Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

God’s Big Easter Story
1 Corinthians 15:3-8

April 12, 2009
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

Prelude
Praise Him with Drums and Cymbals
Cathedral Brass, Percussion and Organ
Karg-Elart

Welcome

Scripture
1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Call to Worship
The bells this morning begin in the form of the cross. A single bell rings once for each day from Good Friday to Easter. More bells join in as the wonderful news of the resurrection spreads. The cross breaks apart with all the bells ringing to exclaim, “Christ is Risen!”

Hymn #123
Jesus Christ is Risen Today
EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God’s love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Prayer of Adoration

Worship Song
Crown Him with Many Crowns
Bridges, Thring, Elvey, arr. Galbraith

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heav'ny anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave;
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
Choral Interlude

Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n! One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died.
Be Thou, O Lord, thro' endless days adored and magnified.

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Apostles Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Confession
Lord, in praying the prayer You taught us;
we pray, “Our Father,” while refusing to live like Your children;
we pray, “Hallowed be Thy name,” while preferring our own honor;
we pray, “Thy Kingdom come,” while seeking to reign supreme;
we pray, “Thy will be done,” while refusing Your way in our lives;
we pray for, “Daily bread,” while obsessing over food;
we pray, “Forgive us our trespasses,” while withholding pardon from others;
we pray, “Deliver us from temptation,” while entertaining evil;
we pray, “Thy Kingdom and Power and Glory,” while seeking these things for ourselves;
we pray, “Amen,” while wanting more than we prayed for;
Lord, forgive us for continuing to put ourselves before You. Change our hearts that we might recognize
your Lordship and that we might seek your Kingdom. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
Jesus Messiah

soloist Doug Traxler
Tomlin

Children in the Bridges Sunday School (8:00) class are dismissed.

Children’s Message

Children in Sunday School classes are dismissed after the Children’s Message at 9:30 and 11:00.

Offertory
I’m Amazed
Sanctuary Choir and Youth Choir; soloist Patrick Sobolik
Cymbala
All are welcome to come forward during the hymn to join the Choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus. 
Music is provided.

Hymn #122
Thine Is the Glory
JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain
Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.
(Refrain)

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without Thee; Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love; Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. (Refrain)

Choral Response
Hallelujah Chorus
Handel

Congregational Response
Choir: Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed!

Postlude
Toccata in B-minor
Terry Sisk, organist
Eugène Gigout

WELCOME!

We’re glad you chose to spend this glorious Easter morning here at VPC!
VPC is a vibrant, loving community with many ways for you to connect with people and be encouraged in your faith and service.

Our mission is to CALL people to FAITH, EQUIP people for DISCIPLESHIP and SEND people to LOVE and SERVE. And, we have arranged some upcoming events and opportunities on pages 8-10 to show you what we mean. If you’d like to know more, please visit the Welcome Table today before you leave or visit our website at www.viennapres.org.

God is at work here at our church and we would like to journey with you in our life-long adventure of learning what it means to follow Jesus with our whole lives. See you next Sunday!
**Intercessory Prayers**

**Grieving:** Lamar Collier (brother-in-law); Larry Dowdy (uncle); Ruth Klug (mother); the family of Emily Mandell (2); Dave Smith (sister); the family of Jane Vitray (including Janine Mohl, daughter)

**Hospitalized:** Floyd Foley; Taylor Christine Hunt (infant daughter of Jeff & Nicole); Helene Oliver; Barbara Carlson’s friend Joe; Sandy Brogan’s father; Stacy Hamblen's brother; Linda Kemple's cousin; Ruth Klug's brother; Paula Lohrman's cousin-in-law

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Mona Flinn's brother; Kathryn Gilchrist's Aunt Louise

**Homebound:** Joyce Tilton

**Ill or Convalescing:** Sheila Breuer; Dee Burns; Mary Carter; Peggy & Sam Crawford; Rae Harpe; Pat Harper; Charles Killion; Cathy Leamnson; Shun Ling; Paula Lohrman; Mary Martin; Laura Nickell (11); Clarence Robinson; David Russell; Jerry Schnell; Peter Smith; Kim & Mark Tracz; Kathy Van Meter; Hilary Viscount; C.A.M. Wagner; Joanne Werman; Bill Windle

**Family and Friends:** BJ Ahrens’s granddaughter; Susie Bailey's friend Braison (3); Sandy Brogan's father; Tana Leasure's mother/ Sandra Crippen's sister; Beth Crowder's brother; Louise Findlay's niece Payton (9); John Gibb's grandmother; Holly Heiderer's Uncle Fred; Fran Humberd's sister; Bill & Ronniejean Irvin’s friend Randy; Linda Kemple's stepmother; Phil Kratovil's mother; Kerry Nikolich's mother; Pat & Leo Planakis's nieces; Leslie Vereide's mother, stepfather and brother

**Other:** Ronniejean Irvin's friend Trecia

**Congratulations to:** Jason & Abby Gwaltney on the birth of Carter James Gwaltney on March 31. We also congratulate Marie Choi & James Minier who were married at VPC on April 4.

