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Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

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August 30, 2009
Prelude
How Firm a Foundation
Youth Orchestra
arr. Pethel

Welcome

Hymn
Crown Him with Many Crowns
arr. Galbraith

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly 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 love, Behold His hands and side.
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail, for Thou hast died for me,
Thy praise and glory shall not fail thro'out eternity.

Choral Interlude

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.

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.

Prayer of Adoration
Shannon Jordan

Worship Song
Everyday
arr. Galbraith

What to say Lord, it's You who gave me life, and I,
I can't explain just how much You mean to me, now
that You have saved me, Lord, I give all that I am to You;
that everyday I can be a light that shines Your name.

Everyday, Lord, I'll learn to stand upon Your word,
and I pray that I, that I might come to know You more,
that You would guide me in every single step I take
and everyday I can be a light unto the world. (Chorus next page)

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
**Chorus**
Everyday, it's You I live for;
Everyday, I'll follow after You;
Everyday, I'll walk with You, my Lord.

**Bridge**
It's You I live for, everyday (3x)

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**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**Worship Song**
Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain; Holy, holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's mercy seat. *(Repeat)*

**Chorus**
Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my everything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning,
Rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You,
The only wise King. *(Chorus)*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention, of Your name;
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marvelous mystery, yeah. *(Chorus 3x)*

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**Children’s Message**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Offertory**
Standing On The Promises

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Youth Choir
arr. Hayes

Hymn #592
These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

(Chorus)
Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it’s the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion’s hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest; the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. (chorus 2x’s)

There’s no god like Jehovah, There’s no god like Jehovah;
There’s no god like Jehovah, There’s no god like Jehovah. (repeat 3x’s)

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it’s the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion’s hill salvation comes. (repeat 2x’s)
Intercessory Prayers

Grieving: The family of Bob Baltzer; the family of John (Jack) Lennan; Barbara Carlson (father); Kurt Riegelman (father); Skip Scozzie (mother); Patty Yoder (aunt)

Hospitalized: David Russell; Neil Thompson (missionary supported by VPC); Michelle Lord's friend Rachel

Facing Tests or Surgery: Bill Downer; Emily Anderson's friend Dwayne; Lisa Gibb's uncle and her friend Maddy (2)

Homebound: James & Sarah Wood

Ill or Convalescing: Carole Burgess; Isabelle Davis; Marieke Ertel; Chuck Garland; Rae Harpe; Myrna Ives; Mary Kanady; Irma Kerr (Hospice); Charles Killion; Rita Lockwood; Tom Lyle (Hospice); Mary Martin (Hospice); Laura Nickell (11); Helene Oliver (Hospice); Bill Phillips; Virginia Russell; Jerry Schnell; Courtney Sweeten; Mark Tracz; Kathy Van Meter (Hospice); Bill Windle

Family and Friends: Chip Bachmann's mother and father; Rick Baldwin's sister; Ruthanne Buterbaugh's cousin; Pamela Crippen's mother; Beth Crowder's brother; Arayanna Darst's uncle and her friend Margaret; Donna DeLanoy's mother; Bill Downer's friend Lynn; Nina Graves's brother-in-law; Ronniejean Irvin's mother (Hospice); Linda Kemple's stepmother and cousin; Valerie King's nephew Eric; Phil Kratovil's mother; Amy Larsen's students, Santo (8) and Shannon (7); Susan Leitson's brother-in-law and nephew Michael; Kate Lund's son; Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Heather Mercer's friend Josiah (18); Debby Scozzie's sister-in-law; Mary Ann Singlaub's mother; Ele & Jim Woglom's friends, John, Ruby & Anne Louise; Elaine Wright's friend Marion

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

Missions Prayer of the Week:
International: CCH, Pignon, Haiti
National: Wes Bart, Intervarsity, Virginia Tech
Local: Cornerstone Community School

Praise to the Lord by the Maggio family for the safe return from Iraq of Eric’s brother, Dr. Kurt Maggio.


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.
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 N, GO & SERVE – COMMUNITY
(Everyone is encouraged to sign up in advance
Sunday mornings or at www.viennapres.org/ESS)

4 p.m. GATHER & CELEBRATE – GREAT HALL
(Everyone is invited back to the church for
music, food, fun, and fellowship)

Frequently Asked Questions:

Is it too late to sign up for a service project?
No! There are still plenty of opportunities available for all ages and abilities. Visit the
sign-up table across from the bookstore this morning.

Where should I park next Sunday morning?
Please reserve the church parking lot for seniors, those with special needs and families
with young children. Visit www.viennapres.org/parking to find convenient
parking nearby.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ATTENTION—there will be ONE worship service next Sunday, Sept. 6 at 10 am. For more details about the day, see page 5.

“Artists Helping Others,” show and sale in the Great Hall, TODAY from 9 am -1 pm. Proceeds benefit CHO.

