Joy to the World

John 1:43-51

December 22, 2013
Sunday Worship 8:00

Prelude
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
William Sheridan, Piano
arr. Steve Calderone

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Lighting of The Angel Candle (The Candle of Love) signifies the angels announcing the good news of a Savior. God sent His only Son to earth to save us, because He loves us!
Drew, Myra, Parker, and Patrick Goodrich

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)
Tomlin/Cash/Gilder
Joy to the world, the Lord is come; let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns, let all their songs employ. While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
Chorus: Joy, unspeakable joy, an overflowing well, no tongue can tell. Joy, unspeakable joy, rises in my soul, never lets me go. He rules the world, with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love. (Chorus)


Prayer of Adoration
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Once in Royal David’s City
IRBY
Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed; Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall. With the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Solo
Christmas Lullaby
Julianne Kim, Soprano

Minute for Witness
Matthew Kim

Prayer 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.
Offering

Youth Choir

We are glad that we have a Father to trust. We are glad to have a Father to rely upon.
Where was Jesus born? Where was he born? Bethlehem, the city of wonder.
That is where the Father was born for sure. Praise, Praise, Praise be to Him
We thank Thee, We thank Thee for this day, Gracious Father. Praise be to Thee, Merciful Father.

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

John 1:43-51

Sermon

Stan Ott

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, I invite you into my life. I confess that you died for my sins and extend to me the unconditional gift of forgiveness. I endeavor from this moment forward to live for you and follow you as Lord of my life. I trust that you will transform me into the person you want me to become. Fill me with your Spirit’s presence so that I may share this faith and love with other people. I offer this prayer with gratitude in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow. Repeat the sounding joy,
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He rules the world with truth and grace, And make the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

Benediction

Postlude

Terry Sisk, Organist
Sunday Worship 9:30 and 11:00

Prelude

Cathedral Brass

While by My Sheep
Leroy Anderson

In dulci jubilo
Leroy Anderson

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir and Cathedral Brass

Glory, Glory!
Mark Hayes

Glory, glory, glory in the highest! Glory, glory, sing it with the angels;
Unto us a Savior is born this day!

Worship, worship, worship and adore Him. Bring your treasures, lay them down before Him.

Jesus Christ is come to show us the way.

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flock by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Glory, glory, glory in the highest ...

Jesus has shattered the darkness, brought joy to this dry, barren land.

We call Him Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

Glory, glory, glory in the highest...

He is born on this glorious Christmas day, Christmas day, Glory hallelujah!

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Lighting of The Angel Candle (The Candle of Love) signifies the angels announcing the good news of a Savior. God sent His only Son to earth to save us, because He loves us!

David, Melissa, Tyler, Ellie, and Drew French (9:30)
Jamison and Andrea Strahan (11:00)

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.

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

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (Refrain)

Prayer of Adoration

Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Holy Child Who Chose the Hearts of Men

Keith & Kristyn Getty

Holy Child who chose the hearts of men to be His favored home.
Leaving Heaven’s gates for Bethlehem, God came to call His own.
Now to us the highest King is born; Behold, the Royal Son.
Glory kneels to mend up all that’s torn, the promised One has come.

Joy and pain, as man, He knew on earth; No place to lay His head.
As a servant He embraced this world and on a cross He bled.
Having borne the deepest grief of man, He rose to Heaven’s throne.
Now I’m sheltered in the Father’s hand; I stand by grace alone.

May the gift of God amaze us, still the triumph of all time.
As His child, I kneel to Heaven’s will and make His purpose mine.
Though this road be scarred with trial and pain, it’s paved with lavish grace.
Knowing Him will be my greatest gain; His throne, my resting place.
Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)
One day when Heaven was filled with His praises, One day when sin was as black as could be, Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, Dwelt among men; my example is He. The Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed.

Refrain: Living, He loved me, Dying, He saved me, Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever, One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain, One day they nailed Him to die on a tree. Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He. The hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree, and took the nails for me. (Refrain)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer, One day the stone rolled away from the door. Then He arose, over death He had conquered; Now is ascended my Lord evermore. Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again. (Refrain)

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming, One day the skies with His glories will shine. Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing, My Savior, Jesus, is mine. (Refrain)

Glorious day, O Glorious day!

