10:00 AM

Prelude

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:
Brad, Carrie, Virginia Claire, Maddie, Preston and Ellis Miller

*In the Bleak Midwinter, #36*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*What Child Is This*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message

Minute for Witness

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Offering: *Glory to God in the Highest*

Sermon: Glory to God in the Highest

Darrell Scott, organist

Connie Jordan-Haas

Kim Snyder

Hilary Flynn

Handel

David Jordan-Haas
Longings...we all have them. We long to love and be loved in return. We long to be appreciated and accepted. We long to make a lasting impact with our lives.

The things of this world will not ultimately satisfy us. After all, the world is limited, and our desire is unlimited.

These longings cannot be fully satisfied with anyone in this world. God created us with longings that can only be filled with God. Only God can satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts. The Psalmist came to acknowledge, “My whole being longs for you, God” (63.1).

God came in Jesus Christ to satisfy our longings for love, hope, joy, and peace. We invite you to join us in the New Year to discover how our deepest longings can be met with God.
Prayer Requests

*Our thoughts and prayers are with those that mourn:* Jack Clark (Aunt, Carolyn Seidel); Julia and Helena Billington (cousin, Dan Inscoe); Randy Wood (mother, Betty)

*Friends in need of special prayers this week:* Michelle Lowell’s grandfather (93, got a pacemaker) and her Aunt Imogene (blood clot in lung, passed out and broke neck and arm);

*This week, please pray for these missions and missionaries:*  
**Veteran's Moving Forward** - As they develop and nurture service and therapy dogs as companions for wounded service men and women.  
**Committee for Helping Other** - As they lovingly provide for those in need throughout Northern Virginia.  
**The Lamb Center** - For 25 years of Christian outreach for homeless men and women throughout Northern Virginia.

*Pray for our military men and women:* Gray Adcock, Coast Guard; Caitlin Addams, Chief Petty Officer, USN; SGT Todd Alexander, USA; SGT Michael Doumas; SPC Alex Doumas; TSgt. Samuel Geschiere, USAF; Andrew Hall, USA; Cpl Michael Hill, USMC; Lt. Austin A. Leedy, USMC; Allyson McKechnie, USA; Lt. Dan Marotto, USA; S. Matthew Migliore, Trauma Nurse, US Army; 2nd Lt. Austin Murga, USA; Lt. Cmdr. Jeremy Ray; Andrew Rohrback, USMC; 2LT Amanda M. Ryder, USAF; Lt. JG Albert Schultz, IV, USN; Seaman Eric Volz, USN.
New Year’s Eve Worship service, Sunday, December 31, at 10:00am. Only one service. There will not be Sunday school, but we will provide childcare.

Third Grad Bible Sunday
Each year, we look forward to presenting Third graders with Bibles on this special milestone day. Bible Sunday is January 7 at the 9:30 and 11:00am worship service.

The Great SteakOut!

The Men’s Great Steak Out!
“Carry Me Home” with special guest Christopher Fay, Executive Director of Homestretch. Chris will share his own spiritual transformation and how that led him to the calling of serving those on the margins of our society. Monday, January 8, 7:00pm. $25 in advance. Register at: bridgepointconnections.org/

Mission Lunch with Cornerstone School
VPC mission partner, Cornerstone School provides a Christ-centered, nurturing, and academically rigorous education to the children of Washington, D.C. Many of these children have thrived under the nurturing watch of Cornerstone despite coming from difficult family and social/cultural environments. One of their students will provide a compelling Minute for Witness of January 14. We invite you to stay for lunch, hear from other students and the leadership team of Cornerstone. Your mission dollars make such a difference for so many throughout the world!

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