Missions Forum, TODAY, 12:45 – 2:00 pm: Reaching the Unreached in North Africa. Hear our missionaries from North Africa share about their work in room 203/204.

ESOL Registration for Adult Students, Monday and Wednesday, August 31, September 2, and 9, 9:15-11:15 am, and Tuesday and Thursday, September 1, 3 and 8, 7:30-9:00 pm on the 3rd floor, Activity Center. Fee is $30 for the school year. Childcare is free but offered on a limited basis. Contact Bonnie Grouge or Pam Gissendanner at x102.

ESS Outreach Opportunity: Do you have an unchurched friend you’d like to reach? Invite him or her to join you for lunch, September 6. Doris McMillon will speak on “The Search for Significance,” from 11:30 am-1:00 pm at Anita’s Restaurant in Vienna. Cost is $15 and free for guests. Contact/register Phil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or x115.

Small Group Leader Training. Jesus led a small group to equip his disciples to become servant-leaders. Pastor Glenda invites you to a 4-week study to become a Small Group servant-leader Tuesdays, September 8-29, 7-9 pm in room 205. Contact Ginni at ginni.richards@viennapres.org or x123.

SWATT kickoff potluck luncheon, September 9 at 12:15 pm in the Great Hall. Ginni Richards will be our speaker. No reservation required. Bring a friend! Learn about this year’s planned speakers, programs and trips for folks 50+. Contact Al Grouge 703.620.9360.

Join SWATT on September 20 for the 5 pm premiere of Spies in Crinoline at the Cinema Arts Theater, and dinner at the Old Country Buffet. VPC-er Karla Vernon produced/appears in this adaptation of her novel about Fairfax City’s Antonia Ford, who spied for the Confederates. Contact Dee Anderson, ADSPECU@aol.com, 703.620.2032.

Next New Member Seminar for those wishing to join VPC will be September 26 (8:30 am-12:30 pm) plus Sept. 27 (9:30 am-12N). Contact Linda Kemple, 703.938.9050 to register or with questions. Childcare provided for ages 6 and under by calling x351, no later than 48 hours prior to this event.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

New devotional booklets now available! Continue to follow along with the sermon series on Acts of the Disciples by grabbing your new devotional booklet for the fall in the narthex. Those who have previously requested to receive devotionals by eblast will continue without interruption.

Are you LinkedIn? Bridgepoint, VPC’s Evangelism/Outreach Team, is on LinkedIn! Join us to connect with other like-minded folks, gain access to relevant resources and hear about upcoming events. Go to LinkedIn.com, join the site, click on “Groups” and request to join Bridgepoint Connections, or contact Phil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.
MUSIC MINISTRIES

Online Registration for Children’s Choirs is now available at www.viennapres.org/ChildrensChoirSignup. Choirs meet Sundays, September-May from 5:30-6:30 pm on non-FCPS holiday weekends. Rehearsals begin September 13.

The Joy Ringers Handbell Choir (4th—6th grade) begins Sunday, September 13 at 4:30 pm. Anyone interested in learning to play handbells is welcome. Some music experience is helpful but not necessary. Contact Jeanne at Jeanne.bingham@viennapres.org or x 104.

Sanctuary Choir Fall Retreat. Saturday, September 12, 8:15 am-1:00 pm at VPC marks the beginning of our choir ministry year—a time to regroup and for interested singers to meet other choir members and become part of the “family.” Breakfast and lunch will be served. Call Lance Vining x132.

HIGHPOINT (Children’s Ministries)

Summer Sunday School for elementary-aged children is on break. See the back cover for preschool and nursery class details.

Fall Sunday School begins September 13. Find out about our new K-4th grade curriculum and register your children for fall classes at www.viennapres.org/registernow. Contact clare.maynard@viennapres.org with questions.

the UNDERGROUND (Student Ministries)

Parents of middle and high school students please make sure to fill out the 2009-2010 Student Ministries Registration and Release form for each child. Forms can be found at www.vpcstudents.org/forms.php.

Middle and high school students: Look for all new programs in the Underground for the 2009-2010 school year. Both the Underground AM (Sunday School) and the Underground PM (Youth Group) will kickoff Sunday, September 13.

CARE AND SUPPORT

Are you in job transition? Join us for Bridgepoint Transitions support and networking group Wednesday mornings from 9:00 -10:30 am, in room 205. You’ll be encouraged, network with others and learn about opportunities. Contact Phil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.

A Great Way to Help a Hurting Friend: Know someone going through a difficult time? 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 are VPC members who are cancer survivors, and who reach out to individuals newly diagnosed with cancer. Contact Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or luckylist3@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. (No meeting on 9/6.) Informational brochures are available on the Gathering Space wall, or contact Inajo Cox, 703.624.1747, or Bill & Sherrie Steinbach, 703.938.3106.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

New Small Groups forming in October! Interested, contact ginni.richards@viennapres.org.

