Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

Role of Prophets
Deuteronomy 18:15-22

November 30, 2008
Sunday Worship 8:00

Prelude                Terry Sisk, organist
Welcome

Call to Worship               Youth Choir
Betelehemu                    Via Olatunji

We are glad that we have a Father to trust. We are glad that we have a Father to rely upon.
Where was Jesus born? Where was He born? Bethlehem, the city of wonder.
That is where the Father was born for sure. Praise, praise, praise be to Him.
We thank Thee, we thank Thee, we thank Thee for this day, Gracious Father.
Praise, praise, praise be to Thee, Merciful Father.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn #1
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Adoration

Worship Song
Let it Rise

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.
Let the praises of the King rise among us.
Let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.
Let the joy of the King rise among us.
Let it rise.

Oh--, let it rise. Oh--, let it rise.
(repeat all)

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
Search Me, Know Me

Search me, know me, try me and see
Every worthless affection hidden in me.
All I'm asking for is that You'd cleanse me, Lord.

Create in me a heart that's clean, Conquer the power of secret shame.
Come wash away the guilty stain of all my sin.
Clothe me in robes of righteousness. Cover my nakedness with grace.
All of my life before You now, I humbly bring.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory
Painting Pictures of Egypt

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
Children in the Bridges Sunday School class are dismissed.

Scripture
Deuteronomy 18:15 - 22
The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.” You may say to yourself, “How can we recognize a word that the LORD has not spoken?” If a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD but the thing does not take place or prove true, it is a word that the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; do not be frightened by it.

Sermon
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Anthem
Go Light Your World

Benediction and Postlude

Today’s flowers are given in honor of
Tom & Norma Jones’ 50th wedding anniversary on November 29th by their daughter, Nancy Kidwell, and son, Scott Jones, and their families.
Sunday Worship 9:30 & 11:00

Prelude
Terry Sisk, organist

Welcome

Hymn #1
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
STUTTGART

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Worship Song
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Holland Davis

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Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

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Children’s Message

Clare Maynard

Children are dismissed for Sunday School.

Baptisms

(9:30) Molly Elizabeth Komnik, child of Mark & Gretchen Komnik

(11:00) Madison Eileen Moseley, child of Chad & Jennifer Moseley
         Jake Thomas Moseley, child of Chad & Jennifer Moseley
         Makenzie Grace Jacks, child of Andrew & Kristine Jacks

Offertory

Word of God Speak

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Anthem

Painting Pictures of Egypt

Sermon

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Hymn #8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Benediction

Postlude

Terry Sisk, organist

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Intercessory Prayers

**Grieving:** Floyd Foley (brother); Cindy Jacobs (father); Amy MacNeil & family (aunt & uncle –father’s & sister); Sharon Sloane-Hornseth (mother); Hydie Stites (stepfather); John Wenk (father)

**Hospitalized:** Kasen Ertel; Jean Hamill’s brother ; Paula Lohrman’s cousin-in-law; Emily Mandell (2)

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Linda Colbert’s friend; Kathryn Gilchrist’s brother; Stephanie Russell’s friend

**Homebound:** Joyce Tilton

**Ill or Convalescing:** Cecilia Baldwin; Bill Baughman; Christine Calabrese; Mary Carter; Sam Crawford; Marge Cremer; Dick Hutcheson; Larry Kennedy; Irma Kerr; Charles Killion; Pat Palmer; Bill Phillips; Dennis Ryan; Jerry Schnell; Eric Stephens; Kathy Van Meter; Hilary Viscount; June Vogan; Fred Wilburn; Bill Windle

