

ORGAN PRELUDE

Von Himmel Hoch, da komm ich her BWV 700
- J.S. Bach
I Saw Three Ships - arr. Richard Elliot

CALL TO WORSHIP

Burke Johnson, *Pastor of Member Care*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN#161

Once In Royal David's City

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Christopher Romig, *Senior Pastor*

*HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

FIRST LESSON “The Messenger of the Lord to

Come” - Isaiah 40:1-5

Carolyn Wilson, *Pastor of Connection and Outreach*

CHORAL ANTHEM

All My Heart This Night Rejoices – David Cherwin

SECOND LESSON “The Prophet Micah Foretells

the Glory of Bethlehem” - Micah 5:2-5a

Rev. Burke Johnson

HYMN#135

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

THIRD LESSON “The Angel Gabriel Greets the

Virgin Mary” - Luke 1:26-38

Rev. Christopher Romig

CHORAL ANTHEM

Jesus What A Wonderful Child - Lloyd Larson

FOURTH LESSON “Mary’s Praise to God” -

Luke 1:39-55

Rev. Carolyn Wilson

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Mary Did You Know - Mark Lowry
Jamal Sarikoki, *baritone*, Chris Romig;
piano

FIFTH LESSON “The Angel’s Announcement to

Joseph” - Matthew 1:18-25

Rev. Burke Johnson

CHORAL ANTHEM

Amen! Tell It On The Mountain - Mary McDonald

SIXTH LESSON “The Birth of Jesus” - Luke

2:1-7

Rev. Christopher Romig

HYMN#151

Go Tell It On the Mountain

SEVENTH LESSON “The Shepherds and the

Angels” - Luke 7:8-20

Rev. Burke Johnson

*HYMN#152

Angels We Have Heard on High

EIGHTH LESSON “The Wise Men Follow the

Star to Bethlehem” - Matthew 2:1-11

Rev. Carolyn Wilson

CALL FOR OFFERING

Center of Hope & Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

CHORAL ANTHEM

There Shall A Star Come Forth From Jacob - Felix Mendelssohn

HYMN#162

The First Nowell

*NINTH LESSON “The Mystery of the

Incarnation” - John 1:1-14

Rev. Christopher Romig

*HYMN#171

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

CANDELIGHT CEREMONY

To prevent candles from dripping, hold the burning candle straight up and tip the unlit candle into the burning one.

*HYMN

Silent Night

*BLESSING AND SENDING

*HYMN

Joy to the World

POSTLUDE

Let Earth Receive Her King - Richard Elliot

WELCOME

We are so glad you've chosen to worship with us this Christmas Eve. It is our desire to welcome you and offer the opportunity for you to experience the love of Christ and His presence.

We welcome your infants to 3 year old children to join us in the nursery. Check in at the children's desk in the Narthex and a volunteer will show you to the nursery in Room 5. We also have a small family room available to those that would like to enjoy the service with little ones who may need less stimulation.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are You in Pain?

The premise of Stephen Ministry is that no one should have to walk through pain alone, whether it be spiritual, emotional, social, or physical. Your Stephen Ministers are waiting to come alongside you, your family member, neighbor, or co-worker and walk with you until it is no longer necessary. Contact one of our Stephen Leaders to find out more. Marcia Bickmore, 488-9379, Richard Gilbert, 468-9174, Laura Saye, 269-339-5907

GRIEF SUPPORT

Transitions Support Group

Transitions is a compassionate support group for people coping with the death of a loved one. Participation in a Transitions group is a special journey available to anyone who has lost a loved one. During the six week course, one travels through grief to a richer understanding, renewed personal purpose, deeper spirituality and total rebirth of self. Many in our community have found new life and new friends while their loved one remains always in their heart.

Begins Mondays, Starting January 13, 9:30 to 11:30. For more information or to register, call the church office at 941-488-2258

HOURS

Worship Service Hours

Sunday, 9am & 11am
(Children's Church at 11am)

Wednesday Morning

Communion

9am in chapel

Office Hours

Mon - Thur, 9am - 4pm

Friday, 9am - 12pm

Youth Group

Sunday, 6pm

**Services are also Livestreamed weekly at venicepres.org*

Sunday After Christmas

ONE SERVICE, 10AM

Join us for a joy-filled worship service, featuring Christmas carols led by the Romig Family on flute, piano, bass, and drums. Pastor Chris (a lifelong fan of Star Wars) will offer a special, Biblically-based message "May the Force Be With You."

Coming In January

JOY IN THE MIDST OF LIFE'S CHALLENGES

Worship at 9am and 11am

The New Year kicks off with a series of messages about finding joy in the midst of life's challenges. Circumstances, people, anxiety, and even religion can threaten to steal our joy. We all face tough times that are bound to get us down. The apostle Paul experienced some of life's harshest challenges, and even wrote his joy-filled letter to Philippi from prison. Paul's letter to the Philippians offers some wonderful and real-life advice about finding real joy in the midst of life's challenges. (In addition to the Sunday messages, Pastor Chris will lead a midweek Bible study, looking in-depth at Philippians – begins January 22 at 6 pm.)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Current Events Through the Eyes of Faith

Led by Pastor Carolyn Wilson, we discuss a current event each Sunday morning in order to see how the news fits into a biblical context. This will give us practice applying Scripture to our contemporary, everyday lives and the issues with which we struggle. Come and enjoy thought-provoking discussion, Bible study and prayer. 10:30 – 11:30 am each Sunday in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

UPCOMING CONCERTS AT VPC

January 18, 7 pm – *Jazz Masters* – a six-member ensemble of some of South Florida's premier jazz artist, including legendary pianist Dick Hyman.

