050 x115 or Phil.Kratovil@viennapres.org

Join the choirs and orchestra as we explore the only gift we can give. Share the beauty and wonder that is Christmas. Invite friends and family to share.

Dec 19
4 & 7pm
Sanctuary

Informing vs. Inviting…What’s the difference?

- **Invitations are personal.** One to one, an invitation comes through an existing relationship. Informing is generally impersonal, with no relationship needed.

- **Invitations are selective.** It’s a great feeling to be selected; to be included. Remember being chosen first to be on that soccer team?

- **Invitations are specific.** A newspaper informs with details about movies, show times and locations. Does this make you want to go to the movies? Or is it the invitation of a friend that inspires you?

- **Invitations are relational.** When faced with a room full of relative strangers, entering with someone is far easier and more comfortable. It’s all about relationships.

*Who do you know that is waiting for an invitation?*
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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 can help care for grieving families by providing cookies and fruit for funeral receptions? Contact Nancy Davidovich, Deacon Funeral Team lead, @jadavidovich@verizon.net if you are interested in volunteering. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

VPC Young Adults: upcoming opportunities to serve the Lord and serve the people through the Our Daily Bread ministry. We greatly welcome your helping hands.

Volunteers needed to sort and bag donated groceries. With many hands we should finish quickly, lower level of the church at 9AM Dec 18.

Volunteers to deliver grocery items to God’s children in need. What an opportunity to spread Jesus' love to others, Dec 19. Contact vpcyoungadults@gmail.com.

Dreaming of summer?: Adults interested in going on an SMP the summer of 2011, contact Barry Hill at barry.hill@viennapres.org.

Ushers Needed: Do you attend the 8am service? We welcome your help one Sunday every 4 weeks. Contact Steve Haracznak, 703.909.7912, steveh5pit@aol.com or Clark Kattenburg, 703.620.9114, N2refin@aol.com.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

Consider making a stock donation to VPC? Please contact Rob McLallen, rob.mclallen@viennapres.org.

More opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve
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_

(Return gifts & donations to the Great Hall at these times; or to the VPC OFFICE during regular business hours)
MINISTRY and MISSIONS FINANCIAL UPDATE

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**Surplus/Deficit:** (350,021) vs. (389,679)

**Giving Required to Make Budget:** $723,415

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIVING UPDATE

**Campaign Year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011**

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**Surplus/(Deficit):** (127,340)

YEAR-END GIVING

“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith…”

– Hebrews 12:1b-2a

Let us join together as a community to reach the $725,000 needed in December giving; responding to God’s call on each of us.

Thank you for faithfully fulfilling your tithes and offerings. Please prayerfully consider as well, a gift of appreciation for how God has blessed you this year.

Please submit year-end gifts by December 31.
Connections

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@tmaresources.com or 703.502.8502.

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

GriefShare: Tonight is the last meeting for this cycle of GriefShare. Next cycle will begin in Feb. For information contact GriefShare@viennapres.org. 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: Discipleship in Advent, taught by Shannon Jordan. Study how we prepare a place for God and God has prepared a place for us. Beyond Basics, Today and Dec 19, 9:30am, Rooms 203/204

CenterPoint Forum: Dave Robinson will continue the discussion on how to love our Muslim neighbors. Sunday, Jan 9, 5:30pm, Great Hall

Bible Studies:
• Women’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study: A New Study of The Discipleship of Moses in Exodus begins Jan 11. 9:30-11:30am. Contact Shannon Jordan at 703.938.9050 x123 or Shannon.Jordan@viennapres.org
• HOSPITALITY Class: 11am in 108 A/B. Explore the Biblical basis for radical hospitality in preparation for the holiday season! For more information, contact Barb Jones at barb.jones@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x111 or John & Kathy Draper at jkdraper@ymail.com

Mark Devotions and Small Groups!
As we continue with our theme “In Christ Together For the World,” we will begin a new Sermon Series on The Gospel of Mark on Jan. 2, 2011. The new devotions will begin on Jan. 3, 2011. Pick yours up in the narthex today!

Small Groups beginning the week of Jan.9.
If you are interested in joining a small group in January, make plans to attend the Group Link on January 9 at 11:00am. Meet others interested in joining a small group (men’s, women’s, couples’, and mixed). Set your time, location and receive introductory small group training. For questions contact Shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123.

YOUR COMMITMENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!
By the grace of God, lives are impacted everyday by your church through your gifts. Your pledge to the 2011 Ministry and Missions plan allows that work to continue. Nearly 500 individuals and families have already stepped forward to participate in God’s work here at VPC. Thank you!

There is still time to join with others in moving forward in 2011. Prayerfully consider how you are called to generous giving to feed the hungry, care for the lonely, give a firm foundation to teens and more. Please submit a pledge card to communicate your level of giving.

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

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Adult Education Classes

**9:30am**

**Beyond Basics:** Discipleship in Advent passages taught by Shannon Jordan on Today and Dec 19. Come study how we prepare a place for God and God has prepared a place for us. Rm 203/204

**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-packed 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. Room 205

**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 Isaiah122elaine@aol.com. Room 205

**Berean:** Study of the Book of Matthew. Newcomers welcome! Rooms 203/204. Coordinators: John & Nancy Davidovich

**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