**Family and Friends:** Jeanne Bingham's aunt; Bob & Joanne Bower’s granddaughter Annie (3) and their friend Ralph; Bill Christopher's brother; Linda Colbert's friend Tucky; Jan Crerie's stepmother; Beth Crowder's brother; Arayanna Darst's friends Joshua (5), Dave, Scott, Doug & Margaret Hodge, the Jones family; Bill Downer's father; Karen Dunlop's sister; Nancy Ensey's friend Cyndy; Kathryn Gilchrist's cousin; Lynn Johnson’s sister; Gary Kanady's brother; Ruth Klug's mother; Ron Kuykendall’s sister; Beatriz Lafuente's father; Stella Lansing's mother; Amy Larsen's student Santi (8); Kathy Leggette's brother; Lindsey Loving's uncle; Emma Lynch’s father; Allen & Suzie Martin's grandson Wyatt (8) and Suzie’s friend Marcia; Jenn Mattson’s uncle; Vicky McElwee’s cousin-in-law Annie; Paige Meade’s friends Abagale and Michael; Chip Monie’s mother; Kerry Nikolich’s mother; Stan Ott's friend Rene; Becky Rukiewic's friend Ellie; Dineke Shirley's brother; Jane Sibley's mother; Martha Side’s sister; Mary Ann Singlea'b's mother and stepmother; Dave Smith’s sister; Tricia Stevely’s mother, and her friends Lloyd & Leanne; Bev Streek’s friends Bonnie and Louise; Tom Sutton’s sister; Joyce Hickson-Sztien’s & Emil Szten's daughter; Leslie Vereide's stepfather (HOSPCE); Pamela Vining’s friends Linda, and Dianna and her mother; Lori Wiencek’s friend John; Kerry Wilkerson's mother-in-law; Mary Wisenbaugh's friend Patti

**Other:** Greta Anderson; Kristin Brown; Greg Coats; Valery Kratovil; Kathleen Huber's friend Shayne; Bev Streek's friend Judy; Leslie Vereide's mother; Dawn Watts’s friend Suzie; Steve; Mark; Karen

**Congratulations to:** Sherry Surmacz & Jeffrey Davis who were married at VPC on November 22nd, and to Youlee Park & Andrew Dziuk who wed on November 23rd at VPC.


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

**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 them 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 be made for two weeks, but can certainly be extended upon request.
You Won’t Want To Miss!

Family Advent Celebration TODAY, 3-6 pm in the 3rd floor Activity Center.

Come and bring your whole family. There'll be crafts for children aged 3 through 6th grade, time to think about the meaning of advent, carol singing and drama, followed by food in the Great Hall from 5pm. No child drop-offs.

Crafts $4 per child (or $10 per family)
Food $12 per family (or $5 per individual),

See you there!

Please join us for the upcoming Great Pig Out! men’s outreach dinner!

Friday, Dec 5, at 6:30 pm, in the Great Hall. The menu features a roasted pig and beef brisket. Our speaker is Jeff Bostic, Washington Redskin’s “Hog,” and the cost is only $10! Bring an un-churched friend, neighbor or co-worker for free! Remember, this little piggie went to dinner and that little piggie stayed home. Don’t stay home—come to the Great Pig Out!

PITS Parents Holiday Potluck, Dec 19, 7:30 pm

Mark your calendars, call your sitter, & plan to have some fun and fellowship at this annual parents-only appetizer/dessert/drinks potluck at the home of Dean & Linda Manson. We would love to see some new PITS (parents of infants & toddlers) too! RSVP to Mansonlin@yahoo.com or 703.622.2444.
Music To Your Ears

Evensong of Carols & Hymns: Women’s Christmas Worship Service, Dec 3, 7:30 pm.

Slow down for a moment between the flurry of Thanksgiving and the hurried activity before Christmas for a night of beautiful music and fellowship. Childcare, through age 6, is available upon request. Please call/email childcare@viennapres.org or 703.983.9050, ext. 351 no later than 48 hours in advance. For more information please contact Eleanor Hay. 703.242.3984 or nimickhay@aol.com.

Children’s Christmas Concert, Dec 14, 4:00 pm

Our choir kids will present special family-friendly Christmas music. Please plan to attend the concert in the Sanctuary on December 14 at 4pm.

Glorious Sounds 2008, Dec 21, 4 pm & 7 pm:

Our choirs, orchestra, brass and strings, over 165 musicians in all, will present a delightful traditional Christmas program, including an opportunity for you and your guests to join in singing well-loved Christmas Carols. Escape the hustle and bustle of the Christmas rush and come see why overwhelming demand last year has required that we present two performances this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors to join in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.
Welcome Gifts for Visitors and Guests: VPC cordially welcomes our visitors and guests. We are delighted you are here! Please stop by the Welcome Table in the narthex for a special gift. We hope you visit with us again!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Important and Urgent!

