Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

The Lord Who Lifts
Acts 10: 34-43

July 26, 2009
Prelude
Terry Sisk, organist

Welcome

Worship Song
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Rick Founds

Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Prayer of Adoration
David Jordan-Haas

Hymn #482
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
LOBE DEN HERREN

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
God is a God
Kevin Thompson, bass
Wendell Whalum

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (8:00)
*Children in the Bridges Sunday School class are dismissed.*

Children's Message (9:30 & 11:00)
Daryl Wright

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*Please request large-print hymnals from ushers*
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
Minute For Witness
Dan Marotto

Offertory
You Better Mind
Kevin Thompson
Phillip McIntyre

Scripture
Acts 10: 34-43

Sermon
E. Stanley Ott
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Hymn #371
Lift High the Cross
CRUCIFER

Benediction

Postlude
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Intercessory Prayers

Grieving: Diane Doumas (nephew); Stacy Hamblen (brother)

Hospitalized: Bill Phillips; Barbara Carlson's father; Arayanna Darst's uncle; Kurt Riegelman's father

Facing Tests or Surgery: Myrna Ives; Emily Anderson's friend Dwayne; Margaret Cundiff's father; Lisa Gibb's uncle and her friend Maddy (2); Phil Kratovil's mother; Betty & Jim Larson's friend Lisa; Lee & Pat Planakis's friend Opal; Blanton Satterfield's father; Skip Scozzie's mother

Homebound: Audrey Moore

Ill or Convalescing: David Cannon; Isabelle Davis; Anne Dunn; Marieke Ertel; Kate Fisher; Chuck Garland; Rae Harpe; Mary Kanady; Irma Kerr (HOSPICE); Charles Killion; Rita Lockwood; Jack Lotz (3); Tom Lyle; (HOSPICE); Alex Main; Mary Martin (HOSPICE); Sandi McLauchlin; Bob Miller; Laura Nickell (11); Helene Oliver; Walt Potts; David Russell; Jerry Schnell; Craig Shye; Mark Tracz; Kathy Van Meter (HOSPICE); Bill Windle

Family and Friends: Emily Anderson's cousin Chelsea; Chip Bachmann's mother and father; Barbara Carlson's 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; Debby Scozzie's sister-in-law; Mary Ann Singlaub's mother; Elaine Wright's friend Marion

Other: Greg Coats; Pastor Pete & Chris James on Sabbatical

Congratulations to: Samia Badawy & George Hana on the birth of Miriam Hana on July 2.

A note of thanks from: Annemarie Matthews, “I was so touched by the card I received, signed by so many, wishing me a speedy recovery…. I truly miss you all.”


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.

If requested for the weekly bulletin, prayer notices will be made for up to four weeks but can certainly be extended upon request.
Pastor David has signed up…

Pastor Glenda has signed up…

**Have you signed up for the End of Summer Service?**

Can you:
- ♥ Take flowers to a homebound person?
- ♥ Give water to folks on the W&OD Trail?
- ♥ Create and send cards to a soldier?
- ♥ Lead worship at the county jail?

These are a few of the opportunities to serve after our End of Summer Service on Sunday, Sept. 6. A full list of opportunities is available on the website, www.viennapres.org/ESS or Sundays at the ESS table across from the Grapevine bookstore.

How will September 6th differ from other Sundays at VPC?

On Sept. 6, there will be **one worship service at 10 am**. Following the service, we will **Send** everyone out the doors of our church to serve in various activities and work projects throughout the community. We encourage everyone—small groups, Sunday School classes, teens, men, women, singles, families, young and young-at-heart—to participate in this international faith event. Then, beginning at 4 pm, everyone will be invited back to VPC to celebrate with food, fun, and fellowship. Questions? Contact sheila.breuer@viennapres.org or x113.

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**Kevin Thompson in Concert**

**TODAY at 4 pm**

**VPC Sanctuary**

*Kevin Thompson, the soloist at our Good Friday service is back!*

Join Kevin for “**A Date With a Bass.**” Spend a Grand Night at the Opera to learn the roles of a bass, including Fathers, Gods, Kings and Villains. Enjoy American Art songs, Broadway show stoppers and a spiritual journey through hymns and spirituals. This is an afternoon for the whole family, including the kids!

A freewill offering will be received.
**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, then join us for Coffee Connection held between services in the Great Hall. We hope you will visit with us again.

