

The Setting, The Sign, So What  
John 2:1-11

the **difference**

Jesus makes

in  
our **2017**  
world

January 1, 2017

# Worship

9:30 &  
11:00 am

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Children are welcome in the service! Wiggles, giggles, and whimpers are expected. Worship folders for kids are available just outside the sanctuary. Childcare and Sunday school class schedules are located at the Welcome and Connect Tables.



The Connect Pad provides a way for you to connect with others at VPC, as well as to let church leaders know what they can do to support you. Please fill it out and pass it on during the offertory. And visit the Connect Table in the lobby after the service!

Welcome and Prayer

Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy

Tomlin

Majestic

Brewster

Unison Prayer of Confession

Leader: Looking at the year behind us, let us confess our inadequacy in living up to our high calling as sons and daughters of God.

**All: O God, we know that we are a wayward people. Our footsteps falter as we seek to follow your way; our gaze is turned away from awareness of your glory to preoccupation with our own needs and concerns; and even our love for one another grows cold. We trust only in your grace to create new life within us and to bind us together in love and common commitment. Let your spirit be born in us anew, and accept our lives, which we offer to you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture: John 2:1-11

The Setting: A wedding with too little wine.

Our God Is Greater

Redman and Tomlin

The Sign: A miracle pointing to the goodness, grace, and glory of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Glory to God

Fee and Beeching

So What? So what difference does Jesus make in my life and in our 2017 world?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Our thoughts and prayers are with** Betty Ann Dobrenz, as she mourns the loss of her mother, Sarah Ann Phillips; and the Springsteen/Driscoll family as they mourn the loss of Howard's father.

**Friends in need of special prayers this week:** Thelma Klopp (homebound); Darrell Scott's mother, Betty Joanne, recovering from surgery; Gerri Webb's sister, Becky Burgess, recovering from a stroke; Robert, just diagnosed with cancer; the Silver's six-month-old grandson who had a stroke; Lachlan Dodge, recovering from heel surgery; and Mike Hughes.

**Pray for our military men and women:** Petty Officer 1st Class, USN Caitlin Addams; SGT Todd Alexander, USA; SGT Michael Doumas; SPC Alex Doumas; Andrew Hall, USA; LCpl Michael Hill, USMC; Lt. Austin A. Leedy, USMC; Wil McKechnie, USMC; Lt. Dan Marotto; S. Matthew Migliore, Trauma Nurse, US Army; 2nd Lt. Austin Murga, USA; Lt. Andrew Parthum; Lt. Cmdr. Jeremy Ray; Andrew Rohrback, USMC; 2LT Amanda M. Ryder, USAF; Ensign Albert Schultz, IV, USN; Seaman Eric Volz, USN.

**This week, please pray for: Ligonier Camp and Conference**

**Meals Ministry**—Bethany Women's Center and Alternative House

**Oversees Missionary Fellowship**

## Communion

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve, and whom you will worship. Will you worship and serve the Lord your God in sincerity and faithfulness, or will you follow after other gods?

**People: Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who has brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who has done great things in our sight.**

Leader: And what is it that we believe?

**People: Nicene Creed** (Hymnal pg. 15, Traditional)

Leader: Do you commit yourselves today to take up the cost and joy of following Jesus Christ during the coming year and all your life long?

**People: As we begin this new year, we renew our covenant with one another to seek and respond to the word and the will of God. We purpose to walk together in all God's ways, made known and yet to be made known to us. We will join in the mission of the church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshipping God and striving for truth, justice, and peace, relying on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We will pray for the coming of the kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life. This we will do, with the help of God.**

## Communion Music

Remembrance

Maher and Redman

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction

Postlude

# Get Connected at VPC in 2017

Studies have shown people in community are **happier**, **healthier**, and have **support** when things get difficult. Classes and groups help us **make sense of our world** and learn to bring God more into our daily lives. We want that for you in 2017!

**New Small Groups forming** in January: Men's, Women's, Couples, etc.! Let us know if you are interested.

## Studies on the Gospel of John:

**Men's Monday Night Group:** 7-8:30pm, Great Hall.

**Women's Monday Night Bible Study:** 7-8:30pm, Rm. 322-323.

**Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** 9:30-11am, 3rd floor. (Childcare available with advance registration.)

## Other groups:

**Friday Morning Women's Bible Study:** 9:30-11:00am, rm. 205.

**Sunday morning groups:** 9:30 and 11:00am.

**Parenting Teens Group:** Sundays, 5:30-7pm, rm. 308-309.

For more information about any of these options, please email [life@viennapres.org](mailto:life@viennapres.org) or call Shannon at 703.938.9050 x123.

**The Next Gen team is working together with Grapevine Bookstore to help get a Bible to everyone who needs one. Whether you need your first Bible or a different translation or you know of someone who needs one, we are here to help:**

*Beginning January 8:*

FREE Bibles, Children's Bible Story books, and devotionals outside the Library, 2nd floor.

20% Discount on ALL Bibles at Grapevine Bookstore, located across from the Great Hall.

All 3rd Graders will receive a Bible on Sunday, January 8 during worship services.

Confirmation Students participating in confirmation will receive a \$25 coupon toward the purchase of their own study Bible.

Sunday School or Classes every Sunday at 9:30am & 11am for kids and adults!

MomsNext 1/4  
for parents of elementary-aged children. 7pm, Great Hall.

VPC Quilters 1/4  
1-3pm, Room 308/309.  
All levels of sewing skills welcome!

Women Who Care 1/8  
Great Hall, 5:30pm. Fellowship, dinner, mission speaker. To reserve dinner; [life@viennapres.org](mailto:life@viennapres.org)

Men's SteakOut 1/9  
Great Hall, 7pm. Register at [Bridgepointconnections.org](http://Bridgepointconnections.org)

SMP Info/Application Meeting 1/15  
Underground, 12:15pm. Pizza served. Come learn about trips and new registration process. Attend with your parents.

The Art of Marriage 1/27  
Friday, January 27, 6:45-9pm, and Saturday, January 28, 9-3pm. [viennapres.org/strengthen-your-marriage](http://viennapres.org/strengthen-your-marriage)

CLUB 1/27  
Friends. Fun. For Real. It's your place to belong! 4th-6th graders. 6-9pm, 3rd Floor, during marriage event.

Become a VPC Member: 1/29  
Invitation to the Journey, Great Hall, 12:15.

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