Serenades: 

Songs of the Messiah

Song of Mary

Luke 1:46-56

Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: Songs of the Messiah

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December 11, 2011
**Sunday Worship 8:00**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Lighting of Advent Wreath**

Isaiah 9:2,6

**Worship Song**

*My Soul Magnifies the Lord*

Good news of great joy, For ev'ry woman ev'ry 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 a peace among, Those on whom His favor rests. Come and worship do not be afraid

*Chorus:*

My soul my soul magnifies the Lord, My soul magnifies the Lord
He has done great things for me, Great things for me great things for me

Unto you a child is born, Unto us a Son is giv'n
Let ev'ry heart prepare His throne, Let ev'ry nation under Heav'n. Come and worship do not be afraid

*Chorus 3x*

*Wonderful Counselor Everlasting Father; Wonderful Counselor Everlasting Father*

My soul my soul magnifies the Lord (4x)


**Prayer of Adoration**

Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

**Worship Song**

*Offering*

Baloche/arr. Shipps

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star while angels sang to lonely shepherds.
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar, hoping to find the child from heaven.
And falling on their knees, they bowed before the humble Prince of Peace.

*Chorus:*

I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You’re due.
O Lord, I bring an offering to You. I bring an offering to You.

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love. There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne, before the holy One of heaven.
It’s only by Your blood and it’s only through Your mercy. Lord, I come. *(Chorus 2x)*

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Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.

Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
Christmas Lullaby from *Songs for a New World*
Courtney Vereide, Soloist
Brown

Minute for Witness and Commissioning
Sean and Bethany Walker

Scripture
Luke 1:46-56
Pages 53/57 NT

Offertory
Let Heaven and Nature Sing
Timothy Sheridan, Soloist; Youth Choir
Shackley

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Sermon
Hail Mary
Pete James
Sermon Series: Songs of the Messiah

Hymn #23
Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain:*
Gloria, in excelsis Deo;
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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Benediction

Postlude

Today’s flowers are given by Circle 1 in loving memory of
Dot Eason, Diane Hoag, and Helene Oliver.
The flower arrangements for December 4 were also in loving memory of George Brown.

If you would like to offer suggestions, input, or feedback on worship at VPC,
please contact Elder Martha Strauss at worshipfeedback@viennapres.org
Sunday Worship 9:30 & 11:00

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of Advent Wreath
Isaiah 60:1-3

Hymn #22
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; Yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star.

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Anthem
And The Glory

Sanctuary Choir
Handel

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Minute for Witness

Sean and Bethany Walker

Children’s Message (9:30)

Dawn Geschiere

Children in Bridges and Gateways are dismissed.

Commissioning of the Walker Family

Scripture

Luke 1:46-56

Pages 53/57 NT

Offertory

Exsultate Handbells; Terry Sisk, Director

Cynthia Dobrinski

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

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**Prayers**

**Grieving:** The family of George Brown; the family and friends of Matt Cooper (Junior at Madison HS); Karen Dunlop (aunt); Dana Myrah (mother)

**Hospitalized:** Mildred Kratovil; Audrey Neeson; Tana Leasure's friend Robert; Christi Novak's stepfather; Michelle Rahal's mother; Sim Taylor's sister

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Jennifer Arnold; Melissa; Pamela Vining's friend Joshua (12)

**Homebound:** Scott Forrester

**Ill or Convalescing:** Tom Addams; Curt Anderson; Dwight Avis; Ed Cunningham (former member); Ed Dawkins; Myrna Ives; Mary Ellen Keaton; Jenny Keenan; Charles Killion; Phil Kratovil; Nancy Martin; Bill Phillips; Eric Robinson; Gloria Sladek; Bill Steinbach; Margaret Takesian; Jo Ann Talley; Rick Thompson; Betsy Trickey