For more information about these events and announcements plus much more, visit [www.viennapres.org](http://www.viennapres.org).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**VPC Reformation Pilgrimage to Germany with Pastor Pete, July 31-Aug. 8, 2010.**

See the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play. **We still have some spaces that we need to fill before the end of this month.** Information in the narthex or visit [www.viennapres.org/passionplay](http://www.viennapres.org/passionplay). Email passionplay@viennapres.org or call Jim Leach, 703.893.2721.

Mark your 2010 calendar for the Sacred **Rhythms Retreat** exploring the practices and relationships that form us, March 12 and 13. Led by Ruth Haley Barton, author of *Sacred Rhythms* and a spiritual director, teacher, retreat leader and co-founder of The Transforming Center in Wheaton, IL. Contact: Ginni Richards, x123 or ginni.richards@viennapres.org.

**Winterthur Museum and Country Estate: Sept. 23.** The Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna, in partnership with the Vienna Community Center, is accepting reservations for a bus trip to Winterthur. The $90 fee includes transportation, lunch, tips, tour tickets, orientation film and self-guided gallery tour time. **Registering via the Shepherd’s Center is for non-Town of Vienna residents only; we are offering the Vienna resident fee instead of the non-resident fee of $110.** Eight seats left! Call 703.281.0538.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Part-Time Administrative Position** – Beginning in August, VPC will be seeking a highly organized administrative person with excellent writing, computer and graphic skills. A more complete job posting can be found at [www.viennapres.org/staffopenings](http://www.viennapres.org/staffopenings). Resumes should be submitted to barb.jones@viennapres.org.

**VPC Weekday Preschool** has openings in its 2s and 3s programs. A teaching assistant position is also available. For further information, contact Bonnie Downs at 703.255.1419.

**Bargain Paperbacks now $.50!** More paperbacks: $1 and hardcovers: $2! Huge selection of gently-used books in the 2nd-floor hallway outside the library. New arrivals daily—always something new.

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

- **9:30:** 3s and 4s classes (leaders, assistants)
- **11:00:** 3s and 4s classes (leaders, assistants)
  
  *Grade 5/6 (assistant)*

Information: [clare.maynard@viennapres.org](mailto:clare.maynard@viennapres.org) or x127.

**MUSIC MINISTRIES**

**Sanctuary Choir Fall Retreat.** Saturday, Sept. 12, 8:15 am-1 pm at VPC marks the beginning of our choir ministry year—a time 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. Call Lance Vining, 703.938.9050 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, 703.938.9050 x132.

**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, 703.938.9050 x132.
Announcements

HIGHPOINT (Children’s Ministries)

Today is the last Summer Sunday School for elementary-aged children. Beginning August 2, children are invited to join their parents in the sanctuary until Fall Kick-Off on September 13. Please see the back cover for preschool and nursery class details.

the UNDERGROUND (Student Ministries)

Attention, all rising Middle School and High School Students! Come river tubing with Student Ministries on July 29! Cost is $25/person. Meet at VPC at 9:15 with a bag lunch and a change of clothes. RSVPs due by Monday, July 27, to Kim at kimsnyder@viennapres.org or Liz at liz.foskey@viennapres.org. For required forms, see www.vpcstudents.org.

CARE AND SUPPORT

GRIEFSHARE, a seminar/support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one, will begin Sunday, August 2. Meetings are 6-8 pm in Room 205. For more information, contact Inajo Cox, 703.624.1747, or Bill and Sherrie Steinbach, 703.938.3106.

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

Young Adult Small Group meets every Wednesday, 7:30 pm, at the home of Bert and Gerri Webb. Questions/directions: kelly.gould@viennapres.org or x112.

WHAT DO PRESbyterIANS BELIEVE?
The Rev. Chris Hammond, VPC’s Parish Associate, is currently leading 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.

Readings on 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.

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 are listed at www.viennapres.org/study.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning Administrators Needed for Fall. If you’re well-organized, have some money sense and enjoy talking to people, we’re looking for some extra help in Children’s Ministries on a Sunday morning. For more information, please contact clare.maynard@viennapres.org or x127.

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.

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

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Adapted Education Classes

9:30 am

**Beyond Basics:** “I Believe: An Introduction to the PC(USA) Book of Confessions” with Rev. Chris Hammond. Copies available online or via Grapevine Books. Handouts will be provided. All are welcome. 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.

**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:** “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