

PRELUDE

*Christmas Overture- Mike Treni
VPC Jazz Ensemble*

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Chris Romig, Senior Pastor

*SONGS OF WORSHIP

*Joy To The World
Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 2:1-20
Burke Johnson, Pastor of Member
Care*

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard On High

CALL FOR OFFERING

*Carolyn Wilson, Pastor of Connection
& Outreach
Center of Hope and Pastor's
Discretionary Fund*

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

*Go Tell it On The Mountain- arr. Brent
Olstad
Karen Romig, Flute*

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

*The Night Before Christmas
Chris Romig, Senior Pastor*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

I Wonder As I Wander-arr. Mike Treni

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF WORSHIP

O Come All Ye Faithful

CANDELIGHT CEREMONY

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

*BLESSING AND SENDING

*SONG OF WORSHIP

Go Tell It On the Mountain

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It On The Mountain

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Special Thanks To Our Jazz Ensemble

Mike Treni, Trombone and Arranger

Peter BarenBreege, Winds

Randy Sandke, Trumpet

Karen Romig, Flute

William Romig, Bass

Nicholas Romig, Percussion

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, January 13, 9:30 to 11:30. For more information, 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

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

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 February

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, see our website (venicepres.org)

