Sermon Series: Gospel Beginnings

Real Life

Luke 2:21-40

December 26, 2010
Sunday Worship 9:30 & 11:00

Prelude
Shepherd's Pastorale
Terry Sisk
J. S. Bach

Ceremony of Carols
Procession
Medieval Latin
Benjamin Britten

Today Christ is born; Today the Savior has appeared;
Today the angels sing, The archangels rejoice,
Today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory be to God in the highest.
Alleluia!

Wolcum Yole!
Anonymous 14th Century

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome to You, our heavenly King.
Welcome, you who was born one morning, Welcome, for You, shall we sing!
Welcome, to you, Steven and John, Welcome all innocent children,
Welcome, Thomas, the martyred one, Welcome, good new year,
Welcome Twelfth Day, both in fear . . .
Welcome Saints left and dear.

Candle Mass, Queen of bliss, Welcome both to more and less.
Welcome you that are here, Welcome all and make good cheer.
Welcome all another year.

Lighting of Advent Wreath
There is no rose
Anonymous 14th Century

There is no rose of such virtue As is the rose that bore Jesus. Alleluia.
For inside the Rose (called Mary) Were heaven and earth in a single, little space. Miraculous event.
By that rose, we now may see, There be one God in persons three. Equal in form.
The angels sang to the shepherds, Glory to God in the highest! Let us rejoice.
Leave we all this worldly mirth, And follow we this joyful birth.
Let us change (transform).

Carol Hymn #48
Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

Prayer of Confession
Jesus Christ, God-With-Us, You came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. We have not always lived up to Your desires for us. We confess that too often we are impoverished of spirit; grant us the fullness of Your grace. Wrapped up in ourselves; open us to others. Slow to learn; teach us of Your ever-expanding truth. Proud over little; whet out hunger and thirst for justice. Scattered like grains of the field; gather us into a single loaf. Distracted of mind; direct us to what is most important: Your love for us, Your will for our lives, and Your sustaining Presence in every circumstance. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon

That young child

*Anonymous 14th Century*

When that young child began to weep
With song, she lulled him to sleep
It was such a sweet melody,
It was so very merry.

The nightingale sang also,
But her song was hoarse, it was not the same:
Whoever listens to the nightingale’s song
Instead of Mary’s, does wrong

*Balulalow*

*James, John & Robert Wedderburn, (1548), 1561*

O love of my heart, young Jesus sweet,
Prepare your place in my heart,
And I shall rock thee with great love,
And I shall never leave your side.

I shall praise you forever,
With sweet songs of your glory
The knees of my heart shall I bow
And sing the right ‘Lullaby’.

*Scripture*

Luke 2:21-24

*Children’s Message*

*Offering of Gifts and Pledges*

*As dew in April*

*Anonymous c. 1400 text*

I sing of a maiden that is mateless,
Her son was the King of all Kings.
From his mother he came to us quietly
As dew in April that falls on the grass.
His mother’s labor was painless and quiet,
As dew in April that falls on the grass.
As His mother lay there, he came quietly,
As dew in April that falls on the flower branches.
Never has there been such a mother and maiden;
How fitting it is that this be God’s mother.
This little babe  
*Robert Southwell (1561 ?-1595)*

This little Babe so few days old Has come to rifle Satan’s fold.  
All hell quakes at his presence, Though he himself shivers.  
For in this weak, unarmed guise He will surprise the very gates of Hell!

With tears he fights and wins the field, His naked breast stands for a shield;  
His shots are his cries, His arrows, the looks of his weeping eyes.  
Hi martial ensigns are cold and need, And his feeble flesh, his warrior’s steed.

His camp is pitched in a stall, His bulwark is a broken wall;  
The crib his trench, hay stalks are his stakes, Of shepherds, he enlists the troops.  
And sure of wounding the foe, The angels sound the trumpets alarm.

My soul joins Christ in the fight, Stay by the tents that he has pitched;  
Within his crib is sure protection The little babe will be your guard;  
If Christ can foil your foes with joy, Stay near the heavenly boy.

