Christmas Day
Angels All Around
Luke 2:8-20

December 25, 2011
Sunday Worship 11:00

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

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.

Christmas Prayer

Scripture
Isaiah 6:1-8

Prayer of Confession

Great God, Light of the World, You have given us the transforming birth of Your child Jesus as a light for our path. Yet we confess that we shut our eyes to the light. We admit that we do not want to see the gift You have given us. We acknowledge our reluctance to see and share our gifts with our sisters and brothers and neighbors. We are often dazzled by the glitter and tinsel the world has made of Christ’s birth. We ask that Your Spirit be lit within us today, that we may share Your gifts of peace and mercy and joy with all people. We now humbly seek to receive and to share the wonderful gift of Christ’s birth, again and again. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music

Scripture
Luke 2:1-7

Hymn #5
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Scripture
Revelation 4:1-11

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
Baptism
David Vernon White, Jr.
Miranda Sophia White, child of David & Luisa White
Sophie Grace Strahan, child of Jamison & Andrea Strahan

Offertory
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Daniele Talamantes, Terry Sisk

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Luke 2:8-20

Christmas Reflection
David Jordan-Haas

Hymn #31
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Christmas Blessing
Dear Lord, we thank you for this wonderful day and season of Christmas, and we humbly, gladly pray....
By way of Bethlehem, lead us to new life;
By the innocence of the Christ Child, renew our simple trust in You;
By the tenderness of Mary, deliver us from hardness of heart;
By the patience of Joseph, deliver us from rash judgment;
By the shepherds’ watch, open our eyes to see signs of Your coming;
By the wise men’s journey, keep our searching hearts from giving up;
By the music of the heavenly angelic chorus, overshadow the clamor of the earth;
By the shining of the star guide our feet into the way of peace and joy.
Amen

Hymn #40
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.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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.

Benediction

Postlude
Prayers

Hospitalized: Barry Stackpole; Danny & Janice Femal's newborn grandson, Felix; Mona Flinn's friend Holly's mother; Jay Flounlacker's brother; Lois Miller's daughter; Christi Novak's stepfather; Michelle Rahal's mother; Sim Taylor's sister

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

Homebound: Charles Killion

Ill or Convalescing: Tom Addams; Curt Anderson; Jennifer Arnold; Dwight Avis; Ed Cunningham (former member); Ed Dawkins; Jim DeLany; Holly Heiderer; Myrna Ives; Connie Kanady; Mary Ellen Keaton; Jenny Keenan; Charles Killion; Mildred Kratofil; Phil Kratofil; Nancy Martin; Audrey Neeson; Bill Phillips; Eric Robinson; Larry Root; Gloria Sladek; Bill Steinbach; Margaret Takesian; Jo Ann Talley; Rick Thompson

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; Brenda Klimavicz's friend Lori; Phyllis Lauber's friend Mary Ann; Tina Leasure's friend Robert; Lynn Lotocki's aunt; Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Beth Macklet'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 friend Kathy and Margaret & family; Daryl Wright's father; Ella Tynch's great-grandmother

Missions/Missionaries of the week: World Venture (International); Becca Verley, Coalition for Christian Outreach, Carnegie Mellon University (National); FACETS, Fairfax (Local)

Other: Ruth Dreher; the Hunsperger family; Vilma Gronning; Patricia Namisi; Emily Hunsperger's friend Chris; Sony & Vinod; the Slover family; 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;

Congratulations to: Lane & Diane Snider on the birth of Angela Diane Marjorie Snider on December 7. Angela is the granddaughter of Carolyn Windle and the late Bill Windle.

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.
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.

What We Believe:

VPC Core Beliefs

- We believe…
  - Jesus is Lord
  - Scripture is our authority
  - Everyone is called to discipleship

VPC Mission

- We will…
  - Call people to faith
  - Equip people for discipleship
  - Send people to love and serve

…both individually and in community
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 devotionals 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 Jan13 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
  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 viennapres.org/children

More information at vpcstudents.org

Please visit www.viennapres.org to learn more about this joyful, contagious Christ-centered community!
We Are Here For You!
Have questions? Need prayer? We’d love to speak with you about your interest in learning, need for support or desire to serve others…anything at all!

