

The Greatest Threat to Faith Today

Mark 1:1-15



Our
**CHRISTMAS
WISH**
THAT YOU WOULD KNOW JESUS!

AND THE DIFFERENCE HE MAKES IN YOUR LIFE.

December 4, 2016

Serve &
Grow



Giving Is Easy:
Online at viennapres.org/giving

In the offering plate on Sunday.

Mail a donation to the church,
postmarked by 12.31.15.

Stop by the church office
Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm.

Make a stock donation
or charitable donations from an IRA.
Contact Kellie Owens at



Christmas Eve
Poinsettias

Purchase a poinsettia in honor of or
in memory of a loved one. Cost: \$10.
Sign up in the lobby or contact Barb
Strite at barbstrite@aol.com
by December 11.

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Celebrate the Christmas Season at VPC!

Cathedral Brass Concert, Sunday, December 4, 4pm. Music from jazz to traditional. Featuring Cathedral Brass, percussion ensemble, and keyboard.

Keyed-In 2 Christ: Friday, December 9, 7pm, chapel. Enjoy an evening of Christmas music, prayer and, worship as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. All are welcome.

Children's Choirs Concert, Sunday, December 11, 2pm.

Friendship Chimes: Sunday, December 11, 9:15am. Come to the Great Hall prior to the 9:30am service for some Christmas cheer and Sunday, December 18, 9:15am, for a Christmas sing-along!

Messiah Concert, Sunday, December 11, 4pm. Sung by the VPC Sanctuary Choir with commentary by Pastor Pete James. Special guests include Metropolitan Opera soprano Danielle Talamantes and Terry Sisk at the organ.

Glorious Sounds of Christmas, Sunday, December 18, 4pm.

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

Gather in joyful worship with your friends and neighbors as we celebrate the birth of Christ. (No 8 or 9:30am worship or childcare.)

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.

To see the full Advent schedule at VPC visit
viennapres.org/special-events

Worship 8:00am

December 4, 2016

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Dave Zelenka



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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Kelly Thomson and Maria Ireson

Angels, from the Realms of Glory, #22

REGENT SQUARE

Prayer of Confession

& Assurance of Pardon

Stan Ott

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Casting Crowns

Offering

Offering (Christmas Version)

Paul Baloche

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Mark 1:1-15

Sermon

The Greatest Threat to Faith Today

Peter James

Communion

Behold the Lamb

Getty

Benediction

Postlude

Worship 9:30am

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O Come, All Ye Faithful	Rush of Fools
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Friendship Class
Even So, Come	Chris Tomlin
Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon	Stan Ott
Children's Message	Marnie Sturm
Offering If I Have You	Mia Fieldes
Scripture Mark 1:1-15	Kaitlyn McCarley
Sermon The Greatest Threat to Faith Today	Peter James
Communion Light of the World	David Ray
All the People Said Amen	Matt Maher
Benediction	
Postlude	

Worship 11:00am

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Prelude
Christmas Medley Celebration Choir

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Patrick, Laurie, Maisie, and Fiona Curtin

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry, #10 WINCHESTER NEW

Prayer of Confession
& Assurance of Pardon Stan Ott

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, #5 PICARDY

Offering
For Unto Us a Child Is Born Sanctuary Choir
Handel

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Mark 1:1-15

Sermon
The Greatest Threat to Faith Today Peter James

Behold the Lamb (Communion Song) Getty

Communion

Joy to the World!, #40 ANTIOCH

Benediction

Postlude

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.

1 Tim. 2:1-2



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

Passages/DivorceCare: Support for those in the process of separation or divorce. viennapres.org/care

Renewing Prayer: Healing for emotional pain. glenda.hoffman@viennapres.org

Visit 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; or enter a prayer request ONLINE at 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.

TODAY

Coffee and tea! Come to the Great Hall between services to get your caffeine fix!

“Almost New” Book Sale: Today! 9am-noon, 2nd floor outside the library.

Parenting Teens Class: Tonight, 5:30pm, Room 321, with Wood and Emmy Parker. Come join in a fun discussion!

Help out with the VPC Children's Choir program: Contact Gail at kgail17@gmail.com for all the details!

THIS WEEK

Monday Night Men's Group: Led by Pastor Pete and Phil Kratovil. Study, discussion, and pizza. 7-8:30pm, Great Hall.

Women's Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Bible Studies: Monday evenings, 7-8:30pm; Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:30am. Questions? Contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123.

MOMSnexT: Wednesday, December 7, 7-9pm, Great Hall. Please join us for food, fellowship, and growing spiritual friendships as we hear Steph Fink talk about "The Colorful Art of Friendship." For more information or to register, see viennapres.org/MomsnexT. MOMSnexT meets the first Wednesday of each month, October-June.

Christmas Show Bus Trip to see *Finding Christmas*. Saturday, December 10. Leave VPC at 8:45am; return at 6pm. Great show for the whole family and/or friends! Cost: \$50, includes bus and show tickets. RSVP to Betty Little at the church office, 2nd floor. Questions? Mary Campbell, 703.772.6444.



VPC Piece Makers—Quilters, crafters, or those who can sew: come be a part of a friendly community that makes quilts for children and adults in need. All sewing skills welcome. Wednesday, December 7, 1-3pm, Room 308. For more information contact Stephanie Russell at sprmeme3974@gmail.com or 703.242.6720.

LOOKING FORWARD

SWATT Christmas Luncheon: Wednesday, December 14, 11:30am, Clyde's in Tysons Corner. Paid reservation of \$35 due by December 5. Contact Betty Little at 703.281.4118. Special musical guest: Michelle Rahal!

Widows and Widowers Luncheon will be held at the Maplewood Grill at 12:00 noon on Saturday, December 17. For information and reservations contact Harry Mason at 703.281.2634.

Marriage Enrichment: Save the Date— January 27 & 28: Coming this January—an opportunity to invest in your marriage! Set aside 8 hours to renew the purpose, meaning, and passion in your marriage. This weekend event will have you laughing, learning, and growing as a couple while you discover God's plan for this covenantal relationship! For more information and/or to register go to www.viennapres.org/strengthen-your-marriage

LOOKING FOR HELP?

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

Mission and Outreach Updates

THANK YOU! We are OVERJOYED, ELATED, and ECSTATICALLY HAPPY to report that Collectively with Community Coalition for Haiti, we raised \$37,836 for Hurricane Matthew Relief with 203 gifts on Giving Tuesday. We shattered our goal! Praise God!

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.

Community for Helping Others (CHO) Christmas Store:

The CHO pop-up Christmas Store stocks gifts for children ages infant to preteen. Donations accepted at VPC on Friday, December 9, 9am-noon, by the welcome tables. A corps of volunteers will be on hand to receive all gifts.

Visit viennapres.org/local-events for a list of requested items.

CHO is so grateful for the support and generosity of our congregation!

Questions? Rebecca Huffman at ghuffman@att.net



Hurricane Matthew Relief Shoebox Effort:

Fill shoeboxes for Haitian children, Sunday, December 11, 3-4pm.

Come for the Children's Concert at 2pm; stay after to pack boxes as a family!

Come early for the *Messiah* Concert and enjoy this great service opportunity. Drop off your choir member and join in the fun!

For a list of needed supplies and to sign up to help, visit viennapres.org/local-events

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.



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Pastors:

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

