Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

Share The Word
Acts 8:26-40

July 12, 2009
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00

Prelude
Prelude and Fugue in D Minor

Tom Leich, organist
J. S. Bach

Welcome

Hymn #139
Come Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

Prayer of Adoration

Chris Hammond

Worship Song
Ancient Words

Lynn DeShazo

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where-e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus
Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart; O let the ancient words impart. Chorus.

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem

Danielle Talamantes, soprano

Children’s Message

Children in the Bridges Sunday School class are dismissed.

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
Baptism
8:00 Alexander Taliaferro Miles, child of Ned & Danielle Miles, Jr.
9:30 Blake Michael Costa, child of Shane & Virginia Costa

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory
I Will Rise

Scripture
Acts 8:26-40

Sermon
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Worship Song
Mighty to Save

Chorus
Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

Bridge
Shine Your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King...Jesus. (x2)

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Benediction

Postlude
Marche Religieuse

Today’s flowers are given by Nancy and Bill Jones, in loving memory of his mother, Margaret K. Jones.
Intercessory Prayers

Grieving: Dick Ash (brother); Barbara Denmon (aunt); The family of Lawrence Gibson; Joanna Greig (uncle); Paula Lohrmann (cousin); Richard Sommerfeld (father); Gary Vogan (mother)

Hospitalized: Bill Phillips; Arayanna Darst’s uncle; Kurt Riegelman’s father

Facing Tests or Surgery: Mary Kanady; Alex Main; Walt Potts; Emily Anderson’s friend Dwayne; Betty & Jim Larson’s friend Lisa; Lee & Pat Planakis’s friend Opal

Ill or Convalescing: David Cannon; Isabelle Davis; Anne Dunn; Marieke Ertel; Chuck Garland; Rae Harpe; Irma Kerr (Hospice); Charles Killion; Rita Lockwood; Jack Lotz (age 3); Tom Lyle; Mary Martin; Bob Miller; Laura Nickell (age 11); Helene Oliver; David & Virginia Russell; Jerry Schnell; Craig Shye; Mark Tracz; Kathy Van Meter (Hospice); Bill Windle. Homebound: Tom Lyle

Family and Friends: Emily Anderson’s cousin Chelsea; Chip Bachmann’s mother and father; Bill Christopher’s brother; Pamela Crippen’s mother; Beth Crowder’s brother; El & Barbara Denmon’s friend Jesse (Hospice); Bill Downer’s friend Lynn; Jennifer Fleisher’s friend Annetta; Nina Graves’s brother-in-law; Sandy Hogge’s son Bryan; Melissa Jensen’s mother; Linda Kemple’s stepmother and cousin; Kerry Nikolich’s mother; Mary Ann Singlaub’s mother; Leslie Vereide’s brother; Elaine Wright’s friend Marion

Other: Greg Coats; Leslie Vereide’s mother; Pastor Pete & Chris James on sabbatical, and all the leaders and participants in this week’s Music and Drama Camp.

We have received notes of thanks from Lorraine Hasser for our prayers for her sister, Vonne, and from Susan Scott for our prayers for her daughter, Liz. Vonne and Liz are both coming along well. Also, a word of thanks has come from Rita Lockwood for the food and the flowers that she has received.

Missions Prayer of the Week: Please hold in prayer this week the following SMP groups:

The team from Mexico as they travel home today.

Gulf Coast (July 11-19): Ben Albright, Chase Camuzzi-Jones, Anna Caputo, Rachel Franks, Dale Gray, Myrna Ives, Austin Johnson, Allison Kappler, Quinlan Maggio, Bob Markle, Danny Naughton, Shane Nelson, Kelly & Sue Nicholas, Cheryl Phillips, Allacyn Rowe, Samuel Wehr

Queens, NY (July 12-17): Caroline Beury, Mark Browning, Katelyn Corridon, Max Ehram, Meredith Freund, Hannah Gardner, Katie Gilchrist, Christine Harris, Elisabeth Huber, Camilla Hundle, Erica & Hilary Jensen, Denny Kunselman, Jennifer Lonnquest, Taylor Mead, Dillon Monie, Sarah Polchow, Beth & Chris Ridings, Kristin & Lee Robbins, Andrew Schmidt, Christie Schrader, Sophia Sellars, Amelia Smith, Tracy Thompson, Courtney Vereide

