Prelude

Welcome

▲ Worship Song
God of Wonders
Byrd and Hindalong

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky; The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

Chorus: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night. (chorus)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
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Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me, Father hold me, hold me.
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▲ Prayer of Adoration

▲ Hymn #210
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
ST. ANNE

Musical Offering
Holy Spirit Come
Led by Mahinbonu Gasounova & Sean Walker

Holy Spirit, touch me and cleanse me. With Your light brighten all my thoughts.
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Chorus: Glory to You, Father, for Your Holy Spirit. Glory to You, Lord, for Your holiness.
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Hallelujah! (Congregation Joins)

Holy Spirit, make me new through Your power. Holy Spirit, change my life.
May the love of Your salvation pour over me. O Spirit of God, help me to live by Your Word. (chorus)

▲ Congregation standing, as able

Please request large-print hymnals from the ushers
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer
Led by Bernie Gauf & Lee Self

Offertory
Shine On Us

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Acts 2:22-28

Sermon
God’s Big Story
Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

Hymn
The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father, Maker of all heav’n and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God’s own Son, of matchless worth;
By the Spirit was conceived, of the virgin Mary born,
He in whom I have believed: God Almighty, Three in One.

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For the stone-sealed tomb was empty; on the third day he arose;
Into heaven made his entry, mighty conqu’ror of his foes.

At God’s right hand he is seated till his coming, as he said;
Final judgment will be meted to the living and the dead;
I confess the Holy Spirit who was sent through Christ the Son
To apply salvation’s merit - God, the Spirit, Three in One.

I believe the church of Jesus, universal, e’er remains;
We are one through all the ages, in communion of the saints.
I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised
To eternal life in heaven: ever let his name be praised.

Benediction

Postlude

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Daryl Wright

Baptisms
Gabriel Edward Mahan, child of Scott & Kathleen Mahan
Madison Ronni Mahan, child of Scott & Kathleen Mahan

Offertory
Sanctuary Choir
Call to Praise
Raymond Haan

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Terry Sisk, organist

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Mahinbonu is known in Tajikistan for her puppeteer drama and singing in the theater and on national television. She was also a sought after singer at wedding celebrations. Having grown up as part of the former Soviet Union, she knew nothing of God and felt herself free to live as she pleased.

In the mid-1990s, Mahin’s young adult son became a follower of Jesus and started sharing the Gospel with his mother. After three years, she made a commitment of faith in Jesus Christ. She soon felt led to dedicate her vocal talents and all that is in her to be lived for the Lord alone. This has utterly amazed those who knew her before. She has many opportunities to witness for Jesus. She often says, “I just can’t stop talking about Jesus and how he has changed my life.”

Mahin is a worship leader in her local church and home group. Her home is a place where many come for spiritual guidance and physical nourishment. She likes to garden and loves to cook for others. She is known for having the gift of hospitality. Every Tuesday afternoon women gather at her home for Bible study, fellowship and a bowl of homemade soup.

In recent years, Mahin’s ministry of song and testimony has extended to the old Persian cities of Uzbekistan – Samarkand, Bukhara, and Tashkent, the Tajiks of Kabul and northern Afghanistan, and Iranian churches in the USA. She has recorded two cd’s in Tajik and three cd’s in the Dari language of Afghanistan. Videos of Mahin’s testimony and singing are now being beamed into Iran and Afghanistan via satellite television. To God be the glory for the things He is doing.
Grieving: Jeanne Bingham (aunt, uncle), Web & Frances Brown (son), Mary Fitzella (father), Jay Goodrich (father), Mike Hallanan (mother), Marian Rian Hays & Abigail Rian Evans/Cam Hays (sister/aunt), Chris James/Andrew James & Emily James O’Connor (father/grandfather), the family of Carolyn Merritt, the Burke family (Linda Colbert’s friend Marilyn)

Hospitalized: “Bix” Doughty, Bill George’s cousin Cole (2), Paula Lohrmann’s cousin, Emma Lynch’s father, Bill & Donna Mayne’s baby grandson, Emily Mandell (18 mos.)

