Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

Preparation is Key

Luke 1:5-20

December 2, 2012
Sunday Worship 8:00

Prelude

Youth Orchestra

Lighting of the Advent Candle

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Chorus)

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and sorrow cease; Fill all the world with heaven's peace. (Chorus)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel! (Repeat)
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Prayer of Adoration

Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Tomlin/Cash

What hope we hold this starlit night   A King is born in Bethlehem
Our journey long we seek the light   That leads to the hallowed manger ground

What fear we felt in the silent age   Four-hundred years can He be found
But broken by a baby’s cry   Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

Chorus
Emmanuel Emmanuel   God incarnate here to dwell
Emmanuel Emmanuel   Praise His name Emmanuel

The Son of God here born to bleed   A crown of thorns would pierce His brow
And we beheld this offering   Exalted now the King of kings
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground (Chorus)

Ending
Praise His name Emmanuel


Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
A hearing loop is installed under the rear balcony. Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.
Offertory
Born Where the Shadows Lie

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Youth Choir
Getty/Shackley

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Luke 1:5-20

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Pete James

Communion (Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon)
Song of Zechariah

Hymn
O Come, All Ye Faithful

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O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
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Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation.
O sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above.
Glory to God, All glory in the highest. (Chorus)

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, Born this happy morning.
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv’n.
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing. (Chorus)

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Benediction

Postlude

What did you love about worship today? Share your feedback.
Please contact Elder Martha Strauss at worshipfeedback@viennapres.org
Sunday Worship 9:30 and 11:00

Prelude
E’en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come
Sanctuary Choir
Manz

Welcome

Call to Worship
Arky, Arky
Joyful Noise

Lighting of the Advent Candle
(9:30) Friendship Class
(11:00) Clarke Family

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Children’s Message

Daryl Wright

Offertory
The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy
Sanctuary Choir
Fettke

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Savior of the Nations, Come
Terry Sisk, Organist
J. S. Bach

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**Prayers**

- **Grieving:** Wendy Culberson (father); the family of Linnia Lomax; the family of Rick Shirley
- **Hospitalized:** Barbara Carlson's cousin
- **Facing Tests or Surgery:** Maggie Karns's mother; Pamela O'Connell's father
- **Homebound:** Donna Shively
- **Ill or Convalescing:** Tom Addams; Beverly Bender; Bea Blasdel; Bill Comerford; Chuck Garland; Kyle Hard; Austin Murga; Audrey Neeson; Audrey O'Shea; Kate Parthum; Bill Phillips; Marvin Price; Sabrina Remy (2); Larry Root; Joan Sansone; Margaret Takesian; Roger Woodin; Carol Yates

**Family and Friends:**
- William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Marsha Coe's friend Barbara; Sandra Crippen's brother; Arayanna Darst's friend Mary; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Bill Downer's friends Carl, Dave, and Bionda & family; Nancy & Adrian Eley's friend Kaylee (3); Mary Flounlacker's father; Bonnie Grouge's first father-in-law, Allan Kerr (Hospice); the Hamlet family's beloved Aunt Mimi; Avice Hill's brother Neil; Bob Hill's sister Lois Ann; Jim Jeffrey's friend Lee; Walter Johnson's daughter-in-law; Barb Jones's friend Jessica; Michelle Jones's friends Paulette and Sandra; Liz Killman's mother; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Frank Kifer's sister Nancy; Valerie King's brother-in-law Danny; Lisa LeLune's mother; Lynn Lotocki's aunt (& uncle); Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Janet McKechnie's daughter-in-law; Libby Mosher's grandfather; Pam Priester's friend Mike; Michelle Rahal's mother; Trish Sandercock's mother; Bev Strean's goddaughter; Phyllis Swenson's sister; Mary Beth Savary Taylor's father (Hospice); Kelly-Anne Thomson's mother; Pamela Vining's friends Caden(2) and family, Joshua (12), and Peter; Karen Williams's friend Lauren; Daryl Wright's father

**Other:** The Aki family; Matt & Amber Bergstrom; Sarah Collins & family; Mike Hughes; Gwyn Ann Taylor; Violeta Villacorta; Sandra; Haymarket Crossroads Mission; peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; the people across the US hit hard by Hurricane Sandy and other natural disasters; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan

**Missions/Missionaries of the week:**
- Dave Robinson, World Vision (International); Presbyterian Children’s Home of the Highlands, Wytheville, VA (National); Cornerstone Community School, Washington, DC (Local)
- Rob & Jen Prunty on the birth of Christian Andrew Prunty on November 21. We also congratulate Katie Savage & Jon Warga on the birth of their daughter, Avery, on September 15.

**Praise God** for the life of Sarah Howell, who turns 98 on December 7.

**We give God thanks** for these special folks on the anniversaries of their uniting with VPC: John & Peg Boag, 12/3/61 (51 years), Alice Burroughs, 12/4/60 (52 years), and Jean Hamill, 12/7/52 (60 years)!

