Peace in Our Time

Luke 2:8-14

December 6, 2015
Did You Know?

A portion of the Thanksgiving offering was designated for VPC mission partner The Lamb Center.

The Lamb Center exists to:

Serve the Poor and Homeless
Transform Lives
Share God’s Love

It is a drop-in shelter serving over 100 poor and homeless individuals per day in Fairfax. Guests are offered meals, showers, laundry, spiritual support through prayer and Bible study, and recovery and employment counseling. Volunteers and staff show God’s love in real and practical ways by serving ‘the least of us’ as ministers to the poor and poor in spirit.

One quote from a recent guest:

“The Lamb Center keeps people alive in more ways than one. I know this. When I came here and was invited to sit at the table, the world changed. I never knew God knew us. He is REAL! I am a living person now.”

We are blessed to support their mission!

Today, 11-noon or 12:15-1:15
Conversations at Christmas:
Learn how to initiate spiritual conversations during the holiday season. Room 308/309

Families to light the Advent Wreath on Sunday mornings. First come, first served! Please call Lee Taylor at 703.938.9050 x103 to sign up for a date and time.

Dec. 24 – 7:00, 8:45, or 10:30.

Volunteer at the Christmas Store: Friday, December 11, 9am-noon: Committee for Helping Others (CHO) will collect new unwrapped toys for children up to 12 years old and gift cards for teens. Come back on Saturday, December 12, 8:30am, to help with the Christmas Store in the Great Hall. More info at cho-va.com
Call to Worship

Leader: This is God’s Christmas greeting. In the beautiful story of Jesus’ birth, it was sung by a chorus of angelic voices. Heard at first only by Judean shepherds outside the town of Bethlehem, it is a message that the whole world should hear,

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Offering

Advent Hymn

Doxology

& Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Luke 2:8-14

Sermon

Peace in Our Time

Communion

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

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.
December 6, 2015
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Jr. Choir dismissed after “Joy has DAWNed/Angels We Have Heard on High.”

1st-3rd graders in Bridges, Gateways, and Power-Up are dismissed to their teachers after the Children’s Message:
Children with yellow and blue wristbands, line up in the center aisle.
Children with green and purple wristbands, line up in the outer aisles.
Those who wish to attend but have not yet registered and received wristbands, please take your child to the lobby for registration.

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Worship 9:30am

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Friendship Class

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Carol of the Angels
Gallina
Carol Choir

Joy Has DAWNed/Angels We Have Heard on High

Junior Choir dismissed for rehearsal.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Offering

Scripture
Luke 2:8-14

Sermon
Peace in Our Time
Peter James

Communion
Prepare Him Room
Sovereign Grace

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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This morning, Pastor Pete will talk about the lyrics of the hymn “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.”

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.

The hymn was composed by Charles Wesley in 1739. It’s original title was “Hymn for Christmas-Day.”

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Prelude
Carol of the Angels Carol Choir

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath Steve, Pam, Josh, Katie & Anna Rao

O Little Town of Bethlehem, #43

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Offering
And the Glory Handel

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Luke 2:8-14

Sermon
Peace in Our Time Peter James

Communion

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TODAY

Coffee Hour & Breakfast Snacks in the Great Hall in between services!

Stop by Grapevine for Advent candles and calendars, Christmas ornaments & cards, and much more!

Sunday school classes available for children and adults. Visit the Connect Table for all the details!

Tonight, 7pm:
Cathedral Brass Concert of Christmas Favorites
Sanctuary

LOOKING FORWARD in 2016

Sundays beginning January 3, 4-7:30pm: Perspectives Class: 15 instructors in 15 weeks. This college-level course will provide fresh knowledge and understanding of God’s unchanging purposes and why they’re relevant to your life. Learn more and register at viennapres.org/local-events

Wednesday, January 6, 7-9pm, MOMSnext: Food, fellowship, and speaker Anna Whiston-Donaldson presents "Bent, Not Broken: Cultivating Resilience and Radical Trust in Your Life."
For more information: viennapres.org/adult-ministries

Monday, January 11, 7-8:30pm: Men’s Great Steak Out!
Guest Speaker, Jeff Sken, President and CEO of Fitness Connection. Cost: $25 in advance, $35 at the door. Register at bridgepointconnections.org or contact Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org 703.938.9050 x115.

Monday, January 11, 7pm, or Tuesday, January 12, 9:30am:
Women’s Bible Study: Secrets of Kingdom Living, Studies on the Beatitudes. Visit viennapres.org/adult-ministries for additional information or contact Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org 703.938.9050 x123. Childcare available on Tuesday morning, contact childcare@viennapres.org

LOOKING FOR HELP?


December 24
4 & 5:15pm  Perfect for Children
7 & 8:45pm Sanctuary Choir
10:30pm Candlelight & Communion
(Childcare not available at 8:45 or 10:30)

Giving is easy:
Online at viennapres.org/giveonline

In the offering plate on Sunday.

Mail a donation to the church, postmarked by 12.31.15.

Stop by the church office Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

Make a stock donation or charitable donations from an IRA.
Contact Julie Headley at julie.headley@viennapres.org

Like us on Facebook.
Fellowship:
Tonight, 7pm: Cathedral Brass Concert of Christmas Favorites
Sunday, December 13, 3pm: Children’s Choirs Christmas Concert
Wednesday, December 16, 12noon-2:30pm: SWATT Christmas Luncheon,
Great Hall. Catered Luncheon, $25/per person. RSVP to
swatt@viennapres.org
Sunday, December 20, 4pm: Glorious Sounds of Christmas Concert

Grow:
Daily Devotionals: Advent devotionals available online at
viennapres.org/devotionals or pick up a copy in the lobby.
    Today’s movie: Arthur Christmas Room 203/204.
Today, 11-noon or 12:15-1:15. Conversations at Christmas: Learn how to
    initiate spiritual conversations during the holiday season. Room
    308/309.
Sunday, December 13, 7pm. Advent Contemplative and Prayer Service.

Give: Gifts from the Heart
Today through December 20, 9-12:30: Gifts from the Heart.
    Visit the Great Hall—see how you can make a difference this
    Christmas. Provide gifts for those in need—locally and globally!

Free advent Calendar ornament sets for
families are available on the 3rd floor and in the
preschool wing. Look for the Christmas tree display.

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