**Notes of thanks** for our prayers have come from Joe Darst and Greg Coats.

**Missionaries of the Week:**
- **International:** Dave Robinson, World Vision
- **National:** Ministry in the North Country
- **Local:** Wellspring Ministry


**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 www.viennapres.org 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 up to four weeks but can certainly be extended upon request.
Easter Lily Memorials

Luree James, in memory of Philip James; Herbert and Lisa MacArthur, in memory of M. Wayne Timblin, Louise Timblin and A. Gordon MacArthur; Harry Mason, in memory of Pauline (Polly) Mason; Jeanne Bingham, in memory of her parents, Allen and Evelyn Bingham and Emily Corse; Elmer & Barbara Denmon, in memory of their parents; George and Jane Sibley, in memory of William Taylor and George and Rose Sibley; Connie and Mayo Stuntz, in memory of their daughter Grace; Debbie and Charlie Marshall, in memory of all their loved ones past; Warren, David, Stephen and Christopher Greene, in memory of Nancy Greene; Bill and Donna Mayne, in memory of Tom and Helen Mayne and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton; Jim and Maurine Thomas, in memory of their parents and brothers; the Seeman family, in memory of Rodger Seeman; the Duff family, in memory of loved ones; Kristine, Emma and Leah Morris, in memory of Anthony David Morris and their son and brother, Nicholas Scott Morris; Charles and Nora White, in memory of Tommy; Dee Burns, in memory of departed family members; Gwen Datt, in loving memory of John Datt; Evelyn Wiesnet, in loving memory of her husband; Barbara Greig, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nevels and Peg Pearson and Florence Rashid; Stan King, in memory of his wife, Ann; Julia, Peter Smith and family, in loving memory of Grammy and Grandpa, Jamie and Hayden; Gail Allen, in loving memory of her parents Gordon and Christine Templar; Sally Mitchell, in memory of Garland Smith; the Knight family, in loving memory of Johnny; Chuck and Erin Allen, in memory of Don and Gloria Allen and Forrest, Grace, John and Robin Lindsey; Judy and Doug Rhodes, to the glory of God; Jane MacDuff, in loving memory of her father whose 101st birthday would have been today; Sherrie and Bill Steinbach, in memory of loved ones; the Brook family, in memory of Everett and Lucille Brook; June Follini and the D. Reichert family, in loving memory of William Peter Follini, William W. Follini and Linda Lake; Shirley, David, Daniel and Austin Leedy, in memory of Donald J. Leedy; Wendy, Neil and Tristan Dellar, in loving memory of Edward Addiss and Alan Dellar; the Kalousis family, in loving memory of Anne and Dee Hills; Fred and Sylvia Bergert, in memory of loved ones; Tim and Cheryl Dronsfield, in memory of loved ones; Richard and Judy Sommerfeld, in memory of Franz and Helen Sommerfeld; Garrick Geibel, in memory of Pat and Ray Geibel; Anne Grenade, in memory of her parents, Sihonne and Albert Grenade; Wendy Rose, in memory of Mildred and Louis Schreiber; Bill and Carolyn Carter, in memory of Tommye S. Carter; Robin and Glenn LeTourneau, in memory of Mark E. LeTourneau; Roger and Mary Nichols, in memory of family; Pauline Beck, in memory of Ray, husband, grandfather and father; Ollie and Joan Fowler, in memory of family; Norma and Malcolm Booth, in memory of William Wallace Booth; Rachel and Duane Wills, in loving memory of their parents; Celeste Kacedan, in loving memory of her mother, Harnet Cook Coxtom; Betty Little and family, in loving memory of Bernie; Cheryl Eagan, in memory of Buff and Don Eagan; Linda and Ed Gabris, in memory of their parents; Shirley Gourley, in memory of John Gourley; Maryanne and Bob Jones, in honor of family; Mindy Thomas, in memory of Brad Thomas; Judy Duhaime, in memory of Ciel Heaslip; Elaine Ryan, in memory of all loved ones; Mike, Nancy, Liz and Natalya Hallanan, in memory of Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa Semnkinoff; Bob and Robert Durst, in memory of Sheila Steele; Nina, Jon, Chris and Megan Graves, in memory of Nina's sister, Kelly Lauer; Bill and Glenda George, in memory of Rebecca M. George; the Aarhus family, in memory of their father, Bob Aarhus and in honor of their mother, Audrey Aarhus; Mariann and Mariano Alicea, in memory of Frank Torchia, Pedro Ocasio, Sr. and Maria Ocasio, Patricia Chedderson; Soraya Sheikerz, in honor of the entire congregation of Vienna Presbyterian Church; Kathleen Keim, in memory of her beloved cousin/sister, Jane Vitray; Janine and Don Mohl and family, in loving memory of Jane Vitray; Judy Smith and family, in memory of John and Fred; the Donald Black family, in loving memory of Stephen Paul Black.
“Survival of the Fastest – Living Sanely When Life Is Fired Point Blank”

