

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

Christmas Prelude for Flute and Organ –
Charles Callahan

Flute Stylings for Christmas – arr. Joel Raney

1. *O Little Town Of Bethlehem*

2. *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*

Karen Romig, *Flute*

WELCOME & PRAYER

Rev. Christopher Romig, *Senior Pastor*

*HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Burke Johnson, *Pastor of Member Care*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

O Holy Night – A. Adolphe

Jamal Sarikoki, *baritone*; Chris Romig,

piano

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Rev. Carolyn Wilson

OFFERTORY

Go Tell It On The Mountain – arr. Brent

Olstad

Karen Romig, *Flute*

*HYMN

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Night Before Christmas

Rev. Christopher Romig

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Silent Night – arr. Joel Raney

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

Christmas Angels – arr. Joel Raney

Karen Romig, *Flute*

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.)*

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.

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