Sermon Series: **Unwrapping His Presence**

Vienna Presbyterian Church  
A Disciple-Making Community

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**Let It Be**

*Luke 1:26-38*

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**December 15, 2013**
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

Prelude
How Great Our Joy
Youth Orchestra

arr. Stan Pethel

Third Sunday in Advent: Lighting of The Shepherd Candle (The Candle of Joy) signifies that “the angels sang a message of Joy.”

- Jane Seeman; Linda, Hannah and Heather Colbert (8:00)
-- Chris, Kate, Sarah and Abby Jones (9:30)
-- Kate Martin and Shelly Ott (11:00)

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 the world with heaven’s peace. (Chorus 2x)


Scripture
Luke 1:26-38

Olympia Hatzilambrou

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, #2

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

David Jordan-Haas

Minute for Witness

Mike Bronson

Anthem

Work in Progress, Youth Choir & Orchestra

10,000 Reasons

Matt Redman/Jonas Myrin

Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

David Jordan-Haas

Blessing and Commissioning

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.
Offering

Youth Choir

Offertory

Let Heaven & Nature Sing
During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Larry Shackley

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

Let It Be

Pete James

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Chorus: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven 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 given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! (Chorus 2x)


Benediction

Postlude

Medley of Angels We Have Heard on High and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing by Eugenie R. Rocherelle

Rachel Thompson, Organist
**Grieving:** Jay & Cindy Alls (nephew Ryan, 20); Dee Burns (brother John); Betsy & Christine Canaga (mother/grandmother); John Crowder (mother); Eileen Garner (brother-in-law); Tommy Keaton (grandmother)

**Hospitalized:** Bix Doughty; Julie Knight's brother Jim; Michelle Jones's sister Donna; Michelle Rahal's cousin Nicole (21); Wendy Rose's mother; Phyllis Swenson's brother

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Michelle Jones's cousin Sara-Ann

**Homebound:** Donna Shively

**Ill or Convalescing:** Curt Anderson; Liz Beless; Beverly Bender; Jane Bittner; Frances Brown; Inajo Cox; Megan Dungan (13); Mary Flounlacker; Patty Groce; Rose Hamlet; Erin Gilmore Hoffman; Garth Jensen; Stella Lansing: Kate Lund; Andy Mitchell; Audrey Neeson; Wendy Pearson; Capt. Andrew Peters; Walter Potts; Charlene Przybyla; Jane Seeman; Joy Simmons; Roger Simmons; Bob Stoepker; Ed Tennyson; Liz Hankins; Rose Jones's mother; Phyllis Swenson's brother

**Family and Friends:** Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's cousin; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Debbie Capp's father; Lamar Collier's cousin Jeff; Beth Crowder's friend Andrew; Arayanna Darst's brother Karon, and friends Kathy, Mary & family, and Maryanne & Vern (Hospice) & daughter Paula; Joe Darst's sister Dee; Sandi Davis's mother; Donna DeLanyo's mother; Jorge Diaz's neighbor Jane; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Bill Downer's friend Dave; Stephanie Eberhart's friend Kelly; Jennifer Fleisher's friend (3); Mary Flounlacker's father; Charles Geschiere's father; Lisa Gabb's father; Kurt Gilchrist's cousin; Bonnie Grouse's first father-in-law; Allan Kerr (Hospice); Sharon Hopkins's mother; Michelle Jones's friends Cassandra and Paulette; Karen Dunlop's Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Frank Kifer's neighbor Leonhard; Valerie King's brother-in-law Danny; Phil & Debby Kratovil's daughter Hilary; Megan Kritsky's friend Craig; Stella Lansing's granddaughter; Sharon Lewis's husband (Howard); Marty Martin's friend Sean; Janet McKechnie's daughter-in-law; Christi Parker's friend Kate (13); Betty Rahal's sister; Baker & Jane Richard's relatives Walter & wife Nancy, and friend Pat; Caitlin Rose's friend Louis' father & family; Kay Sears's mother; Lee Self's friend Joe; Bob & Barb Spiller's friends Lena, Paula, and Pete; Bev Strean's goddaughter; Phyllis Swenson's friend Sheron; Shannon Swift's friend Shelley; Bonny Tynch's father and mother; Hendrika Vande Kemp's sister Grace; Leslie Vereide's father; Roger Waldron's mother; Ken Workman's father-in-law, Bob Neal; Daryl Wright's father (Hospice); Mark