Homebound: Al Giles

Ill or Convalescing: Cecilia Baldwin, Bill Baughman, Don Beless, Stephanie Brown, Mary Carter, Chris Chun, Sam Crawford, Marge Cremer, David Dietly, Jane Dittig, Marieke Ertel, Avice Hill, Irma Kerr, Ruth Knee, Janine Mohl, Pat Palmer, Bill Phillips, Jerry Schnell, Sue Sladek, Eric Stephens, Kathy Van Meter, Bill Windle, Amy Wiseman, Madelyn Wiser (infant)

Facing Tests or Surgery: Jim Larson, Kathryn Gilchrist’s brother

Family and Friends: Bob & Joanne Bower’s friend Ralph, Bill Christopher’s brother, Linda Colbert’s friend Tucky, Beth Crowder’s brother, Laura Curry-Greene’s friend Denny, Arayanna Darst’s friends Doug & Margaret Hodge and Dave, Bill Downer’s father, Karen Dunlop’s sister, Nancy Ensey’s friend Cyndy, Louise Findlay’s niece (8), Phyllis Foley’s brother-in-law, Kathryn Gilchrist’s cousin, Jean Hamil’s brother, Joyce Hickson-Szten’s & Emil Szten’s daughter, Kevin Hines’s aunt, Garth Jensen’s friend Jim, Lynn Johnson’s sister, Gary Kanady’s brother, Linda Kemple’s friend Rheba (Hospice), Ron Kuykendall’s sister, Stella Lansing’s mother, Tara Leasure’s cousin’s wife, Allen & Suzie Martin’s grandson Wyatt (8) & Suzie’s friend Marcia, Jenn Mattson’s uncle, Debbie McBrien’s brother, Karen Nikolich’s mother, Stan Ott’s friend Rene, Becky Rutkiewic’s friend Ellie, Kristina Schenck’s mother, Dineke Shirley’s brother, Jane Sibley’s mother, Mary Ann Singlaub’s mother & stepmother, Dave Smith’s sister, Judy Smith’s son-in-law, Tricia Stevely’s mother, & her friends Lloyd & Leanne, Tom Sutton’s sister, Leslie Vereide’s stepfather, Pamela Vining’s friend Linda, Gerri Webb’s cousin Ken, Lori Wiencek’s friend John, Mary Wisenbaugh’s friends Patti & Robin

Other: Kristin Brown

Congratulations to: Chris & Kelly Eldridge on the birth of Lily Starling Eldridge on September 3rd. We also congratulate Anthony Bronkema & Rebecca Krause who were married at VPC on August 30th.


Non-Military, also “In Harm’s Way”: Mark Bochetti

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Intercessory Prayers

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Need Prayer for Yourself or Someone You Love?

USE the cards in the Friendship Pads in your pew, or at the rear of the church, and place in the collection plate or the wooden box in the lobby/narthex.

CALL the church office at 703.938.9050 ext. 301.

SEND an e-mail to shannon.jordan@viennapres.org; or enter a prayer request via the church’s website at www.viennapres.org homepage “Prayer Requests.”

Please make sure that you have permission before submitting a prayer request on behalf of someone else. Confidentiality requests are strictly honored.

If requested for the weekly bulletin, prayer notices will normally be made for two weeks, but can certainly be extended upon request.
As we think about the mild inconveniences that we faced as a result of tropical storm Hanna, read what Caleb Lucien, Hosean Ministries (a ministry VPC supports) reports about Haiti:

