Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

Heart Calls to Heart

Luke 2:8-15

December 23, 2012
Sunday Worship 8:00

Prelude
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Adoration

Angels from the Realms of Glory, Hymn #22

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: (Refrain)

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star. (Refrain)

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.

(Chorus)
Love so amazing, love so amazing; Jesus Messiah, Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel; the Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine,
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. (Chorus)

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world. (Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all, the Lord of all! The Lord of all.

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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.
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
Night of Silence

Youth Choir
Kantor

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Offertory
Walk in the Light

Youth Choir
Thomas

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Luke 2:8-15

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What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? Refrain

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

Benediction

Postlude
Lift Up Your Heads

Terry Sisk
Manz

Today’s flowers are given by Herbert and Lisa MacArthur
in loving memory of A. Gordon MacArthur
Sunday Worship 9:30 and 11:00

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Anthem
In the Bleak Midwinter

Children’s Message
Dawn Geschiere

Offertory
Mary, Did You Know?
Sanctuary Choir

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Prayers

Grieving: Ellen Dooley (father); Ollie Fowler (sister); Brian Graff (mother); Jill Tyroler (mother); Ed Venditti (mother); Scarlett & J.T. (son & brother, Jesse Lewis at Newtown, CT)

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

Homebound: Cathie Becker

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; 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; Charles Geschiere'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; Maggie Karns'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 father; Pam Priester's friend Mike; Michelle Rahal's mother; Bev Stream's goddaughter; 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: Mike Hughes; Carl Klunk; Jonathan Williams & friends; Sandra; Haymarket Crossroads Mission; the people of Newtown, CT; 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: Samuil Petrovski, EUS (Intervarsity International), Eastern Europe (International); Presbyterian Pan-American School, Kingsville, TX (National); Central Fairfax Services, Fairfax Co. (Local)

Congratulations to: Justin & Rebekah Jordan on the birth of their son Canon on October 31.

A note of thanks: “We would like to thank Pastor Geschiere for his spiritual support, the Board of Deacons for their immediate outreach, and all the individuals who had us on their hearts and in their prayers during Bill’s recovery from surgical complications. Many expressed their concerns through cards, calls or a simple and kind inquiry as to our well-being. In the midst of our challenges, these were blessings for which we will always be grateful.” Bill Comerford, Barbara Arnold, Allison & Todd Address, and Megan Comerford


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.

For Ladies Only:
Jump-Start 2013 God’s Way

Saturday, December 29
10am-12pm

Join Cheryl Martin (formerly of BET) and other phenomenal women for a special empowerment and encouragement rally. Spend the last Saturday of 2012 retooling for a great 2013.

Childcare not provided, but children are welcome.

Register for this free event at: jumpstart2013godsway.eventbrite.com and receive a free gift.
Join us in the New Year!

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

JOIN US IN THE NEW YEAR!
HERE’S WHY...

Sunday School Classes
Club 56: 5th & 6th grade youth group
MEN’S GREAT STEAK OUT
Underground: Teens programs
CenterPoint: Reason for the Hope Within
Tuesday Women’s Groups

SWATT:
Reston Community Theatre fieldtrip
Kids Nation 34: 3rd & 4th grade youth
ReFuel: College Reunion
Marriage Preparation Classes
Bridgepoint Connections

MONDAY NIGHT MEN’S GROUP

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LESSONS FROM THE CHRISTMAS STORY

The classic Christmas story - the story of Jesus born in a manger, shepherds coming to visit, and kings following a star to find this infant child - is a story filled with stewardship messages.

Lesson from the Baby Jesus
There is no shame in being poor.

Throughout his life, Jesus taught us to give and to serve, He first came into this world as one who needed assistance. It was no accident that He was born without a place to lay His head. In coming to our world in this way, Jesus shows us there is no shame in being poor. A risk we take when we practice stewardship is that we may begin to think of ourselves as better or luckier than someone in need and consciously or unconsciously look down upon those who need our generosity. When we look down upon the poor, we look down upon the infant Jesus Himself.

Lesson from the Shepherds
We all have gifts to give.

The shepherds came from the fields bringing only themselves and their sheep. Yet their interest in Jesus was enough to win them a place in the Christmas story for all times. What is their stewardship message to us? Even if all we have to give is our interest, our caring, and our time to come and visit; those are important gifts to give.

Lesson from the Wise Men
Just worshipping Jesus isn't enough.

The wise men present an entirely different message than the shepherds. Like most of us, these were people with many blessings. They are praised in the Christmas story not just for coming to worship Jesus but also for bringing Him gifts. The lesson is that just going to church is not enough. We also are expected to bring our gifts with us.

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.

What should you know?
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.
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

Student Ministries Annual Costume Party: January 13, 5-8:30pm, Underground. Got a Clue? dinner theatre. Open to all 7th through 12th-graders. Go to viennapres.org/hub-events for costume ideas. Contact Amanda Strong at 703.938.9050 x155 or Amanda.strong@viennapres.org

Refuel (Young Adults): Thursday, January 10, 7pm, Underground. Bring friends/neighbors for a topical discussion and Bible study on relevant issues. Contact Kevin Miller: 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

Serve

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.

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.

The Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH): Great Hall, today, 8:30am-12pm. Last Chance to purchase gifts for Christmas!

Haitian products, including crafts, coffee, and “Haiti is Hot Sauce,” are available.

Contact: Wanda Vander Nat at wevn@verizon.net
Grow

Spiritual Growth Plan: Cards/worksheets are available in the narthex or online at viennapres.org/SpiritualGrowthPlan
Let us help you grow!


Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study: Will resume January 8. 9:30-11:30 am, third floor. with Helpmates, Harlots, and Heroes: Women of the Old Testament. Childcare is available with advance registration. Contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123.

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study: Begins January 8, 7-9pm, room 108, with Emerson Eggerich’s video presentation Love and Respect. Small group breakout for discussion after each session. No books, study, or registration required. DVD study guide may be purchased for $10. One-time small donation may be given for materials used. Questions: contact dee.m.fall@gmail.com

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.

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

MONDAY – JANUARY 14
7PM – GREAT HALL

COST: $20
(includes steak dinner, program, free parking)
Bring a friend, neighbor, co-worker for half price!

RSVP BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 10
To 703.938.1897 or phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.
Or online at viennapres.org/steakout
Children’s Room Assignments

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Middle and High School Sunday Youth Services
No classes or youth groups this week.
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 303/204.

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