Offering
Amy LaCivita, Mark Herzing, and Roger Rossi

Offertory
The First Noel – Traditional English Folk Song
Craig Curry

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No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow. Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And make the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

Benediction

Postlude
Christmas Fanfare
William Gordon
Hospitalized: Bix Doughty; Tom Greig; Julie Knight’s brother; Michelle Rahal’s cousin Nicole (21); Wendy Rose’s mother; Phyllis Swenson’s brother

Facing Tests or Surgery: Wally Johnson; Michelle Jones’s cousin Sara-Ann

Homebound: Hans Anspach

Ill or Convalescing: Curt Anderson; Liz Beless; Beverly Bender; Jane Bittner; Ann Bohlander; 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 Wilson; Alice Winters (former missionary to Colombia supported by VPC); Carol Yates

Family and Friends: Ann Bohlander’s mother; 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 Karen, and friends Kathy, Mary & family, and Maryanne & Vern (Hospice) & daughter Paula; Joe Darst’s sister Dee; Sandi Davis’s mother; Donna DeLanoy’s mother; Donna DeLanoy’s mother; Donna Davis’s mother; Mark Doughty’s nephew (Hospice); Gordon Fink’s cousin Leonad; Valerie King’s brother-in-law Danny; Phil & Debby Kratovil’s daughter Hilary; Megan Kritsky’s friend Craig; Sharon Lewis’s husband (Howard); Marty Martin’s cousin Sean; Janet McKechnie’s daughter-in-law; Christi Parker’s friend Kate (13); Mary Pella’s father; Betty Rahal’s sister; Baker & Jane Richard’s relatives Walter & wife Nancy and friend Pat; Caitlin Rose’s friend Louis’ father & family; Wayne & Sue Shrader’s daughter Kelly; Kay Sears’s mother; Lee Self’s friend Joe; Barbara Spiller’s friend Paula; Bev Stream’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; Greg & Lacy; Stephanie Eberhart’s friend Nancy; Linda Kemple’s friend Jan; Jane Richards’s brother Dennis & wife Rema’s family in the Phillipines; Crossroads-Connection (formerly Haymarket Crossroads Mission); peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; the people of the Phillipines in the wake of the typhoon; the people across the US hit hard by natural disasters; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan

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; 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.

Prayers
Announcements

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](http://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 service

*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
General Announcements

Grapevine Books: In addition to our regular Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday hours, Grapevine Books will be open:
Today! 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 Sundays: Jan 12, Feb 2, Mar 2, and Mar 30 at 11am. Learn about baptism and communion and ways to talk to your children about these sacraments. Baptism will be offered (date TBA), and the Celebration of the Lord’s Supper will be Sunday, April 6. Registration Required: viennapres.org/registernow Questions? Contact karen.covell@viennapres.org

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.

Care

Renewing Prayer Ministers are trained and ready to come alongside you in prayer. 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.

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


Connect

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

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
Messiah Sing-Along

Today! 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

This Christmas

From Gifts from the Heart…

Thank you for all your generous contributions!

Contributions are still being accepted at the church office during regular hours.
Contact: Sharon Lewis at sharon.Lewis1@cox.net or Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org

Last Chance for the Fair Trade Marketplace

Today! 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 Wanda Vandernat at wevn@verizon.net or Sally Mitchell at sally.mitchell@viennapres.org
Discover **A NEW PERSPECTIVE:**

Meets Wednesday Nights Beginning January 8, 7pm

A 15-week series, Perspectives provides dynamic and experienced instructors from around the country to teach in their areas of expertise and experience.

Contact: Minh Towner at adventureminh@gmail.com; or Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org; or for more information go to perspectives.org

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**Being Jesus is Impossible!**

Becoming an Apprentice of Jesus can take only 30 days!

Books Available at *Grapevine Books* Today.

Join a small group at the Connect Table in the narthex.

**Start 2014 with a purpose at VPC!**

*Nothing is impossible with God! Luke 1:37*

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**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
AM and PM Youth Groups resume January 5.

Merry Christmas!

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124 Park Street NE, Vienna, VA 22180 - 703.938.9050

Pastors:
Peter James; Glenda Simpkins Hoffman; David Jordan-Haas

Teaching Pastor: E. Stanley Ott
Parish Associates: Connie Jordan-Haas; Ed Dawkins
Music Director: Lance Vining

Adult Ministries Director: Shannon Jordan
Transitional Leader of Student Ministries: Kim Snyder
Children’s Ministries Director: Dawn Geschiere
Preschool Director: Marnie Sturm
Evangelism Director: Phil Kratovil
Congregational Care Director: Charles Geschiere
Missions Director: Sue Hamblen
Operations Director: Doug LeMasters
Office hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30am–5pm
Website: www.viennapres.org

Calendar, Building Reservations: viennapres.org/calendar
Event Announcements: communications@viennapres.org
Printed and recorded sermons are available at viennapres.org/sermons

Wish to talk about our worship services?
Contact Elder Martha Strauss, worshipfeedback@viennapres.org

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 today. All newcomers welcome. Questions? Contact Martha Strauss at martha.strauss@me.com

Plugged In: Room 109, 11am. Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123.

ESOL Bible Study: Room 311, 11am. (English for Speakers of Other Languages) is open to adults from every country who are Level 2 or 3 students (intermediate or advanced). Shun or Doris Ling, 703.255.0656 or shundoris@yahoo.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 kidelund@yahoo.com

Apprentices Class: Room 205, 11am. Join us as we discuss the VPC Advent Devotional readings. 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

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

Our Mission:
BECOMING LIKE CHRIST TOGETHER FOR THE WORLD

Vienna Presbyterian Church