“Here is an update of what we've found out and seen over the past 5 days. The damage is widespread and in fact country-wide. This is the first time in my life that I've seen such a disaster covering the entire country of Haiti. Reports from almost every community tell of flooding, impassable roads, destroyed homes and fallen bridges, and loss of life. With a fleet of 5 vehicles, we began our journey to Gonaives, the condition is beyond anything that you can imagine. You can see a sense of hopelessness and despair like nothing you've ever seen. After a week of flooding, the only 2 streets in the city that people can freely go from one end to the next is over 3 1/2 feet deep and people are walking almost a mile to go find shelter and something (food) on which to survive. We have provided some help, which represents a tiny drop compared to the existing needs. We brought water, cleaning supplies, peanut butter, corn flakes, milk, salt crackers, sardines, bread and other stuff. We provided phone cards so people can continue to stay in touch with their families. We left, however, with a deep sense of sadness and anger. Anger, because of the lack of infrastructure in our country where we don't seem to either see or hear what the leaders are about to do. Sadness, because our hearts break for those people who are powerless and who do not seem to have a way out of total Chaos, total devastation, total hopelessness - the outcome seems very dark. We watched mothers carrying a bag on their heads with babies in their arms while walking about 1 mile in 4 feet deep swamp water. We watch sons and daughters carrying their elderly parents on their backs to bring them to safety. We watch young men, still proud of who they are, but trying to fight for a 16 oz bottle of water and a piece of bread - we see pain and humiliation in their eyes. We will continue to do whatever it takes to bring relief.”

If you would like to send support, you may do it through VPC or send a check to:

Hosean International Ministries
PO Box 17668
Little Rock, AR 72222-7668

Missions Prayer: If my brother has a need and my hands be free let me love him in deed and in truth. Please be praying for Hosean Ministries, for the country of Haiti and it's elected leadership.

Open Doors...Open Hearts Campaign - Our Sincere Thank You!!

During worship today, we are thanking God for His blessings through the Open Doors...Open Hearts Capital Campaign, and for the time and talents of the many people who made it a success. To date, VPC has raised $4.8 million in gifts and pledge commitments, and we have heard from 600 families. Thank you!! If God is leading you to support this campaign and you haven’t yet made a pledge, it’s NEVER too late. Pledge cards are available on the tables in the narthex or you can make a pledge online at www.viennapres.org/commitmentcard.

Many thanks to all of those who took on a campaign task, from making phone calls to serving burgers at the picnic! We are especially grateful to our co-chairs, Bernie Gauf and Lee Self, and the following people for leading a campaign committee:

Peter Amstutz, Liz Bayless, Susie Bonvouloir, Mark Bragaw, Ruth Ann Clark, Marie Crizer, Beth Duff, Nancy Fowler, Brenda Gardiner, John Hambel, Heather Jacobs, Christopher Lawing, Paula Lohrmann, Mark Pella, Herb Rinehart, Carla Schnell, Randy Schumacher, Doug Traxler, Ginny Turley, Jayne Young, Jim Zinn.
Join us for an open house TODAY!
Look for the balloons outside classrooms,
and join us as we get to know God and others better.


**Partners With Christ** is an Adult Sunday School class made up of men and women of all ages and stages of life who are seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through studying God's Word and sharing with other members of the class. The class will begin TODAY with five lessons on Faith. We will then begin a study written by John MacArthur called "The Father Of Israel: Trusting God's Promises." During the study we will look at the lives of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob and Esau. Newcomers are always welcome. Room 205 at 9:30. Contact: Martha Strauss 703.319.7050.

**Apprentices** is a close-knit group seeking to live in relationship with God in their daily lives by learning from the Master through spiritual disciplines, scripture, prayer and insights from contemporary authors. Discussion of everyday struggles, encouragement of service, seeking God's direction, and fellowship with other believers all happen each week. As Apprentices to Jesus, we seek to live the words of Paul, a true apprentice to Jesus in the New Testament (Romans 12:1-2). Please see page 16 for more information on our new study starting TODAY at 11:00 am. Drop-ins are always welcome! Connie Edens, 703.476.5533, cpedens@msn.com.