**Family and Friends:** William Buterbaugh's sister and sister-in-law; Sandra Crippen's brother; Beth Crowder's brother; Aravanya Darst's brother Dayheem; Christa Davidson's mother, former member Jacque Jeutter; Ruth Dreher's mother; Mary Flounlacker's father; Joe Garrett's sister; Jeff Hunt's friend Jonathan; Wally & Martha Johnson's friend Darrell; Liz Kellman's friend Julie; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Phyllis Lauber's friend Mary Ann; Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Beth Mackliet's friend Michael; Libby Mosher's grandfather; Mark Pella's mother; Karin Richardson's mother; Lee Self's mother-in-law; Chris Shenefiel's friend missionary's child, Anavah(2); Mary Ann Singlaub's brother-in-law; Barbara Spiller's friend Shirley; Bev Strean's goddaughter; Marnie Sturm's father; Jane Swinehart's son; Dottie Swink's son David; Leslie Vereide's father; Pamela Vining's friends Kathy and Margaret & family; Carolyn Windle's daughter Diane; Daryl Wright's father

**Other:** Ruth Dreher; the Hunsperger family; Vilma Gronning; Emily Hunsperger's friend Chris; Sony & Vinod; Haymarket Crossroads Mission; peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; all people hit hard by natural disasters in the US, Haiti, Japan and others, and all those working on their behalf; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan

**Missions/Missionaries of the week:** CrossLink International (worldwide) (Inter-national); Ramsey Pershing, Campus Crusade, UVA (National); N Street Village/ Bethany Women’s Center, Washington, DC (Local)

**We give God thanks** for Fay Morrison, who joined VPC on 12/12/54 (57 years)!

**Congratulations to:** Neal & Amy Larsen Dedicatoria on the birth of Jacob Manolo Dedicatoria on November 1. The proud grandparents are Don & Jeanne Larsen.

**A note of thanks:** Thank you for praying for our son, Walter. He is feeling much better. We know prayer makes a big difference and that his recovery was definitely helped by the thoughts and prayers of so many. Thank you so much! Lisa and Walter Whitt

Please keep these military men and women in your prayers:


**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; CALL the church office at 703.938.9050, x301;

E-MAIL linda.kemple@viennapres.org; or enter a prayer request ONLINE via www.viennapres.org/prayerrequest

Please ensure that you have permission before submitting a 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: Today, Room 108C, 11am. This class is an opportunity to look at who we are as a church, find out what we believe, ask questions, and find where you might fit. Come to the Great Hall, get a cup of coffee or tea, and look for our sign.

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 also serves as the pathway to membership at VPC. Please contact Linda Kemple (x100) to register and for more information. Next classes: January 22, February 5, and February 12, 2012.

Step 4: Share the Journey in a Small Group: Grow in Christ and connect with others. For more information go to viennapres.org/smallgroups or email smallgroups@viennapres.org

See all our Christmas events at viennapres.org/christmas

Gifts from the Heart

Alternative ways to give to those in need

There are people in our backyard who are hungry, homeless, unemployed…there is an endless need for food, clothing, gifts for Christmas, and more.

Come by the Giving Tree.
Take a tag, buy a gift, lend a hand.

Great Hall
Sundays, 9am-12:30pm
Last day to choose a tag is TODAY

Gifts and monetary donations will be received in the Great Hall through Dec. 18

Gift opportunities include: grocery food cards for the hungry; coats, hats, and shoes for the homeless; toys for CHO; baby formula, diapers, and children’s Bibles.

Contacts: Carol Adcock at 703.242.8765 or proudto.be.american@verizon.net or Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org

You can’t do everything, but you can do something.
Worship Services, December 25

**11am**  Worship, Song, & Praise  
*Limited Childcare is available; no Sunday school classes.*

**5pm**  Ceremony of Carols, a choral masterwork  
*by Benjamin Britten, performed by our select women’s chorus.*

See all our Christmas Events at viennapres.org/christmas
Let the things that break God's heart capture your imagination...

Hunger
Poverty
Abuse
Disease
Slavery
Hurt
Hopelessness
Brokenness

And then pledge to do something about them.

