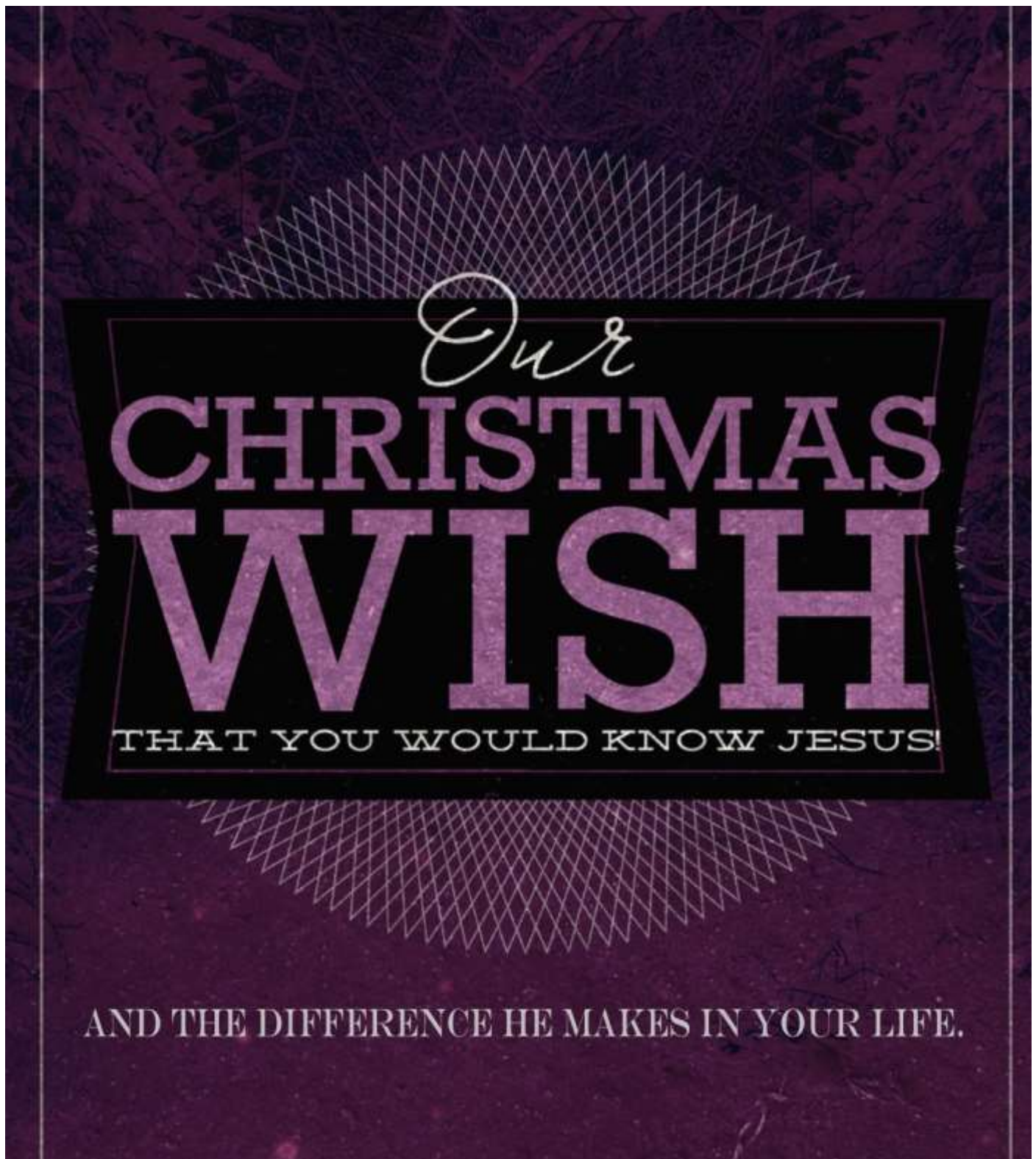


# Sticks and Stones

John 1:1-14



December 18, 2016

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CHRISTMAS WISH  
THAT YOU WOULD KNOW JESUS

Celebrate the Christmas Season at VPC!

## Today!

**Glorious Sounds of Christmas**, Today, 4pm. Join our choirs and orchestra as we share in the anticipation of the celebration that is Christmas. Experience the joy, beauty and wonder; invite friends and family.

## Coming Up:

### Christmas Eve Services

**4:00 & 5:15pm**

Suitable for children through 4th grade. (Childcare provided.)

**7:00pm**

Traditional service with candlelight. (Childcare provided.)