Want to understand more about what is in the Bible? Join the Berean Bible Study Class!
Starting September 14, we will be studying our way through the Bible in 48 sessions, each of which begins with a 30-minute video lecture by renowned Bible teacher Dr. Chuck Missler. No previous experience or Bible knowledge necessary. Drop-ins are welcome. Sundays, 11 am, room 203/204. For information or study outline, contact Esther or Duane Harder, 703.758.5849 or d.e.harder@verizon.net.

**ESOL Bible Study (English for Speakers of Other Languages)** is for intermediate and advanced adult students from every country. The purpose will be to gain a better understanding of God’s word and to improve English skills. We will learn vocabulary words, practice pronunciation, read Bible verses out loud, and discuss the meaning and application of verses studied. Classes will meet from 11:00 am – 12:00 N, starting October 5. Room 317. Bonnie Grouge or Doris Cooper, bprice@viennapres.org or doris.cooper@viennapres.org, 703.938.9050, ext.102.

See page 16 for more Adult Sunday School offerings!
Welcome back to an exciting new year! We have lots of cool things planned, and the best way to make sure you hear about everything is to make sure you have filled out the 2008-2009 Student Ministries Registration forms for Middle and High School students. Hard copies are available in the Great Hall or the church and Student Ministries offices or can be downloaded from http://www.vpcstudents.org/forms.php.

The Underground Sunday School for Middle and High School begins again today. Join us for a light breakfast from 9-9:30 and Sunday School from 9:30-10:40.

The Underground Youth Group (note new kick off dates) begins Sept 19th from 6:45-9:00 pm for Middle School and Sept 21st, from 5:30-8:00 pm, for High School.

The Underground Music Builds Tour TONIGHT! Join us for an amazing concert featuring Switchfoot, Third Day, Robert Randolph and the Family Band & Jars of Clay at Nissan Pavilion. We'll meet at VPC at 3 pm, and take the VPC bus out for a night of great Christian music. Tickets are $30. Contact Liz Foskey, 703.938.9050 ext 128 to see if we still have any left.

The Underground Parent Meeting September 28th. Are you the parent of a Middle or High School student and want to learn more about the opportunities for your students at VPC? Join us for lunch on Sept 28th, at 12:30 pm. RSVP to melissa.jensen@viennapres.org.

The Underground Fall Retreat: Watch for registration forms for our amazing Middle and High School retreat Nov 7-9. Registration begins at Youth Group on Sept 19th and 21st.

The Underground volunteer leader interest meeting. Feeling called to work with our students at VPC? Join us for a volunteer leader’s meeting on Sept 18, at 7 pm, in the Underground. Staff and other volunteer leaders will be on hand to answer your questions about working with our students. Come see what we are all about. Questions? Contact Barry Hill 703.938.9050 ext 130.

Polaroid Cameras needed! Do you have an old Polaroid camera you can donate to Student Ministries? Contact Liz Foskey at 703.938.9050 ext 128.
### Children’s Sunday School

#### Class Room Assignments 2008-2009

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Concert For Peace  
Sunday, September 28, 2008 at 4 pm, VPC Sanctuary  
A free-will offering will be received.

Please join us for a prayerful service that will include Minutes for Witness from VPC - supported ministries around the world, interwoven with the beautiful music planned for the Concert for Peace. This service will raise up in music and prayer some of our mission projects and missionaries who are serving in tumultuous areas around the world. The service will include a group prayer for safety and peace in these regions of the world. Please join the sanctuary choir, soloists, and others from our mission projects for this opportunity to share together the message of peace.

Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Learning To Love Your Story  
Saturday, October 4, 2008  
8:30 am—4:00 pm  
Vienna Presbyterian Church

$48/person or $83/couple (until TODAY)  
$58/person or $93/couple (Sept 15 - Oct 4)

Register Online:  
Mhgsconferences.com click on scheduled events  
888.977.2002 x112

Free Childcare through 6th grade  
Reservations Required  
Email: childcare@viennapres.org

Contact: Ginni.Richards@viennapres.org or call 703.938.9050 X123.

