# Christmas Eve Services

"For the Grace of God has Appeared"

Sunday, December 24, 2023 | Preaching: Rev. Dr. Hope Lee Liturgists: Rev. Connie Jordan-Haas and Rev. Dr. Robert Austell

Welcome to worship, at Vienna Presbyterian Church. Whether this is your first visit or you are a lifelong member, we hope that you will find God's grace, welcome, and love in this special place. Childcare for ages 1 month to 3 years is offered at the 7:00 pm service on the Second Floor.



### **KID'S CHRISTMAS - 5:00 PM**

O Come, All Ye Faithful Welcome Rev. Dr. Hope Lee Lighting of the Christ Candle Sung, Hope, Anna, Peter, and Maria Lee Rev. Dr. Robert Austell Scripture: Luke 2:1-20 **Christmas Prayer** Rev. Connie Jordan-Haas "What God Wants for Christmas" \*Each grade will come up to open the box and hear the reading; they will return to their seats during the song Gather 'Round, Ye Children, Come (Peterson) Box #1 Birth to Pre-K Hark the Herald Box #2 Kindergarten O Little Town of Bethlehem Box #3 1<sup>st</sup> grade What Child is This? 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Box #4 Away in the Manger 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Box #5 Go Tell it On the Mountain 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades **Box #6 Giving of Tithes and Offerings** God Made Low Box #7 All children Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

#### Sharing of Christ's Light

Leader: Arise, shine, dear people, for our Light has come!

People: For unto us a child is born and He is the Light of the world!

Leader: We no longer walk in darkness as those without hope, but have been given the true Light to lead us.

People: The glory of the Lord shines around us on this night.

Leader: And we are called to take that Glory into all the world!

People: As we have received the Light of Christ, let us boldly go forward to live into it and share it wherever we go!

Silent Night, Holy Night

**Christmas Benediction** 

Joy to the World

## **TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT - 7:00 PM**

Prelude	Jack Stabile, pianist			
Welcome and Call to Worship (adapted from John 1:1-5,14)	Rev. Dr. Hope Lee			
Leader: In the beginning was the Word. People: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Leader: He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him. People: Apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. Leader: In Him was life, and the life was the Light of all people. People: The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overpower it. Leader: And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. People: And we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!				
Hymn #31: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing				
Lighting of the Christ Candle Matt, Vicki, Shane, and Simon Sur				
Hymn #41: O Come, All Ye Faithful				
Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7	Rev. Connie Jordan-Haas			
The Word in Music: Recitatives and "For Unto Us a Child is Born" from Messiah (Ha	Indel) Josh Hong, bass VPC Sanctuary Choir			
Christmas Prayer	Rev. Dr. Robert Austell			
Scripture: Luke 2:1-14				
The Word in Music: Recitatives and "Glory to God in the Highest" from Messiah (He	andel) Julianne Kim, soprano VPC Sanctuary Choir			
Scripture: Luke 2:15-20				
Hymn #23: Angels We Have Heard on High				
Scripture: Titus 2:11-14				
Christmas Message The Joy of Not Being Left Where You Are	Rev. Dr. Hope Lee			
Offering/Offering of Music	VPC Sanctuary Choir			
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication				
Sharing of Christ's Light				
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Hymn #60: Silent Night, Holy Night				
Christmas Benediction				
Hymn #40: Joy to the World				
Postlude	Jack Stabile, pianist			

## **CONTEMPORARY CANDLELIGHT - 9:00 PM**

Prepare Him	Room			
Welcome			Rev. Dr. Hope Lee	
O Come, All Y	'e Faithful			
Lighting of th	e Christ Candle	John, Mollie,	Luke, James, and Catherine Hunter	
Angels We Have Heard on High/Hark! The Herald Angels Sing				
Scripture: Lu	ke 2:1-20		Rev. Connie Jordan-Haas	
God With Us				
Christmas Pr	ayer			
King of Kings				
Scripture: Titus 2:11-14				
Christmas M	essage The Joy	f Not Being Left Where You Are	Rev. Dr. Hope Lee	
Giving of Tithes and Offerings				
Go Tell it On the Mountain VPC Youth Choir				
Sharing of Christ's Light				
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Silent Night, Holy Night

**Christmas Benediction** 

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

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