Please keep these military men and women in your prayers:


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, x 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.
Missions Feature

Showing God’s love 
by serving the community

On Sunday, Sept. 6, at 10 am, there will be one church service in the sanctuary. Following worship, we will *Send* everyone out of the church to *Serve* in various activities and work projects throughout the community. Some of these opportunities will require one or two persons; others will accommodate larger teams. We encourage everyone—small groups, Sunday School classes, teens, men, women, singles, families, young and young-at-heart—to participate in this intergenerational *End of Summer Service* faith event.

Later that day, starting at 4 pm, everyone is invited back to VPC to celebrate with food, fun and fellowship.

You may or may not be a “hammer and nails” project person. Don’t worry; we’ll have many options available to utilize your time and talents. Visit the ESS table in front of the Great Hall to discover what’s available and to sign up.

Questions? Contact Sheila Breuer at sheila.breuer@viennapres.org or x113.

Great ways to help you “Study Diligently” this Summer

**Daily Devotionals**


- Visit www.viennapres.org/devotionals to read each day’s offering or to sign up to receive the devotional in a daily e-mail; or
- Follow us on Twitter at “viennapres”.

**Readings in Acts**

During the summer season, pick up a commentary on the book of Acts from the library on the 2nd floor to accompany the sermon series and the two adult Sunday classes—Lightseekers East and West—that are following the weekly Scriptures. Studies on Acts are available to check out for three weeks.

**Young Adult Bible Study**

Meets every Wednesday throughout the summer, 7:30 pm, at the home of Bert and Gerri Webb. Questions/directions: kelly.gould@viennapres.org or x112.

**What Do Presbyterians Believe?**

Starting July 19, the Rev. Chris Hammond, VPC’s Parish Associate Pastor, will lead a four-week series, “I Believe: An Introduction to the PC(USA) Book of Confessions.” Copies of the book are available online and through VPC’s Grapevine Bookstore.

All are welcome to the Beyond Basics Sunday School class at the 9:30 hour in Rooms 203-204.

**More Study Opportunities** can be found at www.viennapres.org/study and on page 8 of the bulletin.
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, then join us for Coffee Connection, held between services in the Great Hall. We hope you will visit with us again.

To find out more information about these events and announcements plus much more, visit www.viennapres.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Operation S.O.S. Anyone interested in supporting our troops deployed overseas? Join Operation Support Our Servicemen/women for a short meeting in room 205 at 5 pm on July 15. We would love to update the prayer list and send some new people care packages. Questions? Amy MacDonald, 703.319.0749 or amymacdonald@verizon.net.

Young Adults BBQ, July 18 at 5 pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship with VPC’s Young Adults at Pastor Glenda’s house. If your last name starts with A–M, please bring an appetizer or side dish to share. If you are N–Z, please bring a dessert. To RSVP and for directions, please contact Jen Stockburger at jstockbu@yahoo.com or 703.597.2678.


Small Group Leader Training. Jesus led a small group to equip his disciples to become servant-leaders. Pastor Glenda Simpkins Hoffman invites you to a four-week study to become a Small Group servant-leader on Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, from September 8-29. To learn more, contact Ginni Richards at x123 or ginni.richards@viennapres.org.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

VPC Weekday Preschool has student openings at each age group. Additionally, we are seeking a teaching assistant for 3s on Thursday and Friday. Call Bonnie Downs, 703.255.1419, for information.

Os Guinness CDs: $3 at Grapevine Books. Own your copy of “Survival of the Fastest—Living Sanely When Life Is Fired Point Blank,” Dr. Guiness’s insightful presentation from the May 3 CenterPoint forum.

Paperbacks: $1! Hardcovers: $2! Get your vacation summer reading at bargain prices. See selection of newly-arrived, gently-used books in the 2nd floor hallway outside the Library.

Give Generously, Regularly and Automatically. Did you know that you can automate your monthly giving to VPC with an automatic bank draft? Visit www.viennapres.org, click on the “GIVING” button at the top, select “ACH Authorization Form” from the right-hand column and follow the instructions. Information: Rob McLallen, x119 or rob.mclallen@viennapres.org.

