Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

Our God of Grace
Acts 11:19-26

August 2, 2009
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

Prelude
Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness

Terry Sisk, organist
J. Brahms

Welcome

Worship Song
Lord Reign in Me

Lord reign in me, reign in Your pow’r. Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am. So won’t You reign in me again.

(chorus)
Lord reign in me, reign in Your pow’r. Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am. So won’t You reign in me again.

Over ev’ry thought, over ev’ry word may my life reflect the beauty of the Lord.
‘Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing, so won’t You reign in me again. (chorus)

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Prayer of Adoration
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Hymn #420
God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
Let Your Light Shine

Polly Lohrmann
Dillon/Cash

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)
Bonnie Downs

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
Offertory: Amazing Grace

Scripture: Acts 11:19-26

Sermon: Sermon Series: God's Big Story
Our God of Grace

Communion: Communion Music
Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Worship Song: Everlasting God

Benediction

Postlude: Rondo in G

Today’s flowers are given by
Dick and Janet Titus in memory of mother, June Perry.
Intercessory Prayers

**Grieving:** Sally Mitchell (mother); Kerry Nikolich (mother); Patty Yoder (father)

**Hospitalized:** Myrna Ives; Bill Phillips; Barbara Carlson's father; Arayanna Darst's uncle; Phil Kratovil's mother; Michelle Lord's friend Rachel; Kurt Riegelman's father

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Emily Anderson's friend Dwayne; Lisa Gibb's uncle and her friend Maddy (2); Betty & Jim Larson's friend Lisa; Lee & Pat Planakis's friend Opal; Skip Scozzie's mother

**Homebound:** Audrey O'Shea

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

**Family and Friends:** Chip Bachmann's mother and father; Barbara Carlson's father; Pamela Crippen's mother; Beth Crowder's brother; Donna DeLanoy's mother; El & Barbara Denmon's friend Jesse (Hospice); Bill Downer's friend Lynn; Nina Graves's brother-in-law; Tricia Hine's friend Fran; Sandy Hogge's son Bryan; Melissa Jensen's mother; Linda Kemple's stepmother and cousin; Kate Lund's son; Debby Scozzie's sister-in-law; Mary Ann Singlaub's mother; Jo Ann Talley's cousin Rosanne; Elaine Wright’s friend Marion

**Other:** Greg Coats; all who are seeking jobs; Pastor Pete & Chris James on Sabbatical

**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.

**A note of thanks** from Jeff, Nicole and Taylor Hunt:

“Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers throughout our NICU journey. You made a big difference in our lives and words cannot express our gratitude. We hope that our experience is a great testimony to God’s faithfulness and to the power of His community.”


**Missions Prayer of the Week:**

International: Mustard Seed Project, Uganda, Africa

National: Brock & Sandi Zagel, Campus Crusade, FL

Local: Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, Fairfax
ESS
End of Summer Service and Celebration
Sunday of Labor Day Weekend

10 a.m. WORSHIP — SANCTUARY
(No 8, 9:30 or 11 a.m. service)

12 noon GO & SERVE — COMMUNITY
(Sign-up in advance so we can plan for you!)

4 p.m. GATHER & CELEBRATE — GREAT HALL
(Music, food, fun, and fellowship)

Everyone is encouraged — small groups, Sunday School classes, teens, men, women, singles, families young and young-at-heart — to participate in this faith-in-action event. 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.

Questions? Contact sheila.breuer@viennapres.org or x113.
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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ATTENTION—there will be ONE worship service Labor Day weekend, September 6 at 10 am. For more details about the day, see page 5.

First-year college students are invited to join Kayla (Gray) Allen and friends on Thursday, August 6, at 7:30 pm as we have a College Transition Conversation. Open to all college students. Contact kayla.gray@gmail.com.

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.


GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Part-Time Administrative Asst. – This paid staff position requires a highly organized administrative person with excellent writing, computer and graphic skills. Details at www.viennapres.org/staffopenings. Submit resume to barb.jones@viennapres.org.

VPCP Weekday Preschool has openings in its 2s and 3s programs. Please call Bonnie Downs for information 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 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.

HIGHPOINT (Children’s Ministries)

Summer Sunday School for elementary-aged children has finished. 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)

All middle and high school students: Look for all new programs in the Underground with for the 2009-2010 school year. Both the Underground AM (Sunday School) and the Underground PM will kick off Sunday September 13.
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 Lightseekers adult Sunday class, which is 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

Cornerstone School in D.C., with whom VPC partners financially, is looking for help to prepare for the opening of school: classroom clean-up, library prep, playground prep, painting, signage installation, computer lab prep. Also in need of supplies and equipment for the school. Contact Candice if you can help: csantomauro@cornerstone-schools.org.

Sunday Morning Volunteer 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 Sunday mornings. For more information, 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.

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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 they need. 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 lucky/lister3@cox.net.

GRIEFSHARE, a weekly seminar and support group for those grieving the death of a loved one, meets Sundays at 6 pm in room 205 starting August 2. (No meeting on 9/6.) Information brochures are available on the Gathering Space wall, or contact Inajo Cox, 703.624.1747, or Bill and Sherrie Steinbach, 703.938.3106.

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.

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**Room Assignments — Summer 2009**

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**Adult Education Classes**

**9:30 am**

**Beyond Basics:** “I Believe: An Introduction to the PC(USA) Book of Confessions” with the Rev. Chris Hammond. Copies available online or via Grapevine Books. 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:** An in-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am service not required. Room 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. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Strauss, 703.319.7050.

**11:00 am**

**Berean:** “Through the Bible in 48 Sessions.” Class sessions include a 30-minute video lecture followed by discussion. Drop-ins welcome! Rooms 203/204. Coordinators: Esther and Duane Harder

**Apprentices:** Currently, 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