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*Interlude*  
Holly Avesian  
Harp

*Scripture*  
*Luke 2:25-40*  
Pages 55/59 NT

*Sermon*  
*Real Life*  
Glenda Hoffman Simpkins

*Sermon Series: Gospel Beginnings*

*In freezing winter night*  
*Robert Southwell (1561 ?-1595)*

Behold, a silly tender babe in freezing winter night,  
In homely manger trembling lies; alas, a piteous sight!  
The inns are full, no man will yield this little pilgrim bed.  
But forced he is with silly beast, in crib to shroud his head.  
This stable is a Prince's court, this crib his chair of State;  
The beast are parcel of his pomp, this wooden dish his plate.  
The persons in that poor attire his royal liversies wear;  
The Prince himself is come from Heav'n; this pomp is prized there.  
With joy approach a Christian white, do homage to thy King;  
And highly praise his humble pomp, which he from Heaven doth bring.

*Spring carol*  
*William Cornish (14?-1523)*

It is always a pleasure to hear the birds sing,  
To see the deer in the dale, the sheep in the vale, the corn springing from the earth.  
God supplies sustenance for us all.  
Then we should always give him praise and give him thanks.
Deo gracias (Give thanks to God)
Anonymous 15th century

Give thanks to God!
Adam was bound in sin for four thousand years, although he thought this not too long.
It was all for an apple that he took, As clerics find written in their books.
Had the apple never been taken, Then our Lady would have never been a heavenly queen.
Blessed be the time the apple was taken. Therefore we must sing:
Thanks be to God!

Carol Hymn #46
On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Recessional
Medieval Latin

Today Christ is born;
Today the Savior has appeared;
Today the angels sing,
The archangels rejoice,
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory be to God in the highest.
Alleluia!

Benediction

Postlude
In dulci jubilo

Benjamin Britten composed his Ceremony of Carols while on a voyage from the U.S. to England in March of 1942. Traveling on a Swedish cargo vessel they berthed at Halifax, Nova Scotia where he discovered a book, The English Galaxy of Shorter Poems; a collection of short poems written mostly in Middle English. He had been studying the harp as he had intended to compose a concerto for the instrument. But after discovering these texts he instead decided to use his time on this month long voyage--at the height of German U-boat activity in the Atlantic--to set a handful of poems centered around the birth of Christ for boys choir, soloists and harp.

The impetus for today's liturgical presentation of the Ceremony of Carols came about when a 'Young Women's Chorus' was formed this past fall. The work was presented the first weekend of Advent in our chapel for small audiences as a way to help us focus our hearts on Christ amidst the commercialism and busy-ness of the month of December. After two very well received performances it seemed only appropriate to weave these texts into the context of worship for the larger community of faith on the day after Christmas.

Women's Chorus:
Claire Ashur, Hannah Colbert, Melissa Hobson, Julianne Kim, Sandra Klimavicz, Amy Moir, Maggie Neil, Tess Ottinger, Jillian Reagan, Keely Rhodes, Katie Somers, Danielle Talamantes, Rachel Thompson, Rebecca Verley, Sarah Verley
Holly Avesian, Harp

Today's flowers are given by Herbert and Lisa MacArthur in loving memory of their father, A. Gordon MacArthur
Prayers

Grieving: The family of Al Petrenas

Hospitalized: Jay Tyroler; Susan Christopher's friend Tony; William Krisko/Wendy Rose's friend Kathryn

Facing Tests or Surgery: Myra Gillum; Judy Sommerfeld; Stuart Hoffman's mother; Wendy Rose's friend Linda

Homebound: Frank Blasdell

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

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; Connie Eden's father; Marieke Ertel's friend Kieran (newborn) & family; Mary Flounlacker's father, aunt and friend Tammy; Kathryn Gilchrist's brother, Hunt Cooley, cousin Caroline (4) and friend Amy & father; Nina Graves's brother-in-law; Brian Hays's friends Laurie & Pat; Rebecca Huffman's father; Karen Imler's friend Marshall; Connie Kanady/Gary Kanady's niece/cousin; Tana Leasure's father, mother and friend Robert; 's Sharon Lewis's husband, Howard; Lindsey Loving's newborn cousin Conner; Mary Monie's mother; Chris Nelson's cousin Melissa; Janet Schuchmann's mother; Mary Ann Singlaub's mother; Ginny Smoot's friend Amy; Bev Streen's goddaughter and friends Louise & Jim; Dick Streen'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 & ) Pakistan and all those working on their behalf; Haymarket Crossroads Mission

Missions/Missionaries of the week: Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship (International); Ligonier Camp & Conference Center, PA (National); Fellowship of Christian Athletes, No. VA (Local)


Non-military in Harm’s Way: Larry Butler, Jaclyn Broberg Collier, Trisha Nellessen, Barbara Ramey, Christina Tomasetti, 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 or shannon.jordan@viennapres.org.

