Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2011
4:00 and 5:15 pm
Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Carol - O Come, All Ye Faithful
O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, Born the King of angels!

Refrain
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

Framing God’s Quilt

God’s Quilt: Old Testament

Carol - O Little Town Of Bethlehem
O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His Heaven. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

God’s Quilt: Jesus’ birth

Carol - Away in a Manger
Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Our Part in God’s Quilt
Carol - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King. Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing “Glory to the newborn King!”

The Purpose of God’s Quilt

Offertory

Carol – Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:
Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo! above the earth, Rang out the angels chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

Christmas Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Dawn Geschiere

Carol - Silent Night, Holy Night (remain seated)

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Charge
Carol - 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.

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.

Blessing

Postlude

Tips for Navigating the Service:
Worshipping with your children?
Encourage them to participate!
Kids are welcome to stand on pews to see.
Wiggles are welcome.
More wiggle room is available in the lobby.

4pm Cast List

Narrators: Lauren Richardson, Caroline Simpson, Claire Bonadio, Nate Hoffman, Elizabeth Chapin, Macy Wright, Harlan Jackson, Isabelle Jackson, Cate Freiwald, Katherine Sinclair, Sophia Brown
Jackson Lucky

Old Testament Play: Ryan McCracken as Adam; Hope Sanchez as Eve; Bill Gibb as Abraham & Joseph; Gabe Paier as Moses; Will Simpson as David; Penn Paier as Isaiah

Nativity Play:
Katie Richardson as Mary; Bill Gibb as Joseph
Kings: Matthew Lauber, William Chappell, Ian Hoffman
Angels: Helena Schenck, Lily Keehlwetter, Campbell McCracken, Erika Nielsen, Madelyn Bonadio, Charlotte Prunty, Claire Wright, Lily Sanchez, Samantha Lauber, Ella Baldwin
Donkey: Elise Adler and Drew Lineweaver
Cow - Anne Hensley Young
Sheep: Elizabeth Seckinger, Samuel Duncan, Charlotte Oliver

5:15pm Cast List


Old Testament Play: Jaden Kritsky as Adam; Caroline Jones as Eve; Christian MacArthur as Abraham; John Clarke as Moses; Addison Yancey as Isaiah; Tyler Morgan as David

Nativity Play: Lottie Doughty as Mary; Lee Grandolph as Joseph
Kings: Jacob Clarke, Justin Cudney, Christian MacArthur
Shepherds: Tyler Morgan, Addison Yancey, Nathaniel Pearson, Thomas Pearson, John Clarke
Sheep: Grace Doughty, Ava Field
Donkey: Rachel Field, Owen Bodell
Cow - Zack Romero
Angels: Chloe Barr, Kate MacArthur, Elle Morgan Sophie Hauber, Lauren Oskuie, Brooke Thomas Savannah Thomas
VPC Welcomes You!

We are delighted that you are here! Preparing for the Christmas season can often become a race to the finish: decorating, gift-giving, baking, wrapping, entertaining—all good, but the time and energy spent in getting things just right can be exhausting. Why not try something different?

When we break it all down, we discover that what we really long for is acceptance, even when we don’t measure up; love, without conditions; and forgiveness, even in the face of our mistakes.

God, who came to us in the form of Jesus Christ, understands our humanity and calls to us, saying, “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”


Tonight, we invite you to enjoy a personal experience of God who accepts you just as you are, loves you unconditionally, and offers forgiveness for anything that has gone before. Tonight, we wait expectantly and prepare to celebrate the coming of God incarnate, God’s love and being in human form, Jesus Christ, born for you.

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VPC Core Beliefs

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What’s Next?

If you are a guest or a seeker tonight, we hope you will return next week and in the months to come. We are a community of people learning what it means to follow Jesus with our lives, and we encourage you to join us on this journey. And, of course, we are thrilled to worship and celebrate with our community of regular attenders as well—and invite each of you to take that next step in your faith journey—to go deeper.

At first blush, VPC may seem large but there are many smaller communities within; perhaps one is just right for you. God is at work at VPC! We invite you to explore these opportunities and consider how God is calling you to a relationship with Him, to engage in a way that allows God to transform you, and to love and serve.