Vienna Presbyterian Church Contacts: 703.938.9050
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Pastors
Peter James
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman
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www.viennapres.org

Calendar, Building Reservations
viennapres.org/calendar
Event Announcements
communications@viennapres.org

Sermons are available anytime at www.viennapres.org under Worship.
Memorial Poinsettias

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 Datt, 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 Dronsfield, 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 Frienship Class and Frienship 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. Greig and Kathy Greig VanMeter; Hamlet Family, in loving memory of Gordon E. Hamlet; Bob and Kathy Herndon, in loving memory of O. Glen and Betty J. Kennedy; Bob and Kathy Herndon, in loving memory of Louis W. and Mary Lou Herndon; Sharon and Henry Hopkins, in loving memory of loved ones; Sarah-Joy Hunter, in loving memory of Marvaneen Elizabeth Robinson; Bill and Judy Ichord, in memory of William E. Gardner; Luree James, in loving memory of Philip James; Shirley, David, Daniel, and Austin Leedy, in loving memory of Donald J. Leedy; Chet and Kate Lund, in loving memory of son, Richard Bryan Smilie, Jr; Herbert and Lisa MacArthur, in loving memory of Wayne and Louie Timblin; Herbert and Lisa MacArthur, in loving memory of A. Gordon MacArthur; Don, Gretchen Major and family, in loving memory of parents and grandparents; Harry Mason, in loving memory of Polly Mason (Pauline); Bill and Donna Mayne, in loving memory of parents and grandparents; Kristine Morris, in loving memory of her son, Nicholas Scott Morris, and father, Donald Kenneth Miller; Emma and Leah Morris, in loving memory of their father, Anthony David Morris; Dara Myrah, in loving memory of her father, Vincent J. Bieker; Sue, Brian, and Kelly Nicholas, in loving memory of Francis and Marge Ciranni; Roger Nichols, in loving memory of family; Teresa and John Osborn, in honor of our parents; Mark and Mary Pella, in loving memory of loved ones; Petrean/Yaeger, in loving memory of Al Petrenas; Jan Pierce and Dominion Christian School, in loving memory of Jack Donaldson; Michael and Patty Polychrones, in loving memory of our parents and other loved ones; Robin and Tom Portman, in loving memory of Jackie Fischer; Rob and Jen Prunty, in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Taylor; Rob and Jen Prunty, in loving memory of Mr. Neil Chipley, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McAuley, and Ms. Madeline Allen; Judy, Brian, Mary, and Sarah Rainey, in loving memory of their son and brother, Joe; Tim and Jennifer Reardon, in loving memory of Ken Burke; Tim and Jennifer Reardon, in honor of Jean and Joe Fox; Tim and Jennifer Reardon, in honor of Bob and Barbara Reardon; Doug and Judy Rhodes, to the glory of God; Jane Richards, in loving memory of Campbell Bernice Patch and Sister Sara; Baker Richards, in loving memory of Nancy Ewald Richards; Scott and Laundry families, in loving memory of Andre Munro Scott; Seeman family, in loving memory of Rodger Seeman; Lee Self, in loving memory of William (Mid) Self III; George and Jane Sibley, in loving memory of William Taylor and George and Rose Sibley; Judy Smith, in loving memory of John and Fred; Julia and Peter Smith family, in loving memory of Hayden, Grammy, Grampy, Pat, and Janie; Dick and Liz Stark, in loving memory of Dave Lothrop and Isabel Drinkwater; Sherri and Bill Steinbach, in loving memory of loved ones; Connie and Mayo Stuntz, in loving memory of their daughter, Grace; Lee Taylor, in loving memory of her dad, Phil James; Scott and Rachel Thompson, in loving memory of their grandparents; Lance and Pamela Vining, in loving memory of their parents and brother; Neil and Alison Warner, in honor of our children, Lexi and Grant; Burt and Gerri Webb, in loving memory of our parents.