Remember our potential? $9,193,624. That's 10% of 625 (or about a quarter) of us. We have the potential to pay off the building debt in two years, and QUADRUPLE our missions budget. We could make a huge difference in a LOT of lives... lives that matter to God. Thanks to those who have faithfully and generously pledged. To date, pledges totaling $2.2M to the Ministry & Missions budget and $685K towards Debt Retirement have been received. Your pledge is important. Please submit yours today. Pledge cards are in the pews and may be placed in the offering plate, in the office, or you may pledge online at www.viennapres.org/pledgecard.
Children’s Choirs Christmas Concert
Today
4pm, Sanctuary
Handbells, voices, scripture, and the magic of the Christmas season.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kid’s Nation 34 Caroling: Friday, Dec.16, 6-8:30pm. Meet at VPC. Pickup on the 3rd floor at 8:30pm. Last name: A-L bring chips/pretzels/popcorn; M-Z bring cookies. For transportation purposes, please RSVP by Dec. 14 to darv1.wright@viennapres.org

Annual High School White Elephant Christmas Party: Tonight, in the Great Hall from 6:30-8:30pm. Invite your friends! Bring a gift: new or used, tacky or cool.

Middle School Christmas Movie and Game Night: Friday, Dec. 16, 6-9pm. Invite your friends for a great night of games and fun and a classic Christmas movie.

The Sanctuary Choir invites and welcomes adults interested in joining and singing. Audition not required. Contact or approach any choir member for information.

Reminder: SWATT Annual Christmas Luncheon Dec. 14, 12:15, in the Great Hall. A freewill offering for Our Daily Bread will be received. Contact Priscilla Skjei, 703.938.4623 or pskjei@verizon.net

Alternative Gifts through Dec. 18 at Grapevine Books and “Gifts from the Heart.” Purchase a gift goat or pig and receive a free Christmas ornament, while supplies last. Also available: Haitian crafts and packs of “Haiti is Hot” sauce. Wanda Vander Nat, wevn@verizon.net

Poinsettia Memorial signup: $20 per plant. Sign-up sheet on narthex table. Make check payable to VPC (write “Poinsettias” in memo). Place envelope in collection plate or bring to church office. Deadline is today. Questions? Contact barbstrite@aol.com

Widows and Widowers Luncheon: Noon, Saturday, December 17, Olive Garden Restaurant, 8133 Leesburg Pike in Vienna (Tyson’s Corner). Reservations: Stan King, 703.281.0825.

ReFuel Christmas Party: Vienna Presbyterian Great Hall. Thursday, December 15, 2011, 7:15 pm Come for dinner and fellowship. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

Advent Devotionals available in the narthex, online, on twitter, or by email.

JumpStart 2012: Get a fresh start for the new year! Join TV reporter/producer Cheryl Martin, along with hundreds of DC area women for a time of worship, encouragement, prayer, and empowering action steps for 2012. Saturday, December 31, 10am-noon, sanctuary. Contact Phil Kratovil, phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

Children’s Ministry Christmas Eve Nativity Play Rehearsals in the sanctuary, today: 12:15-1:05pm for all children in the 4:00pm play; 1:10-2:00pm for all children in the 5:15pm play.

Jumpstart Your Journey: Translating Belief into Action
Spend two days in March energizing and recalibrating your discipleship. Save the date: 3/2 & 3/3 here at VPC. Details to come. Registration begins Jan.1.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Drivers wanted! to provide transportation to and from church for a couple of the Friendship Class members who live 10 minutes from church. If you are interested in volunteering on a monthly rotational schedule, please email TJ Funkhouser, tj.funkhouser@gmail.com

Miriam’s Kitchen is in need of your old ceramic coffee mugs. Please bring yours in and leave them in the box by the church office.

Cunningham Park Elementary School Mentoring: Join the SWATT Team in this after-school program. Come meet your neighbors and make a difference in the life of a child! Open to high school students and older. Contact Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org

More Service Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve

Library News

POND Children's Library Re-Opening
Sunday mornings, 9-11, 3rd floor. Come check us out!