Information overload, traffic, work, family-- it’s a never ending stream. What do you do when life is coming at you from all angles? We invite you to come hear Dr. Os Guinness as he shares with us on living wisely in a 24/7-paced life.

Sunday, May 3, 12:45 pm Great Hall
Optional lunch served at 12:15 pm, $5 at the door, must reserve lunch on the sign Up sheet in the narthex or by calling 703.938.9050.

For more information, visit [www.viennapres.org/centerpoint](http://www.viennapres.org/centerpoint).
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Want to see what’s right with today’s youth?
Come back and join us April 26 for Youth Sunday when our middle and high school students will be leading us in worship for the morning.

New Member Opportunities

Are you a visitor or regular attendee interested in becoming a member at VPC? We have two events coming up just for you!

**Sunday, April 19, after the 11:00 service**
Conference room, 2nd floor
Join us for lunch and an informal time with Pastor Pete finding out more about VPC and about becoming a member. RSVP to Phil Kratovil 703.938.9050 ext. 115 or phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.

**Saturday, May 2, 8:30 am-1:30 pm and Sunday, May 3, 9:30 am-12 pm**
If you’re ready to become a member of VPC, join us at the next two-day New Member Seminar. Contact Linda Kemple, 703.938.9050 to RSVP, arrange childcare, or with any questions or concerns.

Calling All Kids!

Parents, there are several opportunities to get your children involved at VPC this summer through our summer camp program. Visit, [www.viennapres.org/VBS](http://www.viennapres.org/VBS) for more information and to learn how to sign up. Space is limited so sign up now!

**VBS at Meadowkirk Camp**, June 22-26
**VBS at VPC**, July 6-10
**Photography Camp**, July 6-10 (FULL)
**MAD (Music and Drama) Camp**, July 13-17
**Children’s Mission Team**, July 20-24

photo: Kim Jackson
Young Adult Retreat, “Faith in Tough Times”  
April 24-26

The Presbytery will be gathering together young adults at Meadowkirk Retreat Center in Middleburg, VA. Our speaker is Bruce Douglass, who will be talking with us about understanding and living through the challenging times throughout life. For more information contact kelly.gould@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x112.

Great Banquet  
Men's Banquet April 30-May 3 and Women's Banquet May 14-May17

Spend Thursday evening through Sunday invigorating your faith! For information or to register, visit www.novagh.org or contact Cathy or Fred Leamnson at 703.262.0144.

VPC Men’s Retreat, “Confident Living in Uncertain Times”  
June 5- 7

Join other men from VPC as we hear from speaker Dan Hayes at the nearby Sheraton Four Points Resort Hotel at Manassas Battlefield for a great weekend of inspiration and challenge. For more information, contact Phil Kratovil at 703.938.9050 x115 or at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.

Small Groups:  
Sharing the Journey

At VPC, we believe small groups are communities where we experience God and share our lives in Him with others. Small Groups can be the foundation for lifelong relationships filled with unconditional love and respectful accountability that will sustain us over time. To talk with someone about joining a group, please contact Ginni Richards, 703.938.9050 ext. 123, or ginni.richards@viennapres.org.

Visit www.viennapres.org/smallgroups

Sunday School

VPC offers a variety of classes on Sunday mornings for all ages. Please turn to the back cover of today’s bulletin for descriptions of classes, contact information and room assignments for children and adult classes. To find out more information about our youth Sunday School classes please contact melissa.jensen@viennapres.org.
SEND People to Love and Serve

International Missions Sunday
April 19, 9am-12:30 pm
Great Hall

Come back next Sunday and meet our Missionary partners from around the world serving in Serbia, Moldova, Haiti, India, Thailand, Mexico and Africa. Stop by the Great Hall to hear them share what God is doing in their part of the world and enjoy some great food. Many will be sharing in Sunday School classes throughout the morning.