**Please keep these military men and women in your prayers:**
- Caitlin Addams, Todd Alexander, Curtis Ballard, Keith Balts; Bowie Bergdahl, Garrett Bernsten, Jonathan Bertera, Steve Blatus; Lance Booth, Alex Boyce, Ethan Brand, Michael Bridgewater, Coulton Brown, Todd Chamberlain, Lt. Marnie Dabroski, Garret Dawson & Co., Jacob Day; William Dillon, John Douglas, John Eldridge, Robert Escamilla, Adam Friend, Samuel Geschiere, Chris Goble, Col. Joe Goetz, Jonathan Graebner, Scott Graham, Dr. Sarah Granger, Andrew Hall, Gary Hogan, Peter Hunt, Heather Ichord, Brian Janiec, Andy Johnson, Paul Julian; Brian Kibitlewski, Doughty's aunt, Libby Mosher's grandfather; Pam Priester's friend Mike; Michelle Rahal's mother; Trish Sandercock's mother; Bev Strean's goddaughter; Phyllis Swenson's sister; Mary Beth Savary Taylor's father (Hospice); Kelly-Anne Thomson's mother; Pamela Vining's friends Caden(2) and family, Joshua (12), and Peter; Karen Williams's friend Lauren; Daryl Wright's father

**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 published 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: Get Started: Fill out the Friendship Pad in the pews during the service and we will contact you to help you get connected at VPC and answer any questions you may have. You are also invited to visit the Welcome Table in the narthex for a gift, and then visit the Great Hall for coffee between 8-11am.

Step 2: Get Oriented: Orientation to the Journey class is an opportunity to look at who we are as a church, find out what we believe, ask questions, and find how to best connect. (Next class: December 9, room 108C.)

Step 3: Get Going: Invitation to the Journey class is a 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.” Please go to viennapres.org/firststeps for information and to register, or contact Linda Kemple (x100). Next Classes: January 2013.

Step 4: Get Connected: Share the Journey! Being part of a group or community to grow in Christ, connect with others, and serve is critical in our faith development. We would love to help you find the best place for you! For more information contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or call 703-938-9050 x123.

The miracles of the first Christmas happened in the midst of the messiness of life.

Like Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the Magi, we are invited to connect our messy lives with God’s redemptive will.

Advent Devotionals. Get your copy online, by email, on Facebook or Twitter, or in the narthex.
82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited.
7 out of 10 unchurched people have never been invited to church in their whole lives.

**Children’s Caroling Events**

**KidsNation 34** (3rd-4th graders)
December 7, 6-8:30

**Club 56** (5th-6th graders)
December 14, 6-8:30pm

**Sunday, December 16**
4 & 7pm, Sanctuary

**ReFuel**
(Young Adult Community)

Thursday, December 13
7pm, 3rd Floor

**Christmas Eve**
4 & 5:15pm Families with Young Children
7 & 8:45pm Candlelight Services
10:30pm Candlelight and Communion

**Advent Service of Wholeness**

Sunday, December 2
7pm, Chapel

**Glorious Sounds of Christmas**
Gifts from the Heart

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

Come by the Giving Tree.

Select a tag,

Bring tag to the gift table,

Record your gift.

Return unwrapped gift by December 16.

Great Hall
Sundays through December 16, 9am-12:30pm

Gift opportunities include: a variety of gift cards; adult’s and children’s coats, hats, & boots; toys for girls and boys; baby formula; diapers; and Teens Bibles plus much more…

Stop by to see the entire list of needs and the list of charities where your gifts will be donated.
Contact: Sharon Lewis at Sharon.Lewis1@cox.net, 703.625.8275, Missions Department

You can’t do everything, but you can do something.
General Announcements

Christmas Poinsettias: Sign up for a Poinsettia Memorial in the narthex through December 9. Contact Barb Strite, 571-434-0799 or barbstrite@aol.com

Meet the Artist Event: Grapevine Books presents Shawnte of Holly Lane Designs. Sunday, December 16, 9am-12:30pm. View her enormous selection of Christian jewelry and learn about the inspiration behind each piece. Bring your Christmas lists!

Advent Wreath Lighters: Families or individuals interested in lighting the Advent Wreath on Sunday mornings through December 23 can contact Lee Taylor at 703.938.9050, ext. 103. First come, first served!

Serve

CHO’s (Community for Helping Others) Christmas List:
1. Volunteers to help with Christmas Store setup: December 14, 9:30am, Great Hall.
2. Volunteers to escort families through the Christmas Store: December 15, 8:30am.
3. Donations of new toys and gift cards can be made through Gifts from the Heart.
4. Donation of food cards for families and coats and jackets.

We promise you a large dose of Christmas Spirit - come join us. Call Carolyn Mysel with questions or to sign up: 703.938.7213.

The Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH): Great Hall on December 9, 16, and 23. Give the gift of a pregnant goat or pig and receive a free Christmas ornament while supplies last. Other Haitian products, including: crafts, Haitian coffee, and “Haiti is Hot Sauce” will also be available. Proceeds to benefit the Primary Care Clinic in Jamal, Haiti. For more details: Wanda Vander Nat at wevn@verizon.net

School Supplies for Haiti: The next Haiti Teacher Professional Development trip is leaving January 7. Accepting donations of lightweight blocks, Legos, puzzles, wordless picture books, color/number/ABC toys, construction toys, or dolls of color. Call Emmy Parker at 703.404.4698.