Women’s Intergenerational Bible Study, 14-week study of Luke begins Tuesday, September 15 from 9:30 – 11:30 am. Registration forms in the narthex. Information: Shannon Jordan, 703.956.6533, or shannonjordan1@verizon.net.

Young Adult Small Group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, offsite. Contact Kelly at kelly.gould@viennapres.org or x112.

Readings on Acts. Pick up a commentary on the book of Acts to accompany the sermon series from the library on the 2nd floor. Also, there is huge selection of gently-used books; proceeds benefit the library. Paperbacks: $1 and hardcovers: $2.
**Announcements**

**Adult Education Classes** meeting Sunday mornings are listed on the back of the bulletin.

**More Study Opportunities** listed at [www.viennapres.org/study](http://www.viennapres.org/study).

**CenterPoint fall term begins September 27.** For more expanded class descriptions and registration visit, [www.viennapres.org/centerpoint](http://www.viennapres.org/centerpoint).

Sundays at 5:30 pm beginning September 27:

- **Planning a Secure Future for Your Work and Life,** Instructors: Bruce Knight, Chris Dowell and Gail Bamford, a five-week class designed to help you connect with God and others in your work and spiritual lives.

- **How People Change.** John Lauber, pastor and counselor, explores how we can experience real-life change through the transformational power of the cross and live more Christ-like lives.

- **The Promised Land, From Genesis to Revelation: A Chronological Tour of Sites in Israel Which Figure Prominently in the Bible.** Duane Harder will lead this class following the paths of our spiritual forefathers as they appear chronologically in the Bible. Scripture readings and photographs of the sites are woven into a narrated tour of Israel.

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm beginning September 29:

- **John Calvin's Spectacles: Reading Scripture through the Eyes of the Great Reformer.** Junior McGarrah, Associate Pastor at National Presbyterian Church, will lead us through excerpts from Calvin's commentaries and sermons.

- **Discovery: Jesus and the Intellectual.** This course is designed to examine what the Bible says about Jesus Christ, what he said about himself, and how we can know him today in a personal way. Led by Evangelism Director Phil Kratovil.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**VPC partners with Our Daily Bread** to donate and deliver food to low income residents in Fairfax County. Volunteers are needed to hand out grocery bags for donations on Sundays, September 6 and 13. Donations can be brought to the church Sundays, September 13 and 20. Volunteers also need to sort donations on Saturday, September 26 and deliver them to families Sunday, September 27. Contact Matt Stockburger mstock_w@yahoo.com.

**Can you give 30 minutes on one or two Sundays a month?** Student Ministries is looking for a few people to help with breakfast set-up for our middle and high school students. If you would like to learn more contact Melissa Jensen at melissa.jensen@viennapres.org.

**Student Ministries is in need of volunteers** for their Sunday morning and Sunday evening programs. To learn about opportunities in both middle and high school contact Kim Snyder at kim.snyder@viennapres.org or Liz Foskey at liz.foskey@viennapres.org.

**ESOL Service Opportunity.** You do not need to know another language to teach/tutor in the VPC English for Speakers of Other Languages program (ESOL). We have an urgent need for computer tutors for one hour per week. Contact Bonnie at bonnie.grouge@viennapres.org or x102.

**Sunday Morning Volunteer Administrators Needed for fall.** If you’re well-organized, have some money sense and enjoy talking to people, Children’s Ministries is looking for extra help in on Sunday mornings. Contact Clare at clare.maynard@viennapres.org or x127.

**Children's Ministries Urgently Seeking Teachers for the fall!** A 3s assistant teacher needed twice a month at 11:00 on Sunday morning. Contact Clare at clare.maynard@viennapres.org.

**Children's Ministries** is looking for several adults or youths to help lead worship once a month at 11am for the fall. Ability to lead motions and engage children is essential. Contact Clare at clare.maynard@viennapres.org.

**More Service Opportunities** listed at [www.viennapres.org/serve](http://www.viennapres.org/serve).
**Sunday Mornings at VPC**

**Children’s Room Assignments — Summer 2009**

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**Adult Education Classes**

**9:30 am**

**Beyond Basics:** Selected sections of "Pilgrim's Progress," by John Bunyan in an updated version by L. Edward Hazelbaker, led by Jonathan Lochhaas. Order books from Grapevine Books. All are welcome. Rooms 203/204. Coordinator: Kate Lund.

**Friendship Class:** For adults with intellectual disabilities. 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. 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. Conference Room. Leader: Marion Billington.

**Partners With Christ:** Class resumes Sept. 13. If you have any questions, contact Martha Strauss, 703.319.7050.

**11:00 am**

**Berean:** "Hebrew Festivals and the Christian Faith - What every Christian should know about Jewish feast days." 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.