Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2013
7:00 & 8:45pm
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Christ Candle, reminds us that Jesus is the spotless Lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth!

- RJ, Jessica, Jacob, John, and Joseph Clarke (7:00)
- Robert, Amy, Peter, and Avery Allen (8:45)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim: “Christ is born in Bethlehem”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ by highest heav’n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing “Glory to the newborn King!”

JESUS CHRIST IS BORN! Glenda Simpkins Hoffman (7:00) / David Jordan-Haas (8:45)

And the shepherds came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying is a manger.
Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning the Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all those things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen.

Sweet Little Jesus Boy Cathedral Strings and Jennifer Lowery, soloist Galbraith

Sweet little Jesus boy, born in a manger, Sweet little Holy child, didn’t know who You were.
Long time ago, it seems You were born. Born in a manger, low, Sweet little Jesus boy.
We didn’t know You’d come to save us all. To take our sins away.
Our eyes were blind, we did not see. We didn’t know who You were.

You have shown us how and we are trying. Master, You have shown us how, Even as You were dying.
This world treats You mean, Lord. Treats me mean, too. But that’s how things are done down here.
We didn’t know it was You. We didn’t know You’d come to save us all. To take our sins away.
Our eyes were blind, we did not see. We didn’t know who You were.
Holy Child

Holy Child, who chose the hearts’ of men to be His favoured 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.

Minute for Witness

Offering

Offertory

What Sweeter Music
Sanctuary Choir and Cathedral Strings

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

Sermon

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.

Service of Candlelight

Ushers will come forward, taking light from the Christ candle and will pass it along to the person at the end of each pew. Pass the light down the row, allowing the person with the unlit candle to tilt the unlit candle toward the lit candle. We will keep the candles lit during the singing of “Silent Night, Holy Night,” the reading of the Scripture, and the prayer. We will extinguish them during the final hymn.
**Silent Night, Holy Night**

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!”

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing,
“Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!”

**Prayer**

**Joy to the World!**

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.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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, wonders of His love.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Terry Sisk, organist
What We Believe:

Jesus is Lord.
Scripture is our authority.
Everyone is called to discipleship.

Our Mission:

FOR ALL

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

~Isaiah 9:6

Tonight, we invite you to enjoy a personal experience of God who accepts you just as you are, loves you unconditionally, and offers forgiveness for anything that has gone before. Tonight, we wait expectantly and prepare to celebrate the coming of God incarnate, God’s love and being in human form, Jesus Christ, born for you.

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We Are Here For You!

Have questions? Need prayer? We’d love to speak with you about your interest in learning, need for support, or desire to serve others…anything at all!

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**THE GREAT STEAK OUT**

January 13, 7pm, Great Hall

Cost: $20. Includes delicious steak dinner and program.
Memorial Poinsettias

Amy and Bob Allen in loving memory of John Daley and Ona Heap, and in loving memory of Ralph Peters; Gail and Harry Campbell in loving memory of Harry, Mary and Heather Campbell, and in loving memory of Paul and Pauline Angelo; the Davies family in memory of Lorrell Funke Davies, Patrick Davies, and William and Dusty Davies; the Drake family in memory of Latimer Snowden; Cheryl and Tim Dronsfield in memory of our parents; Jen and Jeff Fleisher in memory of Jen’s mom, Myrna Ives, and their grandparents; Ollie and JoAn Fowler in memory of loved ones; Linda, Ed and Kari Gabris in gratitude for the Friendship Class and Friendship Chimes’s teachers and volunteers; the Gourley family in loving memory of John Gourley; Kathy and Bob Herndon in memory of O.G. Kennedy, Betty J. Kennedy and O.G. Kennedy, Jr., and in memory of Louis W. Herndon and MaryLou Herndon; Maryanne and Bob Jones in memory of Bill Powell, Maryanne’s brother, and in honor of our wonderful family; the Kerr family in memory of Susan Kerr; Kathlynn Lear in memory of parents and grandparents; Shirley, David, Daniel and Austin Leedy in loving memory of Donald J. Leedy; Chet and Kate Lund in loving memory of Bryan Smilie; the McCall family in memory of Steve McCall; Bill Mayne in loving memory of Jean and Bob Hamilton, and in loving memory of Tom and Helen Mayne; Sue, Brian and Kelly Nicholas in memory of Francis and Marge Ciranni; June and Herb Rinehart in loving memory of parents Tracy and Nora Stalnaker and Herb and Nancy Rinehart; Fred and Dineke Shirley in memory of our very beloved son-brother-uncle Rick Shirley; Judy Smith and family in loving memory of John and Fred; Julia and Peter Smith family in loving memory of Hayden, Pat, Grammy, Grampy and Pat; Bill and Sherri Steinbach in loving memory of our parents, son and Bill’s brother; Hydie Stites in loving memory of loved ones; Dwight, Judith, Chuck, Daniel and our chosen family in loving memory of those who walk with us forever; Dick and Janet Titus in loving memory of our parents; Duane and Rachel Wills in memory of Rachel’s parents, Augustus and Rachel Moore Miller Lotterhos