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, January 9. 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, 11am.

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, 10:45-12 noon. www.viennapres.org/firststeps to register.

Step 4: Share the Journey in a Small Group: Grow in Christ and connect with others. Next Group Link will be on Jan. 9th at 11:00 am in the Great Hall. For information, go to 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

What’s Next?

GOING DEEPER

• New to VPC and want to know more? There are gatherings just for those exploring VPC. For information on times and dates, go to viennapres.org/firststeps.
• Sunday Coffee and Conversation: From the profound to the hilarious, join us as we explore the “so what” of each Sunday’s sermon. All are invited! More info: John & Kathy Draper at jkdraper@ymail.com. 11am in room108 A/B next to the coffee pots in the Great Hall. (Starts January 2, 2011)
• Young Adult Community kicks off 2011 with a time of study and reflection on Jan13 in the Great Hall from 7:15-8:45 pm. Afterwards we’ll head over to Vienna Inn! More info: vpcyoungadults@gmail.com.
• Small Groups begins the week of Jan 9. Interested in joining a small group? Make plans to attend the Group Link on January 9, at 11:00am. Meet others; choose your group type - men, women, couples or mixed. Set your time, location and receive introductory small group training.
• NEW Men’s and Women’s Bible Studies starting in Jan. For full information on these and other opportunities, see viennapres.org/study.
  Register for Bible studies or small groups at viennapres.org/adultsignup.
  Questions can be directed to Deb at deb.crumbliss@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x108.

Grapevine Books has a wide array of Bibles, Bible studies and books for 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. We reopen Sunday, Jan. 2. Visit viennapres.org/grapevine for hours of operation and more information.
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday Morning Nursery Coordinator Urgently Needed:** Recruit and schedule volunteers, welcome families, and support the Sunday morning nursery program. This staff position is 10-15 hours per week (3+ hours of which are on Sunday mornings). For more information, contact Dawn Geschiere at 703.938.9050 x127 or dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org.

**Grapevine Books:** We will be closed Dec 25 – Jan 1 and will re-open on Jan 2.

**Military or Civilian folks serving overseas?** The SOS Ministry wants to send a letter of support. Please submit address or APO to Amy MacDonald 703.319.0749, or amymacdonald@verizon.net.

**The US Army Orchestra and Chorus:** will present a concert version of Giuseppe Verdi's opera, *Il Trovatore*, in Italian, with projected translation. This presentation will include a special guest appearance by the Madison High School Select Women's Chorus. Jan 15, 2011, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

**Want to strengthen your marriage?** Spend intentional time with your spouse at a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The 2011 dates for our area are January 21-23, April 29-May 1, and October 28-30. For more information, go to www.unitedmarriage.org or contact Pastor Glenda at glenda.simpkinshoffman@viennapres.org or 703-938-9050

**Marriage Prep:** this four week class begins Jan 9, 11am–2 pm, with a light meal served; all other classes meet Sundays 11am–12:15 pm., with one Saturday morning (8:45am–12:15pm, Jan 22). Free sessions required for those being married by our pastors, open to others also. Linda Kemple, 703.938.9050; to enroll: viennapres.org/ministries/adults/study/marriageprep

Next seminar: March, 2011

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Help CHO:** The Committee for Helping Others distributed over 1400 beds, chairs, tables & sofas in 2010. Help is needed to drive the CHO truck and move furniture. Commit to one Saturday every two-three months. Please contact George Bergquist 703.938.4157, berggail@cox.net or Jim Larson 703.938.5683 to offer your services and enable CHO to continue this meaningful outreach.

**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...** there are many ways for you to help the care for members of our VPC church family? Make and/or deliver a meal, spend a few hours to help the Community Needs ministry with a home repair project, or simply pray for those in need are just a few simple ways you can care for our church family without being a Deacon. For more information, contact tj.funkhouser@gmail.com

**VPC Young Adults:** Volunteers needed to deliver grocery items to God's children in need. What an opportunity to spread Jesus’ love to others, Today. 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

**More opportunities:** www.viennapres.org/serve

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Please see End of Year Giving Needs and Pledge cards on pages 10 & 11

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

**Christmas Joy Offering**–Unified

Fifty percent of undesignated receipts to the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges through the Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries of the General Assembly Council.
Come to JumpStart 2011

Want to get 2011 off to a great start with the right focus? Join TV reporter and producer Cheryl Martin, along with hundreds of other women from the DC area for a special New Year's Day rally featuring worship, encouragement, prayer and empowering action steps for moving forward in your spiritual life.