Learn how your life’s story is united with God’s story.

God has been writing your story from before the beginning of time - every word and page. Every chapter, even those that are painful and tragic, is part of the Author’s storytelling in and through you! Discover how you can co-author with God a tale beyond which you ever imagined your life could tell.

Invest in your own spiritual development and begin to understand how your unique story can and will be used by God, your family and your world.

Dan B. Allender, PhD, is an author, therapist, husband, father, professor and president of Mars Hill Graduate School (mhgs.edu) in Seattle. He is also a gifted speaker, with many stories to tell that will deeply impact the stories you come to tell in and about your own life. He is the author of numerous books including To Be Told, The Wounded Heart, Intimate Mystery, Breaking the Idols of Your Heart and Leading with a Limp.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, Sept 21, at 12N, in the Sanctuary. The Pastoral Nominating Committee will be presenting David Jordan-Haas for congregational approval as the new Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and oversight to Missions and Outreach. A letter of introduction and bio is available today at worship. Thanks for your participation.

Give and It Will Be Given Unto You: 2008 Fall Gathering of the Women of the National Capital Presbytery. The Fall Gathering will be held Sept 20, from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, is being hosted by VPC, and offers a series of workshops as well as lunch. For a full description and more information, please look around the church as well as on the VPC website. (Look under "Ministries"; "Women of VPC-Activities"). Contact: Eleanor Hay, nimickhay@aol.com or 703.242.3984.

Are you in the process of planning your wedding? We hope that one step on your way to the altar will be the Marriage Prep Classes at VPC. Held in the parlor from 11:00 – 12:15 on Sundays, Oct 5 – 26, and Saturday, Oct 11, 8:45 –12:00 (in the Great Hall), these free sessions are required for those being married by our pastors. Please call Linda Kemple at 703.938.9050 with questions, or enroll at www.viennapres.org (“online sign-up forms”).

Want to get connected? Or to find out what’s going on in the life of our church community? Pick up a copy of the purple CONNECTIONS booklet at the Welcome Table or on the Gathering Space Wall. And remember, the most current version is always available at www.viennapres.org/connections.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Part - Time Positions in Children's Ministries: We're seeking two additional staff to be part of the Children's Ministries Sunday Team - someone with a heart for children with special needs to lead our Friendship Club, and someone who loves very young children to be a “consistent face” in our Nursery. Contact clare.maynard@viennapres.org for more information and job descriptions.

Looking for a gift? Or maybe just new inspiration for yourself? Recipes and Remembrances, the VPC cookbook of amazing recipes accented with tasty tidbits of VPC history, is available for $10.00. Please call Judy Rust to get your copy, 703.264.9820. All proceeds benefit Bethany House.

"Our Stories" reflection booklets are now available in the narthex. If you enjoy reading about our moments with God and the powerful ways in which He speaks to us, these reflections written by members and friends of VPC should inspire you. Make sure to take one home today.

Women's Koffee Klache: What’s up for women this Fall at VPC? Find out at the next Koffee Klache with the Women's Ministry Team, TODAY, from 11 am -12 N in the Lower Level. Christin French, women@viennapres.org or 703.435.0509.

We are looking for a Bookstore Manager! If you are interested or know of someone who is the right fit for this ministry resource leadership position, please contact Dick Eagan, dick.eagan@viennapres.org.

The Stephen Ministers will be available in the Great Hall during the coffee hours to answer questions about the VPC Stephen Ministry program.

Are You Ready For Some Golf? The 12th Annual VPC golf outing is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2008 at Reston National Golf Course. 7 am: Check-in and purchase of mulligans in support of the Haiti Scholarship program, shotgun starts at 8 am; lunch and awards at 1PM. Cost $100 (includes golf, cart, lunch and goodie bag). Sign ups in the narthex beginning today or email Bert Webb at begwebb@aol.com.
Announcements

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is an international organization designed to support mothers of infants through kindergartners. This year, our theme is Adventures in Mothering. Our first meeting is on Sept. 18th, from 9:30-11:30, and we will meet the first and third Thursdays of each month. Children will be able to participate in their own MOPPETS program, however, advanced childcare reservations are required. For more information please contact Beth Rice at mops@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050x315. We will also have an information table set up in the Great Hall during the coffee hours today.

