Servant, Savior, Sovereign

Philippians 2:5-11

December 29, 2013
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

Prelude

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)

Chorus: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore 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)

Prayer of Adoration

Joy Has Dawned; Angels We Have Heard on High

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation. God’s salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation. Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory, But a humble gift of love, Jesus born of Mary.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory. Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story. God—a King is born today, Incense—God is with us, Myrrh—His death will make a way, and by His blood He’ll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of Heaven, given as a ransom; Reconciling God and man, Christ our mighty champion. What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst’ry! Once a babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of hist’ry.

Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo! Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo!

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains, And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strain: Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo! Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your Heavenly song? Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo! Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King: Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo! Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo!

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.
Unison Prayer of Confession

You are our Light, loving God. In your Presence our lives are lit up and our way becomes clearer. Yet we confess that we often hide our light under a bushel. Sometimes we don’t trust our abilities and don’t share our gifts in community. We don’t trust our skills in relationships, so we don’t reach out in friendship. Sometimes we don’t trust your power, which keeps us from being generous and available. Help us to trust You where we cannot trust ourselves. Shine your light of love and wisdom. Heal the hurts of the past: give us courage for the future; warm our coldness; relax our tight grip; and give us Your peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Light of the World. Amen.

Baptisms

9:30: Elise Laurel Ferney, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Ferney
11:00: Vanessa Gaye Purvis Harris
        Devin Wyatt Harris, son of David and Vanessa Harris
        Abigail Eve Harris, daughter of David and Vanessa Harris

Offering

Offertory

Christmas Offering

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Reflection #1

“Jesus the Servant”

David Jordan-Haas

Anthem

Christ Is Come

Big Daddy Weave

Reflection #2

“Jesus the Savior”

Mighty to Save

Chris Tomlin

Everyone needs compassion, Love that’s never failing; Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

Chorus: Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save,
        He is mighty to save, Forever, Author of salvation.
        He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again.
I give my life to follow; everything I believe in, now I surrender. (Chorus)

Bridge: Shine your light and let the whole world see, we’re singing
        For the glory of the risen King, Jesus.
        Shine your light and let the whole world see, we’re singing
        For the glory of the risen King, Jesus.

Chorus

Bridge (2X)

Reflection #3

“Jesus the Sovereign”
Sovereign

Sov’reign in the mountain air, Sov’reign on the ocean floor, with me in the calm, with me in the storm
Sov’reign in my greatest joy, Sov’reign in my deepest cry, with me in the dark, with me at the dawn

Chorus: In Your everlasting arms, all the pieces of my life, From beginning to the end, I can trust You.
In your never-failing love, You work everything for good, God; whatever comes my way, I will trust You.
God, whatever comes my way, I will trust You.

Bridge: All my hopes, all my needs – Held in Your hands.
All my life, all of me – Held in Your hands.
All my fears, all my dreams – Held in Your hands. (Repeat)

Chorus

God, whatever comes my way, I will trust You. (3x)

Benediction

Postlude
Prayers

Hospitalized: Wally Johnson; Julie Knight’s brother; 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: Ellaveen Barmby

Ill or Convalescing: Curt Anderson; Liz Beless; Beverly Bender; Jane Bittner; Ann Bohlander; Frances Brown; Inajo Cox; Bix Doughty (Hospice); Megan Dungan (13); Mary Floulnacker; Tom Greig; 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 Stoeperk; 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 brotheraron; and friends Kathy; Mary & family; and Maryanne & Vern (Hospice) & daughter Paula; Joe Darst’s sister Dee; Sandi Davis’s mother; Donna DeLanoy’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 Floulnacker’s father; Charles Geschie’s father; Lisa Gibb’s father; Kurt Gilchrist’s cousin; Bonnie Grouge’s first father-in-law; Allan Kerr (Hospice); Sharon Hopkins’s mother; Michelle Jones’s sister Donna; and friends Cassandra and Paulette; Karen Dunlop’s & Neil Kemple’s friend Mike; Frank Kifer’s neighbor Leonard; Valerie King’s brother-in-law Danny; Phil & Debby Krotovil’s daughter Hilary; Megan Kritsky’s friend Craig; Sharon Lewis’s husband (Howard); Marty Martin’s friend 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 Schrader’s daughter Kelly; Kay Sears’s mother; Lee Self’s friend Joe; Barbara Spiller’s friend Paula; Bev Strean’s goddaughter; Phyllis Swenson’s friend Sheron; Shannon Swift’s friend Shelley; Byron Tynich’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

Missions/Missionaries of the week: Jeremy & Zhannah Leib, Intervarsity (International); Wes Barts, Intervarsity, VA Tech & Radford, Blacksburg, VA(National); Our Daily Bread (Fairfax, 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 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.
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
Being Jesus is Impossible!

Becoming an Apprentice of Jesus can take only 30 days!

Start 2014 with a purpose at VPC!

Sermon series begins January 5.
Books available for $10 at Grapevine Books.

Nothing is impossible with God! Luke 1:37

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
Children’s Concert

Sunday January 5, 2:30pm
Sanctuary:

A joyful mix of assorted handbell choirs, a chorus of voices, some scripture passages, and the magic of the season. Join our cutest music ministry participants for our annual concert.

A reception in the Great Hall immediately follows the concert.

Sacraments 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, & 30, 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
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