**8:45pm**

Traditional service with candlelight. (Childcare is not provided.)

**10:30pm**

Traditional service with candlelight and celebration of The Lord's Supper. (Childcare is not provided.)

### Christmas Day Service, 11:00am

Led by Kerry Wilkerson and Danielle Talamantes: *A Lesson in Carols* with Pastor David Jordan-Haas. (No 8 or 9:30am worship or Sunday school or childcare. Friendship Class will meet.)

### New Year's Day Services, 9:30 & 11:00am

Childcare provided at both services. Preschool will meet at both Services; no other Sunday school will meet this day. Friendship Class will meet

**Starting January 8:** Join us in the New Year as we spend time with the Gospel of John together. Our goal is to explore the difference Jesus can make in our lives in 2017. The Bible is not merely an account of things that happened a long time ago. It is written for people like us with real life challenges.

To see the full Advent schedule at VPC, visit  
[viennapres.org/special-events](http://viennapres.org/special-events)

# Worship 8:00am

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The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us

# JESUS

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John 1:14 NIV



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Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) Chris Tomlin

Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
Mark, Mary and Olympia Hatzilambrou

O Come, All Ye Faithful Casting Crowns

Your Name (Christmas Version) Paul Baloche

100-Word Testimony

Prayer of Confession  
& Assurance of Pardon David Jordan-Haas

100-Word Testimony

Scripture  
John 1:1-14

Sermon  
Sticks and Stones Peter James

100-Word Testimony

Offering  
Go, Tell It on the Mountain Lloyd Larson

The First Noel, #56, vss. 1, 2, 3 English Carol

Benediction

Postlude

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9:30am

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Prelude  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel Joy Ringers

Manger Throne Third Day

Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
Keith, Kristin, Madeline, Hayden and Anderson Krisko

Even So Come Kristian Stanfill

100-Word Testimony

Prayer of Confession  
& Assurance of Pardon David Jordan-Haas

Baptism  
Ella Marie Kliener, daughter of Erik and Elaine Kliener

Children's Blessing

100-Word Testimony

Offering  
Offering (Christmas version) Paul Baloche

Scripture  
John 1:1-14

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Prelude Joy Ringers  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
Barbara Pitkin and Vienna Wolff

Angels, from the Realms of Glory, #22 REGENT SQUARE

100-Word Testimony

Prayer of Confession  
& Assurance of Pardon David Jordan-Haas

In the Bleak Midwinter, # 36, vss. 1, 2, & 4 CRANHAM

100-Word Testimony

Offering Sanctuary Choir  
Ding, Dong Merrily On High

Doxology and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture  
John 1:1-14

Sermon Peter James  
Sticks and Stones

100-Word Testimony

Angels We Have Heard on High, #23 GLORIA

Benediction

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# Prayers: for our friends, our loved ones, & our community

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.



**GriefShare:** Support for those grieving the death of a loved one. Brochures are available in the lobby, or contact [GriefShare@viennapres.org](mailto:GriefShare@viennapres.org)

**Passages/DivorceCare:** Support for those in the process of separation or divorce. [viennapres.org/care](http://viennapres.org/care)

**Renewing Prayer:** Healing for emotional pain. [glenda.hoffman@viennapres.org](mailto:glenda.hoffman@viennapres.org)

Visit [viennapres.org/care](http://viennapres.org/care) for additional care and support groups.



**Need Prayer for Yourself or Someone You Love?**

USE THE CARDS on the Welcome table in the narthex and place them in the offering plate or the wooden box in the lobby/narthex; CALL VPC at 703.938.9050, x103; E-MAIL [lee.taylor@viennapres.org](mailto:lee.taylor@viennapres.org) or enter a prayer request ONLINE at [viennapres.org/prayerrequest](http://viennapres.org/prayerrequest).

Please ensure that you have permission before submitting a request on behalf of someone else. Confidentiality requests are strictly honored.

The Prayer Page is not available online.

Please join us in worship, Sundays at 8am, 9:30am and 11am to receive a full bulletin.

We look forward to seeing you!

*Please take this list home, and hold these friends in prayer.*

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## TODAY

Coffee and tea! Come to the Great Hall between services to get your caffeine fix! The VPC coffee volunteers wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to serving coffee again on New Year's Day. (No coffee service on Christmas Sunday.)

Student Ministry PM is on Christmas break. See you on Sunday, January 8.

Don't forget Glorious Sounds today, 4pm: A Christmas concert for the whole community!