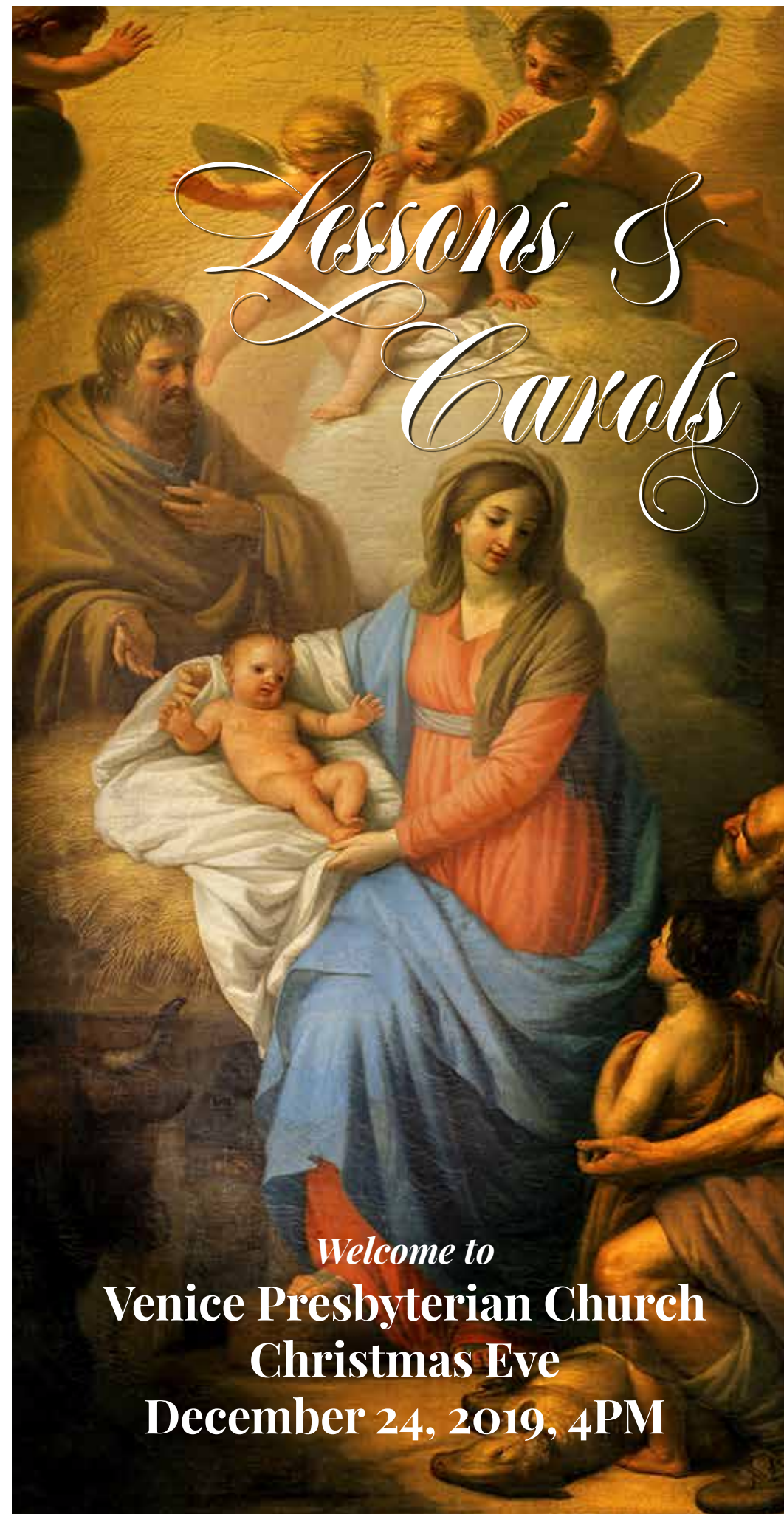
February 8, 3 pm – *Masterworks Concert* – 50-piece orchestra, conducted by Jamal Sarikoki, featuring flute soloists Luis Diaz and Karen Romig.

February 21, 7 pm – *Duo Beaux Arts* – a two-piano concert by Steinway artists Tao Lin and Catherine Lan.

March 8, 4 pm – *Hymn Festival featuring festival choir and organist Craig Williams.*

For more information, please pick up a copy of VPC's event bulletin, Connect, Gow & Go, in the pews or see our website (venicepres.org)

For your convenience, Hearing Loop is installed. Switch hearing aid to T-coil or pick up a hearing device at the Welcome Center.



Welcome to
Venice Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2019, 4PM