DAILY DEVOTIONS
Sign up to receive daily devotionalys by email or Twitter at viennapres.org/devotionals. We begin a new sermon series “A Journey of Faith” a study on the Life of Abraham on Jan 1, 2012. The devotionals begin on December 26 to help us prepare for the sermon. Print copies are available in the lobby.

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.
• **Orientation to the Journey** is an opportunity to look at who we are as a church, find out what we believe, ask questions, and determine where you might connect. Come to the Great Hall Jan. 8th at 11 am. Rm 108C
• **ReFuel, the VPC Young Adult Community** kicks off 2011 with a time of study and reflection on Jan 13 in the Great Hall from 7:15-8:45 pm. Afterwards we’ll head over to Vienna Inn! More info: refuel@viennapres.org
• **Financial Peace University** starting January 18. Stop worrying about money and start your journey to financial peace. For full information, contact Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org
• **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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

**Sunday School Classes** from nursery to high school every Sunday morning. Complete information is at viennapres.org/SundayAMclasses. All classes welcome new kids at any time.

**Youth Groups for Grades 3 through High School:**
  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
  More information at viennapres.org/children
  Middle School (Grades 7&8) – Meets Sundays starting Jan. 8, 5:15-7 pm, the Underground
  High School (Grades 9-12) – Meets Sundays starting Jan. 8, 6:30-8:30 pm, the Underground
  More information at vpcstudents.org

Please visit www.viennapres.org to learn more about this joyful, contagious Christ-centered community!
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Peter James
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman
David Jordan-Haas
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Pastor

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Music:
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Lance Vining
Associate Director of Music
Kerry Wilkerson
Assistant Director of Music
Terry Sisk

Children:
Infant – 6th grade
Dawn Geschiere
3rd – 6th grade
Daryl Wright
Weekday Preschool
Marnie Sturm
Childcare
Elaine Wright

Students:
High/Middle School Director
Barry Hill
High School
Thea Lamberson
Middle School
Kim Snyder

Adults
Shannon Jordan

Missions (Interim)
Sue Hamblen
Evangelism
Phil Kratovil
People Connections and Communication
Barb Jones
Care Liaison
Lee Taylor
Prayer Liaison
Linda Kemple
Finance Director
Doug LeMasters

Office Hours
Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–5:00 pm

Website
www.viennapres.org

Calendar, Building Reservations
viennapres.org/calendar

Event Announcements
communications@viennapres.org

Sermons are available anytime at www.viennapres.org under Worship.
The Family Bates, in loving memory of parents and grandparents; Beverly A. Bender and sons, in loving memory of James Bender; Fred and Sylvia Bergert, in loving memory of loved ones; Jeanne Bingham, in loving memory of parents, Allen and Evelyn Bingham; Alice Bredin-Karny, in loving memory of father, Stephen Price Bredin; Web and Frances Brown, in loving memory of son Steven E. Brown; Web and Frances Brown, in loving memory of parents and other loved ones; Dee Burns, in loving memory of loved ones; Harry and Gail Campbell, in loving memory of Paul and Pauline Angelo; Harry and Gail Campbell, in loving memory of Harry Campbell Sr., Mary Campbell, and Heather Campbell; Jennifer Dart, in loving memory of her father, Bob Dart; Gwen Dart, in loving memory of John Datt; Jeff, Christa, and Grace Davidson, in loving memory of father and grandfather, Jerry Jeutter; Jeff, Christa and Grace Davidson, in loving memory of Jack and June Davidson; Steph and Bill Downer, in honor of William Malcolm Downer IV; Steph and Bill Downer, in memory of our parents; Bob, Julie, Elizabeth and Richard Drake, in loving memory of Latimer Snowdon; Tim and Cheryl Dransfield, in loving memory of their parents; Jim, Larry, and Alex Duff, in loving memory of Beth Duff; Steve, Brenda, Torin, and Kiley Dunn and Sydney and Landon LaFleur, in loving memory of Robert Kaila; Jim and Janice Feather, in loving memory of our parents; Felicia Feragasso, in loving memory of her mother, Karen Silber; Linda and Ed Gabris, in gratitude for the Friendship Class and Friendship Chimes; Chuck and Jacquie Garland, in loving memory of Homer and Marie Fry and James Garland; Shirley Gourley, in loving memory of John Gourley; Nina Graves, in loving memory of Kelly Lea and Kurt Lauer; Barbara Greig, to the glory of God and in loving memory of David N. 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