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## LOOKING FORWARD

Parenting Teens Group led by Emmy and Wood Parker will resume on January 8, 5:30-7pm, Room 308-309. Special guest speaker, Mitch Seipt, a middle school administrator, will share his valuable insight!

Men's SteakOut: January 9, 7-8:30pm, Great Hall. Steak dinner, fellowship, and guest speaker: Paul Bice, Regional President, John Marshall Bank. RSVP to [bridgepointconnections.org](http://bridgepointconnections.org), cost: \$25. For additional information, contact Phil Kratovil at [phil.kratovil@viennapres.org](mailto:phil.kratovil@viennapres.org) or 703.938.9050 x115.

Women's Monday Night/Tuesday Morning: *The Gospel of John*

Join this 10-week Bible study and find the peace, wisdom, and joy that a deeper relationship with God can bring. Monday evenings, beginning January 9, 7-8:30pm; Tuesday mornings, beginning January 10, 9:30-11:30am. (Childcare available with advance registration.) For more information, contact Shannon at [shannon.jordan@viennapres.org](mailto:shannon.jordan@viennapres.org) or 703.938.9050 x123.

SWATT Luncheon: (Christian fellowship for seniors 55+) Wednesday, January 11, noon, Great Hall. Bring a main dish, salad, vegetable, or dessert for 8 to share. We welcome newcomers! Reservations are not required and dress is informal; just come and bring a friend! Special speaker: Eric (Ed) Murchison



The Art of Marriage Event—Friday, January 27, 6:45-9pm, and Saturday, January 28, 9-3pm. Give the gift that keeps on giving . . . a stronger, healthier, happier marriage for only \$60 (early bird registration by January 12) and 8 hours of your time! This weekend event will have you laughing, learning, and growing as a couple while you discover God's plan for this covenantal relationship! For information and registration: [viennapres.org/strengthen-your-marriage](http://viennapres.org/strengthen-your-marriage)

Looking for a unique Christmas gift? Give yourself a trip with VPC friends on the CenterPoint Discovery Journey to England from September 15-28, 2017. For information send an email to [jimleach@acigroup.com](mailto:jimleach@acigroup.com) or leave a message with your name and telephone number at 703.893.2721.



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## LOOKING FOR HELP?

GriefShare, DivorceCare/Passages, Christian Cancer Companions, Widows' Groups, NewSpring, Stephen Ministry, Renewing Prayer Ministry. Visit [viennapres.org/care](http://viennapres.org/care) or contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116.

# Mission and Outreach Updates

## Alternative Gift Market:

No need to buy Dad another necktie or Mom more of her favorite fragrance when you can purchase a goat, a chicken, a scholarship, or a handmade craft or jewelry to provide much-needed support to our brothers and sisters in developing countries. Make your gift count in a very significant way! VPC's Mission Partner CCH will be in the Great Hall 9am-12:30pm each Sunday in December leading up to Christmas.



Give something **unexpected** this Christmas.



VPC Missions team is working with the Cunningham Park Elementary School Community to provide mentors to at-risk students. Consider making the difference in a child's life. Contact Sue at [sue.hamblen@viennapres.org](mailto:sue.hamblen@viennapres.org)

Women Who Care: January 8, 5:30-7:30pm, Great Hall. Fellowship, dinner, and hear from our mission partner Five Talents. To reserve dinner email to [life@viennapres.org](mailto:life@viennapres.org) Cost: \$10 for dinner. For more information contact [shannon.jordan@viennapres.org](mailto:shannon.jordan@viennapres.org)



The Hypothermia Season is again underway in Fairfax County, and our sister churches throughout the community are providing life-saving shelter for those without a place to call home! Our turn is January 29-February 12. Each night, we'll receive up to 30 guests. We will welcome them and provide dinner and breakfast, clothing and other necessary items, and entertainment (games, movies, Bible study, speakers, etc.). MANY helpers will be required to host our brothers and sisters. Please prayerfully consider a commitment to help. A critical need is for individuals that will commit to being the lead on each night. For those who like to delegate, this is a wonderful position, as we'll have volunteers for each of the individual tasks required! Visit [viennapres.org](http://viennapres.org) right after Christmas for sign-up opportunities. Please contact [Sue.hamblen@viennapres.org](mailto:Sue.hamblen@viennapres.org) if you're willing to help lead this wonderful effort!



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Peter James, Glenda Simpkins Hoffman, and David Jordan-Haas  
Teaching Pastor: E. Stanley Ott

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Wish to talk about our worship services?  
Contact Michael Bronson,  
[worshipfeedback@viennapres.org](mailto:worshipfeedback@viennapres.org)