Sunday School Teachers Needed This Fall! If you enjoy working with children and have some teaching skills, or you just want to share God’s love, the following classes need your gifts:

9:30: Young 3s and 4s classes (leaders, assistants)
11:00: 3s and 4s classes (leaders, assistants)
Grade 5/6 (assistant)
Gateways (leaders, assistants)
Information: clare.maynard@viennapres.org or x127.
MUSIC MINISTRIES

Sanctuary Choir Fall Retreat. Saturday, September 12, 8:15 am-1 pm at VPC marks the beginning of our choir ministry year to regroup and for interested singers to give us a try, meet other choir members, and become part of the “family.” Breakfast and lunch will be served. Questions? Call Lance Vining, 703.598.1636.

Praise Band and Worship Team (lead singers) Auditions. Praise Band and Worship Team members provide contemporary instrumentation and vocals Sunday mornings, two times a month. New members will be selected after a brief interview and musical audition. Call Lance Vining, x132.

Praise Brass/Winds Auditions. The Praise Brass group is a three-horn ensemble that plays with the Praise Band. We also use the flute as a solo and accompaniment instrument. Both of these roles are auditioned musicians. Call Lance Vining, x132.

HIGHPOINT (Children’s Ministries)
Please see page 8 for Summer Sunday classes and room assignments.

the UNDERGROUND (Student Ministries)

Middle and High School Students: Are you looking for some fun activities this summer? Come join us for “Where in the World Wednesdays”:
- July 15 - Mini-Golf
- July 22 - D.C. Day
- July 29 - Shenandoah River Tubing

Just finished 6th, 7th or 8th grade? Contact Kim Snyder, kim.snyder@viennapres.org or x129.

Just finished 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade? Contact Liz Foskey, liz.foskey@viennapres.org or x128.

CARE AND SUPPORT

A Great Way to Help a Hurting Friend:
Is your 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 helpful.

Christian Cancer Companions was formed a few years ago by VPC members who are cancer survivors and who felt called to reach out to individuals newly diagnosed with cancer. If you know of others who would benefit from this support, feel free to invite them. Information: Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or luckylister3@cox.net.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Calling All Women For This Fall! Consider joining a 14-week study of Luke, launching in September on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am. This is a fun, intergenerational group with an exciting format that goes beyond lecture and includes many interactive activities. Childcare will be available. Information/registration: Shannon Jordan, 703.956.6533, or shannonjordan1@verizon.net.

More Study Opportunities can be found at www.viennapres.org/study.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Do You Have a Heart for Multicultural Missions Work right here in Vienna? Our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Ministry would love to have you on our fall volunteer team of teachers, substitutes, helpers and tutors! Information: Bonnie Grouge, bonnie.grouge@viennapres.org or x102.

Sunday Morning Administrators Needed This Fall. If you’re well-organized, have some money sense and enjoy talking with people, we’re looking for some extra help in Children’s Ministries on a Sunday morning. Information: Clare Maynard, clare.maynard@viennapres.org or x127.

More Service Opportunities are listed at www.viennapres.org/serve.
Room Assignments—Summer 2009

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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. Rooms 203/204. Coordinator: Kate Lund

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

**Lightseekers East:** An in-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am service not required. Second-floor conference room. 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 Jesus’ ministry in the Gospel of Mark, an action-filled narrative for practical living. The Bible is the main text, plus written and audio commentaries. Room 312. Leader: Marion Billington

**Partners With Christ:** Class resumes Sept. 13. Have a nice summer. If you have any questions, please 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! Rooms 203/204. Coordinators: Esther and Duane Harder

**Apprentices:** Over the summer, we are studying and discussing the scripture and questions from the VPC daily devotional book, *Acts of a Disciple*. Please join us. Room 205. Coordinator: Connie Edens

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VPC Core Beliefs
As a disciple-making community, we believe...
Jesus is Lord
Scripture is our authority
Everyone is called to discipleship

VPC Mission
As a disciple-making community, we will...
Call people to faith
Equip people for discipleship
Send people to love and serve

Give Generously
...both individually and in community