Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

Jesus’ Youth
Luke 2:41-52

January 4, 2009
Prelude

Welcome

Hymn #66
We Three Kings of Orient Are (verses 1, 2 & 5)  

We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

Refrain:
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign. (refrain)

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia Sounds through the earth and skies. (refrain)

Prayer of Adoration

Worship Song
Beautiful One  
Tim Hughes

Wonderful, so wonderful, is Your unfailing love. Your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard, No heart could fully know How glorious, how beautiful you are!

Chorus:
Beautiful One, I love, beautiful One, I adore, beautiful One, my soul must sing.

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies, Your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing. How marvelous, how wonderful You are. (chorus 2X)

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew. You captured my heart with this love,
‘Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You. (repeat)

Beautiful One, I love, beautiful One, I adore, beautiful One, my soul must sing. (repeat)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message (9:30 & 11:00) Bonnie Downs

Offertory
Standing on the Promises arr. Mark Hayes (8:00) Youth Choir
(9:30 & 11:00) Small Ensemble

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Hymn #592

Scripture Luke 2:41-52

Sermon Pastor Pete James
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Celebration of the Lord’s Supper Page 13, front of Hymnal
Communion Music

Hymn Siyahamba South African Hymn

We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of, The light of God,
We are marching, marching, We are marching, marching, We are marching in the light of, The light of God,
We are marching, marching, We are marching, marching, We are marching in the light of God.

We are praying in the light of God, We are praying in the light of God,
We are praying in the light of God, We are praying in the light of, The light of God,
We are praying, praying, We are praying, praying, We are praying in the light of, The light of God,
We are praying, praying, We are praying, praying, We are praying in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God, We are singing in the light of God,
We are singing in the light of God, We are singing in the light of, The light of God,
We are singing, singing, We are singing, singing, We are singing in the light of, The light of God,
We are singing, singing, We are singing, singing, We are singing in the light of God.

Benediction and Postlude Terry Sisk, organist
Intercessory Prayers

Grieving: Bob Albus (mother); The family of Marjorie Boyd

Hospitalized: Bob Heaston; Clint Bennett's father; Marion Billington's stepmother; Paula Lohrmann's cousin-in-law; Emily Mandell

Facing Tests or Surgery: Rae Harpe; C.A.M. Wagner; Barbara Denmon's friend Barbara

Homebound: Edith Brinkley

Ill or Convalescing: Cecilia Baldwin; Cecily Bornemann; Sheila Breuer; Christine Calabrese; Ellie Cammer; Mary Carter; Sam Crawford; Marge Cremer; Sami Engle; Kasen Ertel; Thelma Haslam; Dick Hutcheson; Larry Kennedy; Charles Kilion; Pat Palmer; Bill Phillips; Charlotte Prunty; Jerry Schnell; Eric Stephens; Courtney Sweeten; Kathy Van Meter; Hilary Viscount; Jane Vitray; June Vogan; Bill Windle

Family and Friends: Julia Billington's brother; Jeanne Bingham's aunt; Bob & Joanne Bower's friend Ralph; Bill Christopher's brother; Jan Crlie's stepmother; Beth Crowder's brother; Arayanna Darst's friends Joshua (5), Dave, Doug & Margaret Hodge, Scott, Howard, and the Jones family; Bill Downer's father; Karen Dunlop's sister; Nancy Ensay's friend Cyndy; Helen Franchois's mother; Kathryn Gilchrist's cousin; Mary Heppner's father; Sarah-Joy Hunter's father; Linda Kemple's cousin; stepmother and friend Karen; May Kepler's stepmother; Ruth Klug's mother; Ron Kuykendall's sister; Beatriz Lafuente's father; Stella Lansing's mother; Amy Larsen's student Santi (8); Kathy Leggett's brother; Lindsey Loving's uncle; Allen & Suzie Martin's grandson Wyatt (8) and Suzie's friend Marcia; Jenn Mattson's uncle; Vicky McLane's cousin-in-law Annie; Paige Meade's friends Abagale and Michael; Chip Monie's mother; Kerry Nikolich's mother; Lois Poland's mother; Becky Rutkiewic's friend Ellie; Susan Scott's daughter; Dineke Shirley's brother; Mary Ann Singlaub's mother and stepmother; Dave Smith's sister; JC Stover's friends Joe & Nancy, Shannon, and Bouavanh; Bev Strean's friends Bonnie and Louise; Tom Sutton's sister; Dottie Swink's son John; Joyce Hickson-Szten & Emil Szten's daughter; Leslie Vereide's stepfather; Pamela Virkaitis's friend Mary; Lori Wiencek's friend John; Kerry Wilkerson's mo-in-law; Mary Wisenbaugh's friend Sherry

