Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30, 11:00

Prelude

Nun komm, der heiden Heiland (8am)  
Mary Had a Baby Boy (9:30 & 11am)  
Terry Sisk, Organist  
Cherub Choir

Ceremony of Carols

Benjamin Britten

Procession

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!

Welcum 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 the Advent Candle

9:30 McElroy Family  
11:00 Simpson Family

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

Children’s Message

9:30am Children in Bridges and Gateways are dismissed.
11am Children’s Choirs are dismissed.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

That Yongë 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,

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

Matthew 1:18-21
Offering of Gifts and Pledges

As dew in Aprille
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.
His 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.

Interlude
Marian Rian Hays, Harp

Scripture
Matthew 1:22-25

Sermon
Adopting Jesus
Pete James
**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 liveries wear;
The Prince himself is come from Heav'n; this pomp is prized there.
With joy approach o 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**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Terry Sisk, Organist

Wilbur Held

Today’s flowers are given by Barbara Denmon in loving memory of their dear friend and special aunt, Margaret Corman; and by Bill and Sherrie Steinbach in loving memory of their son William Steinbach III.
Prayers

**Grieving:** Brian Graff (mother); Lynn Lotocki (aunt); Amy MacDonald (mother); Sherry Moseley (father); the family of Audrey O'Shea; Trish Sandercok (mother); Mary Beth Savary Taylor (father); Ed Venditti (mother)

**Hospitalized:** Barbara Carlson's cousin; Kaila's friend Amira;

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Charles Geschiere's father

**Homebound:** Jack & Ellaveen Barmby

**Ill or Convalescing:** Tom Addams; Beverly Bender; Bea Blasdell; Bill Comerford; Chuck Garland; Kyle Hard; Chaz Mateer; Audrey Neeson; Kate Parthum; Bill Phillips; Marvin Price; Sabrina Remy (2); Larry Root; Mark Rosenbaum (husband of Marjorie Morrison); Joan Sansone; Margaret Takesian; Nancy Thiel; Roger Woodin; Carol Yates

**Family and Friends:** William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's sister; Sandra Crippen's brother; Arayanna Darst's friend Mary & family; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Bill Downer's friends Bionda & family, Carl, and Dave; 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 Lee; Bob Hill's sister Lois Ann; Jim Jeffrey's friend Lee; Walter Johnson's daughter-in-law; Barb Jones' friend Jessica; Michelle Jones' friends Paulette and Sandra; Maggie Karnis's mother; Liz Kellman's mother; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Frank Kifer's sister Nancy; Valerie King's brother-in-law Danny; Julie Knight's brother Jim; Lisa LeJune's mother; Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Janet McKechnie's daughter-in-law; Libby Mosher's grandfather; Pamela O'Connell's mother; Karen Williams's friend Lauren; Daryl Wright's father

**Missions/Missionaries of the week:** Francis & Hilary Viscount, Wycliffe (International); Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA (National); Our Daily Bread, Fairfax (Local)

**Other:** Mike Hughes; Carl Klunk; 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

We give God thanks for Thelma Haslam, who joined VPC on 12/19/54 (58 years)!


**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: January 13, 11am, 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 series of classes: January 27, February 3 & 10.

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.

Parking alert:
We no longer have the use of the JUD Tile building parking lot on Sundays. The owner respectfully requests that VPC attendees park only in the caboose lot behind the building and not use spaces in the front reserved for his tenant’s clients.

Parking no longer available here.

We hope you enjoyed today's service.

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 on the birth of Christ for boys choir, soloists, and harp.
Relax & Enjoy

glorious Sounds of Christmas

Relax & Enjoy traditional Christmas music
Escape the hustle and bustle of the Christmas rush
Childcare provided

Sunday, December 16, 4 & 7pm

Join us
Christmas Eve

4 & 5:15pm: Families with Young Children
7 & 8:45pm: Candlelight Services
10:30pm: Candlelight and Communion
Where does your money go?

Your generosity supports our worship, Sunday school, missionaries, pastors, student ministries, clean and safe church, nursery workers, evangelism, heat, air conditioning, building maintenance, ESOL, adult education, bulletins, church website, mission partners, etc.

VPC counts on significant contributions in December to meet annual expenses. In fact, each year, we receive more in the Christmas season than any other time.