Attention Golfers! Opportunities to play and donate to VPC-supported Missions on September 15. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is hosting their 9th Annual One Way 2 Play Golf Classic. See details on their website: www.novafca.org. RPJ Housing is hosting their 9th Annual Golf Classic at Reston National Golf Course. For details see their website: www.rpjhousing.org or pattik@rpjhousing.org, 703.528.5606 x16.

HIGHPOINT (Children’s Ministries)

KICKOFF for Kid's Nation 34: If you are in 3rd or 4th grade, we have a great kid’s group experience once a month, BEGINNING ON Sept. 19th, from 7-8:30 pm, on the 3rd floor Activity Center. Meetings include singing led by sr. highers, games, themes and decorations for each meeting, and snacks. Please join us!

We're seeking a lead teacher for our 11am Bridges class one week in three. Please contact clare.maynard@viennapres.org for more information.

Bible Sunday, the day our 3rd graders are presented with their own Bibles, will be September 28th. If you've not received a letter about this and have a child in third grade, contact mary.monie@viennapres.org as soon as possible. If you're new to VPC, have a 4-6th grader and would like to be part of Bible Sunday, please let us know.

Highpoint Logo Competition: We're looking for a new logo to go with our new name. Watch out for the entry and information sheet coming home with your child today.

The UNDERGROUND (Student Ministries)

See page 11 for all the up-to-date information on VPC’s Student Ministiries!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

VPC Youth Music Ministries Parent’s Meeting: There will be an informational meeting for all parents of students involved in the youth music ministry on Sept 21, at 9 am, in the Choir Room (L11).

VPC Youth Music Ministry Retreat: Members of the Youth Music Ministry will have their annual fall retreat at Meadowkirk, on Oct 12-13. Cost for the retreat, which includes lodging and meals, is $95. Payment is due Oct 5. To register, please contact Kerry Wilkerson, kerry.wilkerson@viennapres.org, or 703.939.9050, ext 130.

VPC Special Music Programs-Mark your calendars now! Sept 28, 4 pm – Concert for Peace, Sanctuary Choir and Soloists; Oct 5, 7 pm – Brethren, Men's Gospel Group; Nov 16, 4 pm -Piano Recital, Raffi Kasparian, accompanist for the US Army Chorus; Dec 14, 4 & 7 pm – Glorious Sounds of Christmas; Dec 21, 4pm - Children’s Choirs Christmas Concert.

Children's Choirs Starts Today: The Cherub (4 - year old and pre-K) choir meets during the 11:00 Sunday School classes. For children grades K - 6th, rehearsals will start TONIGHT at 5 pm. The registration form and the tentative rehearsal and performance schedules are available on http://www.viennapres.org (go to Music Ministries and then Children's Choirs). If you have any questions, please contact Robin LeTourneau, robinwfcva@verizon.net.
Attention parents of 4th-6th graders: Is your child interested in playing handbells? We would love to have them join a newly-formed handbell choir starting this fall. Some music experience is helpful, but not a requirement. Practices will be on Sundays from 4 - 4:45 pm (before Jr. Choir). For more information or to register, please contact Jeanne Bingham, 703.938.9050, ext. 104 or jeanne.bingham@viennapres.org.

CARE & SUPPORT

GriefShare begins Today at 6:00 pm. If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found that there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. That's the reason for GriefShare, a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. Informational brochures are available in the Gathering Space or GriefShare@viennapres.org.

A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend! Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister may be able to offer the support he or she needs. Stephen Ministers are members of our church trained to provide emotional and spiritual care to people who are hurting. It's confidential, free, and very helpful. To learn more, stop by the Stephen Ministry table in the Great Hall during coffee hour this morning.