Other: Andrea & Jeremy Ables; Greta Anderson; Kristin Brown; Greg Coats; David Li; Bev Strean's goddaughter; Leslie Vereide's mother

Congratulations to: Melanie Cunningham & Colum Lavery who were married on December 29th. Melanie is the daughter of Gatewood & Lee Taylor, and the granddaughter of Luree James.

We rejoice and give thanks to God that Ben Eckert has returned home safely from his military service.


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

Need Prayer for Yourself or Someone You Love?

USE the cards in the Friendship Pad 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; or

CALL the church office at 703.938.9050, ext. 301; or

SEND an email to david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org or enter a prayer request via the 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.
Is a short term mission in your future?

VPC has a long history of sending out short term mission teams (STM). (A short term mission trip can be a week, a month, or a year.) Our STM philosophy is to empower the nationals/indigenous people of the country reflective of what Oleg (New Hope International) writes:

“I am so thankful to VPC for the faithful partnership, as well as for the deep friendships in the Lord. We are thankful for the great team that came to Moldova, and of a great value they were in the last year, having a nation wide impact in the area of drama.”

Here is the list of trips planned this year,

**Living Waters International/El Salvador**, Maggie Vogel, leader, College age students drilling wells, date TBA, contact Sheila.Breuer@viennapres.org.

**Moldova**, coordinated by Anna Katherine Scott, training youth leaders in drama and VBS in orphanages, date TBA, contact Sheila.Breuer@viennapres.org.

**Mexico**, John Morgan, leader, adult/college trip building churches and VBS, May 12 – 19, contact Sheila.Breuer@viennapres.org.

“Is a short term mission in your future?”

For information on SMP trips contact Barry.Hill@viennapres.org.

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**Your Prayerful Response to God’s Plan for VPC is Important!**

Thanks to all who have submitted their estimate-of-giving pledge cards toward the 2009 Ministry and Missions budget. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully fill out a Pledge Card and turn it in. We need everyone’s commitment to help God’s plan for VPC’s Ministry and Missions to move forward. Our planning process depends on how God is moving in the giving of the congregation, so we need to hear from you.

We have worked for three years to make “Giving Generously” a more spiritual exercise of personal prayer, discernment, communication and congregational response. This year during the month of December, we have had a particularly large need to meet our budgeted offerings for the year. Through December 29, receipts to the unified budget for the month have totaled $624,500. Thanks be to God and thanks to all who have responded so generously to the call.
Announcements

WELCOME 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

Mark Your Calendars - Sunday, January 11: Pastor David Jordan-Haas will be installed at the 11 am service. After the service there will be a welcome reception for Pastor David and his family.

Are you a young adult new to the church? Come join the young adult community (TODAY after the 11 am service in the Great Hall) for a free lunch and to find ways to plug in through Bible study, events and service. Questions? Please contact Kelly Gould, kelly.gould@viennapres.org.

SWATT (Seniors 50+) Potluck Luncheon. Come one, come all Jan 14, at 12:15 in Great Hall. Guest speaker VPC’s Karla Vernon will discuss her novel The Spy in Crinoline about Antonia Ford, a Fairfax City resident and a J S Mosby spy. No reservation required. More info: Al Grouge, 703.620.360.

Please join us for the upcoming Steak Out! Men’s Outreach Dinner on Friday, Jan 30 at 6:30 pm in the Great Hall. We’ll be grilling steaks and our speaker is Carl Meyer, speaking on “Defeating Fear in Times of Turmoil.” The cost is only $15 and you can bring an un-churched friend, neighbor or co-worker for free!!