**Other:** Allison & Brian; Daniel; Stephanie Eberhart's friend Nancy; Linda Kemple's friend Jan; Jane Richards's brother Dennis & wife Rema's family in the Phillipines; Greg & Lacy; Crossroads-Connection (formerly Haymarket Crossroads Mission); the people of Phillipines in the wake of the typhoon; the people across the US hit hard by natural disasters; the peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan

**Missions/Missionaries of the week:** Tinu Leontiuc, New Hope, Eastern Europe (Inter-national); Johnson C. Smith Seminary, Atlanta, GA (National); Cornerstone Community School, Washington, DC (Local)


**Non-military in Harm's Way:** Stephen F. Morrissey, Ed O'Donnell, Christina Tomasetti

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**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 offering plate or the wooden box in the lobby/narthex; CALL the church office at 703.938.9050, x301; Email 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.
New to VPC? *Just follow these steps to get connected in no time!*

**Let us know who you are.**
We want to help you become connected here at VPC! Letting us know who you are and how we can help you is the fastest way to find your way around! Two easy ways to do that are to fill out the Friendship Pad in worship on Sunday or to visit the Welcome Table found in the sanctuary lobby.

**Explore.**
If you have some extra time this morning, come for coffee after the 8 am and 9:30 am services in the Great Hall, or visit Grapevine Books and browse what some of our groups and classes are studying, as well as the latest in Christian books and gifts. Both are just around the corner from the Welcome Table!

**Connect Here.**
Visit our *Connect Here* table in the lobby on Sunday morning. We will help you connect to a group at VPC where you can learn and serve with others! Ask questions, get information, find what you need! We want to make it as easy as possible for you to begin to live into our mission statement, “Becoming Like Christ Together for the World.”

**Find out more, and even join VPC!**
*The Invitation to the Journey Class* is a three-week “VPC 101” that explores our mission statement “Becoming Like Christ Together for the World.” Our next class (three sessions) is January 26, February 2 & 9. For more information or to register for future classes, contact Linda Kemple at 703.938.9050 x100.

To find out more, go to viennapres.org/firststeps
or contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703-938-9050 x123.

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Celebrate the Joy and Hope that is the miracle of Christmas

December 24, Christmas Eve Services
4 & 5:15pm Families with young children
7 & 8:45pm Candlelight services
10:30pm Candlelight and Communion services

*Childcare available at 4, 5:15, & 7pm services.*
EVERYTHING YOU HAVE IS ON LOAN FROM GOD

We live in an area of great wealth. Most of us own more-than-adequate homes, cars, food, and electronic gadgetry. Yet all of our confident talk about “owning” can be deceptive. All that we “own” is on loan from God. This concept is counter cultural in Northern Virginia.

Generosity flows from a grateful heart. As Christ’s disciples, we are invited to be intentional about reaching a level of giving that is consistent with a heart of gratitude. I am often asked, “How much should I give?” Pray. Seek God’s direction to you. Be mindful that He may ask you to go beyond what is your normal. Step up to the challenge. Let’s seek the Lord together.

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.” — 2 Corinthians 9.11

Year-End Giving at VPC

Ways to Give

Online at viennapres.org/giveonline

In the offering plates on Sundays

Mail a donation to the church (postmarked no later than December 31, 2013)

Bring a check to the VPC office during the week

Make a stock donation. (Donations must be received by close of business Tuesday, December 31, 2013, to be considered a 2013 contribution.) Contact Julie Headley, x120 or julie.headley@viennapres.org, or Missy Whittington, x121 or missy.whittington@viennapres.org
**SWATT Christmas Luncheon**

Wednesday, December 18, 11:30am, Great Hall

Celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ


Contact Betty Little, 703.281.4118

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**A Christmas Celebration**

**Glorious Sounds of Christmas**

Today! 4:30 & 7pm, Sanctuary

Relax & Enjoy Traditional Christmas Tunes. Free!

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**Friday, December 20 - One Big Night of Partying!**

**Middle School Christmas Party**

6-9:30pm Underground

Wear PJs or your best Christmas flair for a chance to win the “best-dressed” contest.

Bring friends and a treat to share.

Optional: $5 donation for Our Daily Bread toward grocery gift cards.

For more info, contact Kim Snyder at kim.snyder@viennapres.org

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**High School Christmas Party**

6-9:30, Great Hall

Snowball Fights & Sled Races. Tacky sweater optional. Bring a treat to share if you’d like (no nuts, please).

