How Not to Talk to an Angel
Luke 1:26-38

Our CHRISTMAS WISH
THAT YOU WOULD KNOW JESUS!

AND THE DIFFERENCE HE MAKES IN YOUR LIFE.

December 11, 2016
Celebrate the Christmas Season at VPC!

**Today:**

**Friendship Chimes:** Today! 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 singalong!

**Children’s Choirs Concert,** Today! 2pm.

**Messiah Concert,** Today! 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.

**Coming Up:**

**Glorious Sounds of Christmas,** Sunday, December 18, 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. Childcare is available with 48-hour reservation by calling 703-933-9050 x351.

**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 Lords 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 Sunday school 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

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**Giving Is Easy:**
Online at viennapres.org/giving

In the offering plate on Sunday.

Mail a donation to the church, postmarked by 12.31.16.

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

Make a stock donation or charitable donations from an IRA.
Contact Dara Myrah at dara.myrah@viennapres.org

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**Christmas Eve Poinsettias**
Deadline Today

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 today.
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Worship
8:00 am

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, #31
MENDELSSON

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Paul, Sharon, Tommy, Jack and Claire Edelmann

The First Noel
arr. David Shipps

He Shall Reign Forevermore
Tomlin/Maher

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Minute for Witness
Paul Kaschy

Scripture
Luke 1:26-38

Sermon
How Not to Talk to an Angel
Peter James

Offering
I Saw Three Ships
Lloyd Larson

Angels We Have Heard on High, #23
Jeffrey Ware

Benediction

Postlude

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. Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.
Worship
9:30am

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Steve, Melissa, Michaela and Sophie Hauber

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Galbraith

Prayer of Confession
& Assurance of Pardon
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Joy Has Dawned/Angels, We Have Heard on High
Getty

Children’s Message
Beth Crowder

Minute for Witness
Paul Kaschy

Scripture
Luke 1:26-38

Sermon
How Not to Talk to an Angel
Peter James

Offering
The Unbelievable
Kauflin

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
MENDELSSOHN/Getty

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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!

Prelude
Christmas Joy

Exsultate Handbells

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
John, Maurine, Eliza, Linnea, Nate and Taran Hedlund

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, #31
MENDELSSOHN

Prayer of Confession
& Assurance of Pardon
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Away in a Manger, #25
MUELLER

Minute for Witness
Paul Kaschy

Offering
O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion
Handel

Doxology and the Lord’s Prayer

Scripture
Luke 1:26-38

Sermon
How Not to Talk to an Angel
Peter James

O Come, All Ye Faithful, #41
ADESTE FIDELES

Ordination and Installation of New Officers

Benediction

Postlude

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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.

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!

Need Prayer for Yourself or Someone You Love?
USE THE CARD. Son 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 lees.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 is assured.

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!

Parenting Teens Class: Tonight, 5:30pm, Room 321, with Wood and Emmy Parker. Come join in a fun discussion! Next class meets January 8.

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

Student Ministries: Today is the last PM of the year, 5:30-7:30pm for 7th-12th grade. Next Sunday is the last AM of 2016, 9:30-10:30am. We resume AM & PM on January 8, 2017!

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**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.

SWATT Christmas Luncheon: Wednesday, December 14, 11:30am, Clyde’s in Tysons Corner. Contact Betty Little at 703.281.4118 for RSVP and cost information. 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.

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**LOOKING FORWARD**

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 bridgespointconnections.org, cost $25. For additional information, contact Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x115.

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

Looking for a unique Christmas gift? Give yourself a trip with VPC friends on the CenterPoint Discovery Journey to England from September 15, to October 1, 2017. For information send an email to centerpoint@viennapres.com, or leave a message with your name and telephone number at 703.893.2721.

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**LOOKING FOR HELP?**

VPC Children Demonstrating Generosity: Our K-6th graders have shattered their Sep-Dec giving/offering goal! They are 27% over, having already given more than $900, with two weeks left to go. Their gifts support Compassion Children and VPCs various missions and ministries funded by our Unified Fund. Way to finish the year strong kids!

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! VPCs Mission Partner CCH will be in the Great Hall 9am-12:30pm each Sunday in December leading up to Christmas.

Hurricane Matthew Relief Shoebox Effort: Today! 3-4pm.
Fill shoeboxes for Haitian children!
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

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 Cost: $10 for dinner. For more information contact shannon.jordan@viennapres.org