This year’s actual giving is our strongest indicator of potential giving next year, and will determine our projected Ministry and Missions spending for 2013.

Did you make a pledge for 2012?
Now is a great time to get caught up...

How can you give?
Place donations in the plate at one of the services.
Give online using either debit or credit card at viennapres.org/onlinegiving.
Gifts may be placed in the “Dropbox” located just outside the VPC Office, 2nd floor.
Give stock or mutual fund shares OR funds may be automatically drafted from your checking account. Call Julie at 703.938.9050 ext. 120

How can you get a tax break in 2012?
All donations received via credit or debit card must be received by December 31.
Stock transfers must be initiated by December 31.
Donations sent via US mail must be postmarked by December 31.
General Announcements

Gifts from the Heart: Return your unwrapped gifts today. Great Hall, 8am-12pm. Contact: Sharon Lewis at sharon.Lewis1@cox.net or 703.625.8275

Student Ministries: High School and Middle School Youth groups will resume on January 6. Merry Christmas to you all!

The Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH): Great Hall, today and December 23. Haitian products, including crafts, coffee, and “Haiti is Hot Sauce,” are available. Contact: Wanda Vander Nat at wevn@verizon.net

Marriage Prep classes begin January 13. These free sessions are required for those being married by our pastors, but open to others also. Contact: Linda Kemple, 703.938.9050; enroll at viennapres.org/marriageprep. Next seminar: April.


Serve

School Supplies for Haiti: 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

Connect

Already longing for summer? Summer Mission Project leaders and volunteers can sign up now to serve in summer 2013. Please contact Barry at barry.hill@viennapres.org or Amanda at amanda.strong@viennapres.org for more information.

College Reunion: Monday January 7, 7:30pm at the home of Mary Monie, 2047 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna, 22181. Bonfire, snacks, and time to catch up with friends! Contact Kevin Miller at kevin.miller@viennapres.org or visit viennapres.org/refuel

Refuel (Young Adults): Thursday, January 10, 7pm, Underground. Bring friends/neighbors. Contact Kevin Miller at kevin.miller@viennapres.org or visit viennapres.org/refuel

Pitstop: Dinner and play time for families with the youngest children on designated Fridays at 6:30 pm in the Great Hall. Come for pizza, salad, and fellowship! For more information and to RSVP, contact Shannon at 703-938-9050 x123 or shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

SWATT (55+, Seniors with Available Time and Talent): Join us for our first potluck luncheon of the new year. January 9, 12:15pm, Great Hall. Randy Gressang will speak on "George Washington: Spymaster." And Sunday, January 27: Reston Community Theater "The Savannah Disputations" at 2:30pm. Lunch at Lakeside Inn, 1pm; reservation required; lunch cost TBD. Play is $16; no bus (carpools available): contact Dee Anderson.

Meet the Artist Event:

Grapevine Books presents: Shawnte of Holly Lane Designs

Today, 9am-12:30pm
And during Glorious Sounds, 5:30-7pm tonight!

View her enormous selection of Christian jewelry and learn about the inspiration behind each piece.

Bring your Christmas lists!
**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. For more info: viennapres.org/men

**Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study:** Will resume January 8. 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.

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**CenterPoint**

**Adult Enrichment Classes**

**Reason for the Hope Within: Christian Critical Thinking**

Rev. Dr. John Y. Lee

Sundays at 7:00pm, January 6, 13, 27; February 3 & 10

Join us as we:

- Critically reflect on who we are in Christ
- Become more sensitive to living in a pluralistic society.
- Use this to reach out to our neighbors.

**Sessions:**
1. Christianity as Worldview and Life-Orienting Story
2. Christian Witness in a Pluralistic World
3. Friend or Foe? Christian Belief and Science
4. Signs of God: Beauty, Justice, and Love
5. That Which We Cannot Control: The Role of the Holy Spirit in Persuasion

For more information and registration, visit viennapres.org/centerpoint

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**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.

**Newspoint:** 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.

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**Advent Devotionals.**

Get your copy online, by email, on Facebook or Twitter, or in the narthex.

*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.*
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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: Merry Christmas! See you back on January 6.

Adult Education Classes

9:30am

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