Volunteer Opportunity in Grapevine Books! Looking for a way to serve one Sunday morning a month? We’d love to have your smiling face in Grapevine Books. We’ll train you! Contact Anna Whiston-Donaldson at whisdonald9847@verizon.net

Financial Projects Coordinator

Vienna Presbyterian Church seeks an individual to assist in the completion of a number of special financial projects. This is a temporary, contract position. This person will undertake specific accounting-related projects. Position requirements include significant accounting skills, and experience with and thorough understanding of accrual accounting and non-profit financial statements. Audit experience a plus. Contract duration is approximately 6-9 months. Hours are flexible but will average approximately 10-15 hours per week. Submit resume to doug.lemasters@viennapres.org.

Connect

Middle School: Christmas Movie-Pillow Fight-Game Night: Friday, December 7, 6-9pm.
High School: White Elephant Christmas Party Sunday, December 9, 6:30-8:30pm.
More details for both can be found on the Hub Events page of vpcstudents.org

SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors over 55+)
Come celebrate the birth of our Lord at noon Wednesday, Dec 12, for a catered Christmas luncheon in the Great Hall with special musical guests including Danielle Talamantes. $25 reservation required by Dec 5. Contact Steve Skjei, 703.938.4623. A freewill offering will be collected for the Yellow Ribbon Fund.

Widows and Widowers Luncheon will be at noon, Saturday, December 8, at P. J. Skidoos Restaurant, 9908 Fairfax Blvd in Fairfax City. Please notify Stan King if you can attend at 703.281.0825.

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Club 56 (5th-6th graders): Christmas Caroling and house party. Friday, December 14, 6-8:30pm. Contact Daryl Wright with any questions at daryl.wright@viennapres.org.

Refuel (Young Adults) Christmas Party: Thursday, December 13, 7pm, 3rd floor. Please bring friends/neighbors and a side dish or dessert to share. Contact Kevin Miller at kevin.miller@viennapres.org or visit viennapres.org/refuel for additional information.
Grow

Spiritual Growth Plan: Cards/worksheets are available in the Narthex or online at viennapres.org/ministries/adults/resources
Let us help you grow!

Monday Night Men’s Group: 7–8:30pm, every Monday, 3rd floor Activity Center. Senior Pastor Pete James with Rev. Ed Dawkins, Steve Garner, Phil Kratovil, and You! Guys among guys, who take the Bible seriously… learn, grow, laugh, and make life-long friends. 45-minute teaching time and 45-minute small group time. Pizza, popcorn, drinks… For more info: viennapres.org/men

Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study: 9:30-11:30 am, third floor. The topic is Helpmates, Harlots, and Heroes: Women of the Old Testament. Childcare is available with advance registration. For more information contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703-938-9050 x123.

Care

Griefshare: Support for those grieving the death of a loved one. For information go to GriefShare@viennapres.org.

Passages: for those going through separation or divorce. Tuesdays, 7-9pm, Room 203/204.

Christian Cancer Companions: Contact Rita Lockwood at 703.573.6168.

Widows Dinner Group: 3rd Monday each month. Contact Betty Little at 703.938.9050 x121.

Widows and Widowers Luncheons: 3rd Saturday each month. Linda Waters, coordinator 703.860.8685.

Newspring: Contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116.

In need of a Stephen Minister? Please contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116.

Thank you for your generous support!

Your contributions continue to be vital to making ministry happen at VPC! We are behind where we expected to be at this point in contributions for both Ministry & Missions funding and debt reduction. With your generosity we hope to close this gap.

Ministry and Missions Funding

2012 Ministry and Missions Budget: $3,888,901
Anticipated M & M contributions through October: $2,750,983
Actual M & M contributions/income as of Oct. 31: $2,645,530
Contribution shortfall as of October 31: $ 105,452

Debt Retirement Funding

2012 Debt Retirement Budget (minimum payments): $ 436,200
Amount pledged for debt retirement in 2012: $ 743,774
Debt Retirement funds recd. as of October 31: $ 369,771
Sunday Mornings at VPC

Children’s Room Assignments

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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
Youth Groups: Middle School and High School, 4-6pm

Adult Education Classes

9:30am

Beyond Basics: Fellowship, coffee, and a study of the minor prophets and the book Be Amazed. Leaders: Shun Ling and George Marling. Kate Lund, katejlund@yahoo.com, Room 205.

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


Foundations Class: Join us as we build on the twin foundations of scripture and friendship. No preparation required! John and Kathy Draper, 703.539.8300 or jkdraper@ymail.com, Room 203/204.

11am

Apprentices Class: The Holiness of God by Dr. R. C. Sproul. Newcomers are always welcome. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com, Room 205.

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages): Bonnie Grouge at bonnie.grouge@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x102. Room 311.

Study of Corinthians 1 & 2: Berean Adult Bible Study. All are welcome. John and Nancy Davidovich, 703.938.4775. Room 203/204.

Practical Christian Living: 2nd floor conference room. All are welcome. Contact Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org