VPC's Rebuilding Together:
Christmas in April Work Day
Saturday, April 25

Volunteers are needed for painting, clean up and yard work for elderly residents in Fairfax. All skill levels and ages 14 years and older are welcome (parents must sign for minors). We will meet in the Gathering Space, outside the Great Hall at 8 am to form teams and receive work assignments.

Contact Mary Pella, 703.319.2059 or pellamj@cox.net to sign up or for more information.

Trips Now Forming!

SMP’s are open to anyone who wants to put their faith into action. Different trips are oriented around age groups, purpose and location. Sign up soon, prices increase April 26!

Find out more information at www.viennapres.org/smp.

MINC (Ministries in the North Country), June 27- July 5 (High School and Up)
Mexico, June 28-July 12 (High School and Up)
Clemson, SC, June 28- July 5 (High School)
Pittsburgh, PA, July 6-10 (Middle School)
Gulf Coast, MS, July 11-19 (age 14 & 15 with parent or ages 16 and Up)
Queens, NY, July 12-17 (High School)
Dominican Republic, July 17-25 (High School)

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Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dine with Nine! Friday, April 17, is the “kick off” potluck supper at 7 pm in the Great Hall. Dine With 9 is a great way to meet other adults—married, single, young or young at heart! The sign up sheet is in the narthex.

The U.S. Army Orchestra will be performing on Saturday, April 18 at 7 pm. Admission is free. This is a great opportunity to introduce a friend or neighbor to VPC. The program will include works by Mozart, Dvorak and Saint-Saens.

All Widows and Widowers are invited to our next luncheon, Saturday, April 18, 12N at the Lamplighter Restaurant in Fairfax. To make reservations or for questions and directions, please call Harry Mason at 703.281.2634.

Save The Date: The PW Spring Tea will be May 17, 1-3 pm for ladies of all ages! Reservations can be made with Mary Williams at 703.938.4293 or marybarron@cox.net.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents: Did you know the Grapevine bookstore has books you can read with your children about tough issues in life such as the loss of a beloved family member or pet? Ask a volunteer to help you find the book you need.

Buy now: fiction, travel, study guides, Christian living gently used books for spring vacation reading. See the display carts outside the Library on the second floor. Hardbacks $2, paperbacks $1. Proceeds go to support the Library.

Staff Accountant position available at VPC. Accounting experience required, 20 hours per week. See website for position details. Please email resume to lynn.taylor@viennapres.org.

the Underground (Student Ministries)

Middle school Youth Group resumes April 17, All Sunday School classes resume April 19, and High school Youth Group resumes April 19.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Young Adult Bible Study meets every Wednesday, 7:30 pm, at an offsite location. For questions or directions, contact Kelly Gould at 703.938.9050 or kelly.gould@viennapres.org.

Small Group Leadership—Jesus led a small group to equip His disciples to become servant-leaders. Pastor Glenda Simpkins Hoffman invites you to join a 4-week study to become a Small Group servant-leader. The group will meet four Tuesdays beginning May 12, from 7-9 pm. To learn more, contact Ginni Richards at 703.938.9050 or ginni.richards@viennapres.org.

“How to Effectively Communicate Your Faith” will equip you to be more effective in explaining your faith to your friends, family and co-workers. Topics include learning to tell your story, overcoming objections and utilizing conversations effectively. Contact Phil Kratovil at 703.938.9050 x115 or phil.kratovil@viennapres.org. Five-weeks beginning Sunday April 19, from 11-12N in the conference room.

Attention Men! Want to go learn how to apply your faith at work? Join us for a ten-week small group experience designed especially for men in the marketplace called Practical Christian Living. Groups are forming now. Contact Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.

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.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. Meetings at VPC are Sundays at 6 pm. Contact Inajo Cox -703.624.1747, or Bill & Sherrie Steinbach - 703.938.3106 or email GriefShare@viennapres.org.
Room Assignments 2008-2009
8:00 am Bridges Class meets in Room 320

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Adult Education Classes:

9:30 am
**Beyond Basics:** "The Coming of Jesus." Come and celebrate the coming of our Lord and what that means to us all. 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. Coordinator: Sarah Killion, 703.560.4752
**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:** Come study Galatians and Ephesians with us and learn about your Freedom in Christ. Room 205. Visitors always welcome. 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:** Not meeting today. 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