Thank you to the over 525 individuals and families who responded faithfully these last three weeks with their estimate of giving pledge cards to VPC’s 2009 Ministry and Missions budget.

If you have been unable to participate, PLEASE fill out a Pledge Card (available in the pew racks) and add it to the Offering Plate, drop it by the church office or mail it in. You can also go on the VPC website and fill out your 2009 Pledge Card. It is urgent and important that we hear from you!

Our goal is to hear from 600 or more individuals and families and your level of response will determine the level of Ministry and Missions programs support for next year. Especially in these unsettled financial times we need to hear from you. God is on the move in the life of VPC and we want to make sound decisions on the levels of Ministry & Missions commitments to God’s plan for next year!

Sign-up for a Christmas Poinsettia Memorial in the narthex through TODAY. Contact Pam Kattenburg, 703.620.9114 or pamkatt@aol.com.

"Live Faithfully" Stories: Do you know the stories behind some of the memorials around VPC? Do you have or have you had a spiritual mentor who was part of VPC? We will be compiling this type of testimony and invite you to join us. Submit stories to Linda Kemple at linda.kemple@viennapres.org.

Advent Devotionals are available at the Welcome and Sign-up tables in the narthex, the Gathering Space information wall, the Perkins Memorial Library on the second floor, and Grapevine Books. These thoughtful meditations for adults were written by the renowned Christian author, Henri Nouwen.

Grapevine Books is your source for Bibles, gift books, ornaments, fair trade items, and the latest Christian writing. Be sure to check out our new baby items.


Save the dates: The next New Member Seminar will be in three parts – Saturday, January 31, (8:30 – 1:30), and Sundays, February 1 (10:45 – 12:00) and February 8 (11:00 – 12:00). Stay tuned for more details or call Linda in the church office (703.938.9050).
Lost: Did you pick up the wrong coat last Sunday? A full-length black overcoat is missing. Please return to church office if found.

HIGHPOINT (Children’s Ministries)

We're planning a live Nativity (no speaking roles) for the 4 and 5:15 pm services on Christmas Eve. All children aged 4 through 1st grade are invited to take part. Children must be available for rehearsals on Dec 14th and 21st, from 11 am-12N in the Activity Center. Please contact clare.maynard@viennapres.org to sign up, giving your child's name, age/grade and an idea of which part he/she would like to play. Please, also let us know which service you plan to attend on Christmas Eve, and if you happen to have the appropriate costume at home. Assistants for rehearsals are very welcome!

Children’s and Music Ministries have volunteer positions available! We need an accompanist for Psalm Psingers (grades 2 - 3). We meet during the school year (on non-FCPS holiday weekends), Sunday evenings, 5 – 6 pm. Not interested in a long-term commitment? We could use your musical talent to provide back-up if the regular director/accompanist is unable to come. Please contact lance.vining@viennapres.org for more information.

A huge “Thank You” to all the families who put together shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We'll be sending a total of 117 Christmas boxes to children who wouldn't have received any presents this Christmas, including literature telling them about Jesus. Thank you for sharing God's love and the good news of Jesus around the world this holiday season!

Children's Advent Calendars, devotionals and activities are available today in the Gathering Space outside the Great Hall. Please help yourself!

The UNDERGROUND (Student Ministries)

Middle School & High School Sunday School will meet at 9:30 am, today in the Underground.

There is NO High School Youth Group tonight. We’ll see you next week on Dec 7th.

Middle School Youth Group is back this Friday, Dec 5th. Come join all your friends from 6:45 - 9 pm for a great evening!

CARE AND SUPPORT

GriefShare is a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. Meetings are at VPC, on Sunday evenings, 6-7:30, through Dec. 14. You may begin attending the group at any time. Informational brochures are available in the narthex and the Gathering Space.

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 congregation trained to provide emotional and spiritual care to people who are hurting. It’s confidential, free, and very helpful!

Christian Cancer Companions was formed a few years ago by members of VPC who were all cancer survivors and felt called to outreach to individuals newly diagnosed with cancer. If you know of someone who would benefit from this support feel free to invite them. Contact Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Young Adult Bible Study: Our last meeting of the year will be Wednesday, Dec 3. We meet at the home of Kamal and Betty Rahal. Contact Jason Gould, gouldja@gmail.com or Bill Casey, bulldog203@yahoo.com.