Save the dates: The next New Member Seminar will be in three parts: Saturday, Jan 31 (8:30 am–1:30 pm) and Sundays, Feb 1 (10:45 am–noon) and Feb 8 (11 am–noon). Stay tuned for more details. Call Linda Kemple in the church office (703.938.9050) with questions or to register.


Centerpoint is planning a 2-week educational and inspirational Discovery Journey to the Holy Land in late Oct/Nov 2009. High points include Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Galilee, Jordan River, Dead Sea, Petra and more. Also included will be a 5 session class in September to familiarize you with the scripture related sites we will be seeing. Booking deposits will be due in February. Register your interest on Holyland clipboard at Welcome Table. For more info go to www.viennapres.org/Holyland/ or email your questions to holyland@viennapres.org.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please, no VPC parking in the Spokes east side lot. We need to respect their limited employee and customer parking spaces. Thank you!

Administrative Assistant Position Available in VPC Weekday Preschool: The position is 6-9 hours weekly between the hours of 9 am and Noon, and requires experience with Excel and Word. Please call Bonnie Downs, 703.255.1419 for more information.

"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.

HIGHPOINT (Children’s Ministries)

We're looking for a twice-a-month lead teacher for our 11 am Kindergarten class. If you enjoy working with small groups of children in a lively atmosphere contact clare.maynard@viennapres.org.

Children's and Music Ministries have volunteer positions available! We need an accompanist for Psalm Psingers (grades 2-3). We meet Sunday evenings, 5-6 pm, during the school year (on non-FCPS holiday weekends). Not able to make 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.
Sacraments Classes for 3rd and 4th graders begin February 1st. Please see the church website for more details and to download a registration form. Your child can also pick up a form in their classroom in January. Contact clare.maynard@viennapres.org with questions.

The UNDERGROUND (Student Ministries)

Welcome to the New Year! There is Sunday School today for Middle School and High School Students at 9:30 am.

NO High School Youth Group tonight. We’ll see you on Jan 11.

Middle School Youth Group resumes on Jan 9.

Information and registration for the 2009 Confirmation Class for High School Students can be found at www.viennapres.org/confirmationclass. There is a required student and parent meeting at 12:30 pm in the Underground on Sunday, Jan 11, for families interested in the Confirmation process.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Young Adults Bible study will resume Jan 7, 2009. Questions? Contact kelly.gould@viennapres.org.

New Women's Bible Study -Tuesday nights in January: Come explore the Old Testament Tabernacle! We will work through Bible teacher Beth Moore's interactive video study: A Woman's Heart; God's Dwelling Place. Meeting time: 7:30 - 9:15 pm. [January 13 -May 19.] Books are on sale in the bookstore. Contact LeslieVereide@msn.com if interested so we can know how many workbooks to order.

CenterPoint – Term II Classes Begin Jan. 11 - Register Now! Term II Classes:

Sundays, 6 – 7:30 pm, Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, & 8
Are You Listening to Me? Enhancing Interpersonal Communication Skills – Dr. H. Dale Keeton, Vienna Family Therapy Center.

Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9 pm, Jan. 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, & 10
Human Sexuality: A Biblical Perspective – Peter James, Senior Pastor, Glenda Simpkins Hoffman, Associate Pastor, and Chris Hammond Parish Associate, VPC.

Discovery: Jesus and the Intellectual – Phil Kratovil, Outreach Director, VPC.

Class descriptions and registration information are available at the sign-up table in the narthex, church reception office, & www.viennapres.org/centerpoint.

CARE AND SUPPORT

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 are all cancer survivors and felt called to outreach to individuals newly diagnosed with cancer. If you know of others who would benefit from this support, feel free to invite them. Questions? Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or luckylister3@cox.net.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Clothing Drive – January 11, 2009: We will be holding a clothing drive for CHO (Committee for Helping Others). Donations of gently-worn winter clothing for children and adults would be greatly appreciated! All donations can be placed in the box, across the hall from the office, on the second floor.

VPC Blood Drive – February 15: January is Blood Drive Month but VPC will be hosting a blood drive in February. Please save your blood donations until then! Thanks! Dee Burns (for SWATT), 703.938.9652.

More service opportunities listed at www.viennapres.org/connections.
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Adult Education Classes:

9:30
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 are welcome! Room 203/204. Coordinators: Esther and Duane Harder

Apprentices: 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