For more information contact Phil Kratovil 703.937.1897 phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

Saturday, January 1st, 12 noon to 2 p.m. VPC sanctuary.

Gospel of 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! or sign up to receive daily devotionals by email or Twitter.

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.

Save the Date!
Church-wide Equipping Event

Mark Labberton, will lead us in the exploration of The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor. After loving God, loving our neighbor is our next highest calling.

Consider this calling, ask what it requires, find hope in living into it with joy.

For more information contact Shannon Jordan Shannon.jordan@viennapres.org , 703.938.9050 x123

March 18-19, 2011

Upcoming CenterPoint Forum:

Dave Robinson will continue the discussion on how to love our Muslim neighbors.

Sunday, Jan 9,
5:30pm,
Great Hall
MINISTRY and MISSIONS FINANCIAL UPDATE

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIVING UPDATE
Campaign Year July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011)

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(Giving totals through November, 2010)

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Underground AM (Sunday School) and Underground PM (Youth Group) will not meet today we will see everyone back on Jan 2.

Student Ministries programs:
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
Stay on top of all the news www.vpcstudents.org/smsignups

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

Student Ministries is collecting used cell phones. 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. Only 25 spaces remain, register soon!

Report on Homeless Hope Coat Drive:
“I was so cold…until I realized that in two hours I would be in my warm house he has been on the street for six years,” a quote from a VPC student during the Homeless Hope distribution day.

100 VPC youth & community volunteers
500 Coats collected and distributed
PLUS many bibles, hats, scarves, gloves, hygiene kits and Christmas cards, also given away.

The students who attended the High School Tacky Christmas Sweater party and Middle School movie night also donated $5/per participant to benefit this effective local mission.

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.

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

Today Sunday classes - There will be one class for Pre-K ages 3-5 years old at both 9:30am and 11am in Room 118.

No K-6 Classes today: All children in grades K-6 should plan to attend Worship with their families.

Childcare will operate as usual today.

All regular Sunday classes resume on January 2nd

Kid’s Nation 34 (Grades 3&4) – Meets Friday, Jan 21, 7-8:30 pm, 3rd floor

Club 56 (Grades 5&6) – Meets Friday, Jan. 7 and Jan 28, 7-9 pm, 3rd Floor

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

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

Coming soon: Growing Your Child’s Soul workshop. We will offer a follow-up to this fall’s workshop. Here is your opportunity to interact, discuss, personalize and process through your child’s spiritual growth journey. 9:30am Room 108 A/B for newcomers and those who attended previously. No reservations needed. Feb 6 & 13
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. 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.

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: 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, 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. JeanieThomas, j Thom1231@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

Bible Studies:

• Women’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study: The Discipleship of Moses in Exodus begins Jan 11. 9:30-11:30am. Register at viennapres.org/adultsignup Contact Shannon Jordan at 703.938.9050 x123 or Shannon.Jordan@viennapres.org

• Sunday Coffee and Conversation: From the profound to the hilarious, join us as we explore the “so what” of each Sunday’s sermon. All are invited! Starts Jan 2. More info: John & Kathy Draper at jkdraper@ymail.com, 11am in room108 A/B next to the coffee pots in the Great Hall.

• Men's Bible Study From Wild to Wise: A Journey Through the Gospel of Mark. Pastors Pete James and Ed Dawkins will teach through the gospel of Mark. Register, at viennapres.org/adultsignup or for more info, contact Deb Crumbliss at deb.crumbliss@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x108. Mon. Jan. 10 7pm-8:30pm.
Children's Room Assignments
8am Bridges Class meets in Room 320

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Adult Education Classes

**9:30am**

**Beyond Basics:** All are welcome to "Sing-A-Long" with us. Sing favorite Christmas carols and eat goodies this Dec 26. Room 202/203. Coordinator: Kate Lund

**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** Do you wish you knew more about how to address the questions we all have about belief in God? Beginning January 9, please join us for a six week discussion of Tim Keller's book "The Reason For God." Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. Newcomers are always welcome! Questions? Martha Strauss at 703-319-7050 or wmstrauss@aol.com Room 205

**11am**

**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.

**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