Bible study will resume January 7, 2009. Young adults mark your calendars for our Christmas party, Friday, Dec19, at 8 pm at Bert and Gerri Webb’s house. Come and enjoy some food, Christmas sweets, music, games and merriment! Questions, please contact kelly.gould@viennapres.org.
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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 Dec 21. VPC is looking for volunteers to help sort the food into bags on Saturday, Dec 20, and deliver the donated food items to each family on Sunday, Dec 21. Please contact Matt Stockburger (mstock_w@yahoo.com) if you are interested (food donations may be brought Dec 7 & 14).

Project Angel Tree, a Christian program providing Christmas gifts for children of incarcerated parents/grandparents, is looking for VPC families or groups to adopt an entire family. If your family/group wishes to adopt a family and provide 2-3 gifts for each child and a "thank you" for the caregiver, contact Tricia Hine at PLHine@hotmail.com or 703.863.4590.

Christmas is coming! After the Thanksgiving guests have departed this year, embrace the Holiday Spirit and join in the Hanging of the Greens at VPC on Monday, Dec 1, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Come for the morning, afternoon or all day! Lunch provided. No childcare is available for this event. Contact Pam Kattenburg, 703.620.9114 or pammkatt@aol.com.

The annual Committee for Helping Others (CHO) food drive will be held from Nov 1 - Dec 31. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the box near the Grapevine Books store. We are partnering with the Northeast Vienna Citizen's Association to supply food thru CHO to local families in need during the holidays.

Volunteers Needed for Our Vienna Church Street Stroll Outreach! We need volunteers for this year’s outreach activities on the Chapel steps and in the church parking lot during the Town of Vienna’s Church Street Stroll. This year’s Stroll is Dec 1, from 6-9 pm, and we will be providing music, refreshments and literature for those who will be walking by. To volunteer, phone the church office at 703.938.9050.

Our annual CHO Christmas Event takes place at VPC on Dec. 13. We need donations of food cards, gift cards for teens, new toys, winter clothes and gently-used bikes. We also need volunteers both days for a couple of hours. Contact Carolyn Mysel at 703.938.7213.

More service opportunities listed at www.viennapres.org/connections.
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### Sermons
Sermons are available anytime at [www.viennapres.org](http://www.viennapres.org) under worship.

### Adult Education Classes:

#### 9:30 am

- **Beyond Basics:** Everyone is invited to come and hear Jon Lochhaas present a series of lessons on William Wilberforce's book "Real Christianity." 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 service not required. Room 211.

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

- **Searchers in the Word:** An in-depth study of the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, a message for our cynical times, with the Bible as the main text, plus written and audio commentaries. Room 312. Coordinator: Marion Billington.

- **Partners With Christ:** We are studying "The Father of Israel: Trusting God's Promises." Newcomers always welcome. Study guides available at Grapevine Books. Room 205. Contact: Martha Strauss 703.319.7050.

#### 11:00 am

- **Berean:** 9/14/08 – 8/23/09 “Through the Bible in 48 Sessions,” Class sessions begin with a 30 minute video lecture and are followed by discussion. Drop-ins welcome! Room 203/204. Coordinators: Esther and Duane Harder.

- **Apprentices:** Each Sunday during Advent, class discussion and reflection will center around music and scripture text from a portion of Handel's Messiah. Drop-ins are welcome. Room 205. Coordinator: Connie Edens.

- **ESOL Bible Study (English for Speakers of Other Languages):** For intermediate and advanced adult students from every country. Room 317. Coordinators: Shun and Doris Ling.

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- **Pastors:**
  - Peter James
  - Glen S. Simpkins Hoffman
  - David Jordan-Haas

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- **Associate Music Director:** J. Kerry Wilkerson

- **Organist:** Terry Sisk

- **Children’s Ministries Director:** Clare Maynard

- **Asst. Children’s Ministries Dir.:** Daryl Wright

- **Student Ministries Director:** Barry Hill

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- **Middle School Director:** Kim Snyder

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- **Young Adult Ministries Coord.:** Kelly Gould

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