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**Club 56 (5-6th grade) Caroling Party**

Friday, December 20, 6-8:30

Meet at VPC. Bring snacks to share.

Contact Daryl Wright at daryl.wright@viennapres.org for details.
General Announcements

**VPC Staff News:** Welcome to Deb Rymer as the new VPC ESOL Director! Deb has been a successful leader with over 20 years of experience in Information Technology. She has volunteered as a teacher in the ESOL Ministry at VPC for 6 years. You may also recognize Deb from her volunteer time at James Madison High School and VPC Music Ministry. We look forward to seeing what God has in mind for her vast array of gifts and talents.

VPC thanks Elaine Wright for her faithful 6 years of service to VPC as the Childcare Coordinator and we look forward to seeing her smiling face as the new ESOL admin! VPC is seeking a responsible and caring individual to serve as the new Childcare Coordinator. For additional information, or to submit your resume, please email Michelle Lowell at michelle.lowell@viennapres.org

**Grapevine Books:** In addition to our regular Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday hours, Grapevine Books will be open:
- Today, 5:30-7 pm (Glorious Sounds of Christmas)
- Dec. 22, 5-6 pm (*Messiah* Sing-Along)
- Dec. 24, 6-7 pm (Christmas Eve)

**Sacrament classes in preparation for First Communion:**
Children ages 3rd-6th grades and their parents are invited to participate in the upcoming Sacrament classes, being held over 4 Sundays: Jan 12, Feb 2, Mar 2 and Mar 30 at 11am. The classes provide instruction on baptism and communion and will help parents talk to their children about their readiness to participate in these sacraments. Baptism will be offered for those children not yet baptized (date TBA) and the Celebration of The Lord’s Supper (with special recognition of the children) will be held on Sunday April 6. Contact Karen Covell at karen.covell@viennapres.org for additional info.

**Serve**

**Teachers for Haiti:** Trip leaves January 17. Most important need: prayers for a safe and successful trip. You can also help by giving donations of: $35 for textbooks for a child; $75 for school uniforms; $360 to sponsor a child for a full year; decks of cards to teach math skills. Contact cchaiti.org or emelieparker@gmail.com for more information.

**Connect**

**Tuesday, December 17, 11:30am, Sanctuary:** *Preschool Concert.* Cute as buttons and full of wiggles, these music makers are sure to bring a smile to your heart. The concert is also a unique opportunity for outreach to neighbors not familiar with all that Vienna Presbyterian Church has to offer. Bring friends who might like to visit our church and/or sign up for a future preschool tour.

**SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+):** Potluck luncheon Wednesday, January 8, noon, Great Hall. No reservation required; just bring a dish for 8 to share and bring a friend! Joe Alonso, National Cathedral Architect/Stonemason, will discuss about the construction of the cathedral, special works, the earthquake damage, and future plans.

**MomsNext:** Support and encouragement for moms of elementary age students. Guest speaker, author, and blogger Steph Fink presents “It’s About Time… to Prioritize Your Marriage.” Wednesday, January 15, 7-9pm.

**Student Ministries:** Olympic Costume Party! January 19, 7pm. Students 7th-12th grade welcome. Bring friends for a fun night of games! Contact Kim Snyder at kim.snyder@viennapres.org for additional information.

**Refuel: Young Adults Christmas Party**

**Thursday, December 19**

7:30-9pm, Underground

Ugly Sweater Contest! Desserts and Snacks provided!

Contact: Kevin Miller at kevin.miller@viennapres.org
Gifts from the Heart

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

**Last Chance! Today, 9am-12:30pm, Great Hall**

Come by the Giving Tree. Select a tag. Bring tag to the gift table. Record your gift. Purchase a gift and return it unwrapped *today*, or deliver to the church office during regular hours. **Contact: Sharon Lewis at Sharon.Lewis1@cox.net or 703.625.8275**

**Fair Trade Marketplace**

**Today through December 22, 9am-12:30pm, Great Hall**

Alternative Gift Giving Opportunities:

- Haiti Is Hot Sauce, Land of a Thousand Hills coffee, Haitian jewelry, and a unique assortment of gifts procured from artisans in rural areas of Bangladesh, Chile, Kenya, Nepal, and Vietnam, just to name a few.

  **Contact Wander Vandernat at wevn@verizon.net or Sally Mitchell at sally.mitchell@viennapres.org**

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**Messiah Sing-Along**

**Sunday, December 22, 4pm, Sanctuary**

Part I of *Messiah*, plus the “Hallelujah Chorus” from Part II led by our VPC Community Orchestra and Chorus.