Children's books for Advent and Christmas are in a special display in the adult library, 2nd floor.

Volunteers Needed: Sundays, 9-11am, in the adult library and to help out in the POND. Contact Dawn Geschiere, dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org or George Marling, 703.910.4864 or gmarling@comcast.net

Used books: Many new additions are on the carts in front of the adult library, 2nd floor. Hardcover: $2.00; Paperbacks: $1.00; Children's books: 50¢. Drop off donations of your gently used books in the basket by the library door. All proceeds go to support the library.
CARE MINISTRIES

At VPC, a number of ministries are dedicated to caregiving, healing, and support. To learn more, visit viennapres.org/care

GriefShare: for those grieving the death of a loved one. Sundays, 6-7:30pm, room 203/204. More info in the GriefShare brochures in the Gathering Space and the narthex or at GriefShare@viennapres.org

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

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

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

Passages: For those experiencing marital separation or divorce. Information: passages@viennapres.org or Romey McPherson, 703.478.9794. Tuesday nights, 7-9pm. Room 203/204.

Stephen Ministers: Offers confidential, one-on-one care for people going through crises. For information: lee.taylor@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x103.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

To register or for more information: viennapres.org/study or contact Shannon Jordan at 703.938.9050 x123

Women’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Transformations of the Heart: Studies from Romans. 9:30-11:30am, 3rd fl.


Westminster Confessions of Faith: Sunday morning class sponsored by Partners in Christ: 9:30am, room 205. Discussion leader: Charles Geschiere. Contact Martha Strauss for study guide: wmstrauuss@aol.com. All are welcome!

CenterPoint Winter Term: Sundays, Jan. 8 – Feb. 5: The Rev. Jim Ball presents “Discipleship, Creation-Care, and Climate Change,” This course explores a biblical approach to caring for the environment and a Christ-centered approach to overcoming global warming. Tuesdays, Jan. 10 – Feb. 7: Dr. Bruce Douglas presents “Reformed Portraits from the Great Depression until the Present.” This course is the conclusion of the Presbyterian Church History series.

Register online at viennapres.org/centerpoint

Contributions Update

2011 Ministry and Missions Budget: $3,751,504

Year-to-date budget as of November 30, 2011: $2,994,096

Contributions and income received as of November 2, 2011: $2,642,960

Total contributions and income needed to meet our November budget: $351,136

Total contributions needed to meet our budget by the end of the year: $1,108,544

As of October 31, we were $46,751 behind in our contributions and income expectations.

Thank you very much for your faithful support of God’s work at Vienna Presbyterian Church.
Sunday Mornings at VPC

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Middle and High School Sunday Youth Services

Lower Level, Light Breakfast Served, 9-9:30am
Sunday School, 9:30-10:30
Middle School Youth Group, 5-7pm
High School Youth Group, 6:30-8:30pm

Adult Education Classes

9:30am

Friendship Class: For adults with intellectual disabilities. Teachers: Emmy Parker, Helen Neely, & Beth Gourley. Room 108C.


In the Grip of Grace by Max Lucado: Food, friends, and scripture— you're invited! Contacts for Foundations Class: John and Kathy Draper, 703.539.8300 or jkdraper@ymail.com. Parlor.

11am
Coming in January! A study of Romans using A Normal Christian Life by Watchman Nee. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Elain Ryan, 703-470-1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com. Room 205.

The Songs of Advent will be the focus of the Bereans’ classes through Dec. 18. All are welcome to come and reflect further on these timeless songs. Contact John and Nancy Davidovich at jadavidovich@verizon.net. Room 203/4.

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Bible Study: Room 317

Christianity Explored: 8-week course exploring the essentials of Christian faith. Last class today, look for us again in January! 2nd-floor conference room. Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or 703.937.1897.

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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...

Call people to faith
Equip people for discipleship
Send people to love and serve

Give Generously

...both individually and in community