Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

A Star Is Born

Matthew 2:1-12

January 6, 2013
Call to Worship
God Our Help of Ages Past

Quartet

Prayer of Adoration

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

Refrain:
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. (Refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, we are raising, worshipping God Most High. (Refrain)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Offering

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star while angels sang to lonely shepherds.
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar, hoping to find the child from heaven.
And falling on their knees, they bowed before the humble Prince of Peace.

Chorus:
I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You’re due.
O Lord, I bring an offering to You. I bring an offering to You.

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love. There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne, before the holy One of heaven.
It’s only by Your blood and it’s only through Your mercy. Lord, I come. (Chorus 2x)

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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.
**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Offertory**
True Light

_During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad._

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture**
Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon**
A Star Is Born
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**Communion**

As with Gladness Men of Old

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So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last  
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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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Children’s Message

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

Offertory
Let This Mind Be In You

Sanctuary Choir
Amy Beech

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

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Pete James

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Prayers

Grieving: Laurie Benton & Melissa Parham (mother); Ruth Nowjack-Raymer (father); the family of Bill Phillips, the family of Rowland (RJ) Purdy

Hospitalized: Barbara Carlson's cousin; Kaila's friend Amira; Judy Rainey's friend Bob

Homebound: Alice Burroughs

Ill or Convalescing: Tom Addams; Beverly Bender; Bea Blasdell; Bill Comerford; Chuck Garland; Kyle Hard; Katherine Masyn; Audrey Neeson; Kate Parthum; Marvin Price; Sabrina Remy (2); Larry Root; Mark Rosenbaum; Joan Sansone; 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, Sarah & Max; 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 friend; Bonnie Grouge's first father-in-law, Allan Kerr (Hospice); the Hamlett family's beloved Aunt Mimi; Avice Hill's brother Neil; Bob Hill's sister Lois Ann; Jim Jeffery's mother and father and his friend Lee; Walter Johnson's daughter-in-law; Barb Jones's friend Jessica; Michelle Jones's 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; Katherine Masyn's brother; 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 Stread'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

Praise God for the life of: Bix Doughty, who turns 97 on January 10!

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: Oksana Savka, New Hope, Ukraine (Inter-national); Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA (National); Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Northern VA (Local)


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.
Announcements

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.

Welcome New VPC Leadership Class of 2013-2015

Deacons:
Heidi Amstutz; Chris Chambers-Chun; Gary Goodrich; Donna Hall; Barbara Kneeland; Yvonne Malloy; Mark Richards; Jane Sibley; Nancy Walker

Elders:
Lisa Baltzer; Randi DeWeese; Burt LeJune; Wilbur Priester; Jill Roberts; Rachel Thompson

See pictures at viennapres/elders and viennapres/deacons.
STUDENT MINISTRIES  ANNUAL COSTUME PARTY

JANUARY 13 – 5-8:30PM, UNDERGROUND

GOT A CLUE?
DINNER THEATRE

Come see the Underground decked out Clue style, while you and your friends try to solve a mystery being acted out before your eyes.

Great food, awesome games, raffle prizes, a hilarious skit, and more--you won't want to miss this magically mysterious event!

OPEN TO ALL 7TH-THROUGH 12TH-GRADERS.
GO TO VIENNAAPRES.ORG/HUB-EVENTS FOR COSTUME IDEAS.
CONTACT AMANDA STRONG AT 703.938.9050 X155 OR AMANDA.STRONG@VIENNAAPRES.ORG

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
General Announcements

A Special Thank You: to Darlene Pierce who served as the coordinator for Prison Fellowship Ministries Angel Tree program after many faithful years of coordination by Tricia Hine. We had 36 families volunteer to provide gifts for 70 children of incarcerated parents. Through this program we have touched the hearts of hurting children at Christmas.

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

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.

Connect

College Reunion: Tomorrow, 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 for a topical discussion and Bible study on relevant issues. Contact Kevin Miller: kevin.miller@viennapres.org or visit viennapres.org/refuel

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.

Club 56: January 11, 7-9pm, 3rd Floor. Come to a New Year Celebration. All 5th and 6th graders are welcome. viennapres.org/club56 for more info.

Kids Nation 34: February 1, 7-8:30pm, 3rd Floor. 3rd and 4th graders are invited to join in some winter fun! viennapres.org/kn34 for more info.

A Message of Thanks from CHO (Committee for Helping Others):

Thank you so much for including CHO as a recipient of the generous donations of toys, clothes, diapers, and other items that are part of the Gifts from the Heart VPC program. It makes such a big difference in the number of children we can help each year. The gifts are wonderful!

On December 15, we helped 113 families choose gifts for their 283 children and teens. We helped some with gifts the afternoon before -- that was another 21 children of mothers who are in a recovery program in our area. We also found homes for 110 bikes that people fixed up and donated! I’m always pleased that every year, because of the generosity of people in our area, we are able to help families right up to Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Very truly yours,
Carolyn Mysel
Food & Holiday Chair
How can I make room in my life for Jesus?

Make a reservation!

We already know HOW to do this! It is the same as buying Redskins tickets, creating a fun vacation or a family celebration...we just decide and plan. We can make room for Jesus, too!

Pick Your Place

30-day risk free trial!

Trying a class doesn’t mean you are committed for life, or that you can’t miss a class. Pick your place---make your reservation to learn what it means to follow Jesus and what it can mean for you every day.

Pick Your Place

January 6 and 13 in Great Hall

Friends will be available to help you find the right class or group to pick your place. You can make the most of your Sunday drive to Vienna or if Sundays don’t work, we have a variety of midweek options!

Viennapres.org/study

Spiritual Practices that Fit

Finding ways to experience God that fit our personalities can be as difficult as finding a great pair of jeans! Spiritual practices should be like our favorite jeans, comfortable and easy to wear! Come to one of three workshops in January to help you find a way to connect with God through the Bible!

Go to viennapres.org/newyear for more info!

You don’t KNOW what you don’t KNOW!

Christianity Explored is a thought-provoking class with answers to many common questions about Jesus.

Seven 50 minute sessions.
Sun. mornings beginning Jan. 20, 9:30am Conference room, 2nd floor.
Sneak peak January 13, 12 pm.

How is the Bible a plan for a good BEST life now?

Life can be a maze and God helps us find our way through! Learn how the Bible is the tool to unravel the complexity of living in today’s world. Sneak Peak Jan. 13 at noon in the 2nd floor conference room!

Go to viennapres.org/childrens or viennapres.org/students

VPC has an enormous number of learning opportunities on Sunday mornings for children and teens as well!
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.

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.

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study:

Begins January 8 – 7-9pm – Room 108

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
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, 5-7pm, Underground; and High School, 6:30-8:30pm, Great Hall

Adult Education Classes

9:30am
**Beyond Basics:** Fellowship, coffee, and Bible study. George Marling and Shun Ling will lead us as we study the book of Joel, a minor prophet. Kate Lund, katejulund@yahoo.com. Room 205.

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

**Partners with Christ:** a study of the book of Daniel: Determining to Go God’s Direction. Newcomers and drop-ins always welcome. Martha Strauss, martha.strauss@me.com or 703.319.7050. Parlor.

**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