Come listen and/or sing. Bring family, friends, and neighbors. Bring your own score; if you don’t have a score, there will be a limited number available. Reception to follow in the Great Hall.

**Now Free!**

[viennapres.org/MessiahConcert](http://viennapres.org/MessiahConcert)

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**December 31, 7pm- Midnight**

**First Night Vienna**

Welcome in the New Year with music, food, and community. Two New Year’s celebrations – one at 9pm and one at midnight! Musical entertainment in the VPC Chapel!

Church Street (between Mill & Dominion Rd)

[FirstNightVienna.org](http://FirstNightVienna.org)
Alert Resources for Senior Adults and Caregivers
Publication: Printed copies available in the office and on-line at viennapres.org/publications

Renewing Prayer Ministers are trained and ready to come alongside you in prayer to invite Christ’s peace and renewal where life may have brought emotional scars and pain. For more information go to viennapres.org/healingprayer or pick up a brochure. To schedule an appointment, contact Glenda Simpkins Hoffman at 703.938.9050 x114.

GriefShare: Support for those grieving the death of a loved one. Next session begins February 2014. More information at GriefShare@viennapres.org

Passages: For those going through separation or divorce. Tuesdays, 7-9pm, Room 203/204. Contact passages@viennapres.org.

Christian Cancer Companions: Contact Rita Lockwood at 703.573.6168.

Widows’ Dinner Group: 3rd Monday each month. Contact Betty Little at 703.281.4118.

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

NewSpring: Hope for the sexually abused. Contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116.

Stephen Ministry: a one-on-one, distinctively Christian, caring, confidential ministry. Stephen Ministers care for people facing a difficult time or life transition. They are not professional counselors, but they are more than well-intentioned friends. They use both words and deeds to express Christ’s care and love for others. In need of a Stephen Minister? Please contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116.
Perspectives:
Experience God’s heart for all people and encounter the momentum of the World Christian Movement. Open the eyes of your heart with fresh knowledge and understanding of God’s unchanging purposes. A 15-week series, Perspectives provides dynamic and experienced instructors from around the country to teach in their areas of expertise and experience.

Beginning January 8, 7pm
Contact: Minh Towner adventureminh@gmail.com; or Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org; or perspectives.org

Being Jesus is Impossible!
Becoming an Apprentice of Jesus can take only

Books Available at Grapevine Books Today.
Join a small group at the Connect Table in the narthex.

THE GREAT STEAK OUT
January 13, 7pm, Great Hall
Cost: $20. Includes delicious steak dinner and program. Bring a friend, neighbor, or co-worker for half price.

More info or to register contact: Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or 703.937.1897
# Sunday Mornings at VPC

## Children’s Room Assignments
For descriptions of classes, go to viennapres.org/ministries/children/sundays; to register online: viennapres.org/cmsignups

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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. **PM Youth Groups resume January 5. See you at AM only!**

## VPC–U on Sunday Morning

### 100 Level
**Friendship Class: Room 108C, 9:30am.** For adults with intellectual disabilities. Teachers: Emmy Parker, Beth Gourley, Jamie and Andrea Strahan.

### 200 Level
**Practical Christian Living:** 2nd-floor conference room, 11am. Learn how to live the Christian life by God’s power, how to develop a personal devotional life, and how to love others with God’s love. Phil Kratovil, phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

**Foundations Class: Room 203/204, 9:30am.** 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

**Partners With Christ: Parlor, 9:30am.** Join us for a celebration of the Christmas Story Dec. 8, 15, and 22. All newcomers welcome. Questions? Contact Martha Strauss at martha.strauss@me.com

### 300 Level
**Beyond Basics: Room 205, 9:30.** Have a cup of coffee with us as we discuss *The Gospel According to Jesus* by John McArthur, led by Jon Lochhaas. Compare our thinking of today’s interpretation of scripture and what Jesus really said. Coordinator: Kate Lund katejlund@yahoo.com

**Apprentices Class: Room 205, 11am.** Join us as we discuss the VPC Advent Devotionals. All are welcome. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com

**The Berean Adult Bible Study: Rooms 203-204, 11am.** "Hallelujah – The Bible and Handel's Messiah." Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come. Contact John and Nancy Davidovich: 703.938.4775 or jadavidovich@verizon.net

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## What We Believe:
Jesus is Lord. Scripture is our authority. Everyone is called to discipleship.

## Our Mission:
[Icons and text related to mission]