Our CHRISTMAS WISH
THAT YOU WOULD KNOW JESUS!

December 24, 2016
Welcome to Christmas Eve Worship at Vienna Presbyterian

I vividly remember Christmas mornings of my childhood. Running down the stairs, tearing open the presents, rummaging through my stocking hung on the mantle with care... As the morning wound down, thinking, huh... is that it? I was longing for something more. We all long for more, more than gifts and eggnog can fill. Our deepest longings will not be satisfied with the things of this world. Our deepest longings can only be satisfied in God. These longings are God's way of awakening spiritual desire in us. We sing a Christmas carol about God as the “joy of every longing heart.” Join us in the New Year as we invite God to satisfy our longing hearts.
- Pete James

Christmas Day Worship, 11am. A Lesson in Carols worship led by Kerry Wilkerson and Danielle Talamantes.

New Year’s Day Worship, 9:30 and 11am. Reset and restart in the new year!

Join us in the New Year as we devote five months in 2017 to reading the Gospel of John together. We’re not reading the Bible simply for information, so you can identify Mesopotamia on a map or recite the names of the 12 disciples. We read it to become transformed people of faith. 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. You will undoubtedly find yourself in this story. John summarizes his gospel this way, “These things are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and through believing you may have life in his name” 20.31. It’s all about real life. What an offer!
Prelude
Welcome

Christmas Eve Worship
4pm & 5:15pm

December 24, 2016

Children are welcome in the service! Wiggles, giggles, and whispers are expected. Worship folders for kids are available just outside the sanctuary. If childcare is preferred, our Childcare is located on the 2nd floor for ages 1 month–2 years.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—John 1:1-5

Jesus Is the Word

*O Come, All Ye Faithful, #41, vss. 1 & 2

Jesus Is God With Us

Away in a Manger, #25, vss. 1 & 3

Jesus Is Good News

*Joy to the World!, #40, vss. 1, 2, & 4

Jesus Is Our Savior

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, #31, vss. 1 & 3

Jesus is the Light of the World

*O Little Town of Bethlehem, #43, vss. 1 & 3

Offertory

Christmas Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Silent Night, Holy Night (remain seated), #60, vss. 1, 2, & 3

Charge

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain, #29

Blessing & Postlude

* Please stand

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.

Assistive listening devices are available at the Welcome Table.

A hearing loop is installed under the rear balcony.
December 24, 2016

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**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 that candle toward the lit candle. We will keep the candles lit during the singing of “Silent Night, Holy Night,” and will extinguish them during the final hymn.

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!

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**Prelude**
Darrell Scott, organist

**Anthem**
Sanctuary Choir
O Come, Emmanuel

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, #31**

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

Joy Has Dawned/Angels We Have Heard on High

**Offering**

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Tomlin

**Scripture**
John 1:14-18

**Sermon**

Deep Longings

Peter James

**Prayer of Commitment**

Service of Candlelight

O Holy Night

Danielle Talamantes, soloist

**Silent Night, Holy Night, #60**

**Prayer**

Joy to the World!, #40

**Benediction**

Postlude

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A hearing loop is installed under the rear balcony.
Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.
Christmas Eve Worship
10:30pm

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Call to Worship
Madie Hricik, soloist

O Holy Night

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
David Jordan-Haas

Prayer of Confession & the Lord’s Prayer

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Casting Crowns

The First Noel
Shipps

Offering

Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Lloyd Larson

Scripture

John 1:14-18

Sermon

Deep Longings
Pete James

Prayer of Commitment

Communion

Service of Candlelight

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Christmas Poinsettias

Jeanne Bingham, in loving memory of parents, Allen & Evelyn Bingham; Jonathan Benett, in loving memory of Edith Herbers; Harry & Cat Campbell, in honor of Paul & Pauline Angelo, and Harry, Mary, and Heather Campbell; Suzanne Carpenter, in loving memory of Capt. Reggie Carpenter; Bonnie & Mike Daniels, in loving memory of Arleen, Les and Skip Swanson; Jeff, Christa and Grace Davidson, in loving memory of our parents and grandparents; Bob, Julie, Elizabeth, and Richard Drake, in memory of Richard W. Drake and W. Latimer Snowden; Ellen Dooley, in memory of her loving dad, Robert McLurty; Karen & Jim Dunlop, in loving memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. James F. Dunlop, Jr., and Mr. & Mrs. Edward M. Ringley; Jen & Jeff Fleisher, in memory of Bill & Myrna Ives; in memory of our grandparents and our aunts—Patty Hopkins Alos, Diane Johnson and Jeanne Jarrett; the Garland family, in loving memory of Chuck; Nina & Jon Graves, in loving memory of Nina's mom, Dottie Pickett, and sister, Kelly Lauer; Barbara Greig, to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nevels and Peg Pearson and Florence Rashid; Elaine Hamlet and family, in loving memory of Gordon Hamlet; Luree James and girls, in loving memory of Phil; Maryanne & Bob Jones, in memory of our parents; the Jones family, in loving memory of family; Shirley, David, Daniel and Austin Leedy, in loving memory of Donald J. Leedy; Kate & Chet Lund, in loving memory of Bryan Smulie; Gretchen Major and family, in loving memory of Don Major, husband, father and grandfather; the Pearson family, in memory of Bernard Little; Paula Reeves & Bill Scott, in memory of Scott family and in memory of Campbell family; Kurt & Gina Riegelman, in honor of Carol Alsip, beloved mother and grandmother, and Maureen Sloan, beloved godmother; Bob & Sara Ritter, in memory of Bob's sister, Barbara; Libby Robinson, in memory of Ivy and Tom Lyle; Donald Robinson, in loving memory of Don & Lois Robinson, Sr.; Judy Smith and family, in memory of loved ones; Ginny Smoot, in loving memory of her mother, Nancy Lee Smoot; Springsteen family, in loving memory of John & Mary Driscoll; Phyllis Swenson, in loving memory of Warren Swenson; Dick & Janet Titus, in memory of parents; Jill Tyroler, in loving memory of Mildred & Charles Lavender; Ted & Christina Ulen, in memory of Joe & Dot Earnest and Sam and Betty Bloomer

Come Back in January:
Sunday School or Classes every Sunday at 9:30 & 11 for kids and adults!

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

Women Who Care 1/8
Great Hall, 5:30pm. Fellowship, Dinner, mission speaker
To reserve dinner: life@viennapres.org

Men's SteakOut 1/9
Great Hall, 7pm. Register at Bridgepointconnections.org

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

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