Passages begins Thursday, Oct 23rd, 7 - 9 pm: Passages is a seminar and support group for people experiencing the pain of separation and divorce. Informational brochures and registration forms are available in the Gathering Space or through Passages@viennapres.org.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

New Women's Bible Study starting on Tuesday nights! Come explore the book of Exodus, as our church community joins together for a 6-week small group study course. We will meet from 7:30-9:15 pm, starting October 21st. Schedule works well for busy women! Contact LeslieVereide@msn.com to sign up or for more information.

Young Adult Bible Study! The young adult community gathers Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm to study the Bible together through a variety of mediums. Beginning September 10, we will be watching clips from “Everything is Spiritual” a talk given by pastor and author Rob Bell. This will help facilitate discussion and Bible study. For more information contact Kelly Gould, kelly.gould@viennapres.org.

Fall CenterPoint: A five session (Sunday) evening class will begin (Sept 14). Sundays, 6 – 7:30 pm, Sept. 14 - Oct. 12: Creation/Fall/Redemption – Chris Hammond, VPC Parish Associate. The first of a three-part series on basic Christian doctrine, this course will provide an introduction to our beliefs about creation, its fall, and its redemption. All are welcome. More information on future CenterPoint classes to come! Details about classes and registration are available online, www.viennapres.org/centerpoint.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers Needed for Our Daily Bread Food Drive: VPC partners with Our Daily Bread four times a year to donate and deliver food to low income residents in Fairfax County, Virginia. The next food delivery is scheduled for Oct 26. VPC is looking for volunteers to help sort the food into bags on Oct 25 and deliver the donated food items to each family on Oct 26. Volunteers are also needed to hand out grocery bags for food donations between the three services on Sept 28 or the following, Oct 5. Please contact Matt Stockburger, mstock_w@yahoo.com, if you are interested.

VPC’s Call and Care Ministry extends God’s love to our congregation by phoning or writing notes saying, “Hello, how are you?” We currently need about two dozen new callers/note writers. Will you help us? We’ll supply you with a script, guidelines, and a list of 10 families to call. Contact Lisa Baltzer, 703.560.9398, lisa@thebaltzers.com.

Calling All Volunteers for October 4th, the Disciple-Making Day with Dan Allender! We need help with parking, greeting, registration, beverage and snack service, and clean-up. For the schedule of opportunities contact Ginni.Richards@viennapres.org or call 703.938.9050 X123.

More service opportunities listed at www.viennapres.org/connections.
Sunday School Room Assignments

See Page 11 for Children’s Sunday School Room Assignments.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:

9:30 am:

**Beyond Basics:** Everyone is invited to come and hear Nora White present a series of two lessons entitled "A Point of Reformed Doctrine", concerning Presbyterian's perplexing theme, predestination. Hope to see you in Room 203/204. Coordinator: Kate Lund.

**Friendship Class:** For developmentally-challenged adults. Room 108C. Teachers Emmy Parker & Beth Gourley.

**Lightseekers East:** An in-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am worship is not necessary. Room 211. Coordinator: Judy Chelson.

**Lightseekers West:** An in-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am worship is not necessary. Parlor. Coordinator: Leslie Vereide.

**Searchers in the Word:** New study on the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes. As an introduction, we shall listen to recorded lectures on the Wisdom Literature by noted Reformed theologian, R. C. Sproul. We use the Bible as the basic text and share in leading the class study, using commentaries and new materials for the class leader. The class meets in Dick Eagan's office. Coordinator: Marion Billington.

11:00 am:


**Apprentices:** On Sept 7, we begin a study of the Old Testament book of Jeremiah. We will be using the study guide *Excellence: Run With the Horses*, by Eugene Peterson, as well as his book *Run With the Horses: The Quest for Life at Its Best* (author of *The Message*). Drop-ins welcome. Room 205. Coordinator: Connie Edens.

More Sunday Adult Education information found on page 9!