Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

When God Opens Our Hearts
Acts 16: 11-15

September 6, 2009
Prelude
Terry Sisk, organ

Call to Worship
If We are the Body

Welcome

Hymn #145
Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart

Worship Song
Blessed Be Your Name
Redman/Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I’m found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

(Chorus)
Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
“Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.”

Blessed be Your name when the sun’s shining down on me,
When the world’s “all as it should be”, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there’s pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. (Chorus)

(Bridge)
You give and take away, You give and take away;
My heart will choose to say, “Lord, blessed be Your name.”

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Please request large-print hymnals from ushers
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
Worship Song
Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now,
How great, how awesome is He.

And together we sing, everyone sing.

Chorus
Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

It’s rising up all around,
It’s the anthem of the Lord’s renown.

And together we sing, everyone sing. (Chorus)

Holy, holy is the Lord almighty. Holy, holy.

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Prayer of Confession

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You. I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love, as we sing, “Holy, holy, holy.”

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.

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Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Message

Minute for Witness
Offertory
Power of Your Name

Scripture
Acts 16: 11-15

Sermon
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Communion
Communion Music
Instrumental piece
God of this City

Worship Song
God of this City

You’re the light in this darkness, You’re the hope to the hopeless,
You’re the peace to the restless, You are.

You’re the strength in the weakness, You’re love to the broken,
You’re the joy in the sadness, You are.

There is no one like our God. There is no one like our God.

(Chorus)
For greater things have yet to come,
And greater things are still to be done in this city. (3X)

For greater things have yet to come,
And greater things are still to be done here.

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Benediction & Sending
Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Do you confess your dependence on the Holy Spirit to fill you and guide you in your life and ministry?

Do you promise to serve faithfully as you are sent to serve the community as we join with the Holy Spirit in supporting you in this work?

Unison Prayer
Gracious God, just as You sent the Apostles into the world to do the work of Christ, You send us into our world to serve Him. Today, we pray for one another as we are sent to serve in the community. Uphold and strengthen us as we seek to do Your will. As we send one another, will you make us mindful that all of us are sent to do Your will wherever we may be each and every day. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Postlude
Everlasting God
Intercessory Prayer

Grieving: The family of John (Jack) Lennan; The family of David Russell; Sandy Brogan (father); Barbara Carlson (father); Ted Davies (father); Ronniejean Irvin (mother); Skip Scozzie (mother)

Hospitalized: Michelle Lord's friend Rachel; Andrew Phillips (7)

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

Homebound: Cathie Becker

Ill or Convalescing: Carmody Bornemann; Carole Burgess; Isabelle Davis; Bill Downer; Marieke Ertel; Chuck Garland; Rae Harpe; Myrna Ives; Mary Kanady; Irma Kerr (Hospice); Charles Killion; Rita Lockwood; Tom Lyle (Hospice); Mary Martin (Hospice); Jim McCoy; Laura Nickell (11); Helene Oliver (Hospice); Andrew Phillips (7); Bill Phillips; Virginia Russell; Jerry Schnell; Courtney Sweeten; Sim Taylor; Neil Thompson (missionary supported by VPC); 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; Ted Davies cousin; Donna DeLanoy's mother; Bill Downer's friend Lynn; Jennifer Fleisher's Aunt Patty; Lisa Fritz's father; Nina Graves's brother-in-law; Linda Kemple's stepmother and cousin; Valerie King's nephew Eric; Phil Kratovil's mother; Amy Larsen's students, Santi (8) and Shannon (7); Susan Leitson's brother-in-law and nephew Michael; Kate Lund's son; Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Vicky McLaine's friend Marcia and her cousin; Debby Scozzie's sister-in-law; Mary Ann Singlaub's mother; Pamela Vining's mother; Ele & Jim Woglom's friends, John, Ruby & Anne Louise; Elaine Wright's friend Marion

A note of thanks from the Baltzer family: “Thank you, Pastor Glenda, Pastor David, and VPC brothers and sisters in Christ, for being the amazing love of Jesus to our family during Bob’s illness and death.”

We are happy to announce the Installation Service at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church (Gettysburg, PA) for Dr. David C. Wright on Sunday, September 27 at 4:00 pm.


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.
In case you didn’t already sign up, here’s a list of opportunities to serve in today!
For help, see Sheila in the narthex after the service.

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<td>At the Vienna Giant Supermarket</td>
<td>Go help Beth between 12:00-4:00</td>
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<td>Bake Cookies or a Dessert, Make Sandwiches</td>
<td>For your local Fire or Police Station</td>
<td>Note: the Vienna and Fox Mill Fire Departments are covered today.</td>
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<td>Create or Decorate Cards</td>
<td>Make a card for a military service person</td>
<td>See Amy McDonald in the Great Hall 12:00-4:00</td>
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<td>Ice-Water Stand on the W&amp;OD Trail</td>
<td>Fill some ice jugs at home, gets some small cups and pick a spot on the trail</td>
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<td>Random Acts of Kindness</td>
<td>Give away a food card at the grocery store or a gas card at the service station (no amount is too small)</td>
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<td>Free Car Wash</td>
<td>Offer a free car wash as a random act of kindness</td>
<td>Help is needed in the VPC parking lot from 12:00-2:00.</td>
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<td>Help the ESS Celebration</td>
<td>Set up food, serve food, etc.</td>
<td>Help is needed beginning at 2:00 in the Great Hall.</td>
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<td>Odd Jobs at VPC</td>
<td>Grounds Maintenance</td>
<td>Bring your gloves, tools, water and Matt will assign you an area 12:00 - 4:00</td>
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<td>Childcare Cleanup</td>
<td>Childcare Equipment/Toys Maintenance</td>
<td>Visit the childcare area, look for Becka</td>
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<td>Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse)</td>
<td>Make a Christmas Shoe Box for a poor child overseas</td>
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<td>Help the Severely Impoverished</td>
<td>Purchase and assemble a Church World Service &quot;Baby,&quot; &quot;Hygiene,&quot; or &quot;School&quot; Kit</td>
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<td>Help a Disaster Victim</td>
<td>Purchase and assemble a Church World Service &quot;Emergency Clean-up Kit&quot;</td>
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Don't Forget!

GATHER & CELEBRATE – GREAT HALL

Everyone is invited back to the church at 4 pm for music, food, fun, and fellowship!
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 from 9:30-11:00 am 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

ESOL Registration for Adult Students, happening currently, see page 8. Fee is $30 for the school year. Childcare is free but offered on a limited basis.

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.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

Are you new to faith? Join Pastor Pete and Phil Kratovil Sunday, September 13, following the 11 am service. A complimentary lunch will be served as they present opportunities for spiritual growth and new member classes. RSVP to Phil at x115 or Phil.Kratovil@viennapres.org (located in the second floor conference room).

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 September 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.

Spaces still available for the 2010 trip to Oberammergau, Germany to see the world famous Passion play. Information and itinerary in the narthex or visit www.viennapres.org/passionplay to learn how to sign-up.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Work In Progress CD for sale at Grapevine Books.

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.

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 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.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)

No Sunday School today. 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/registrernow. Contact clare.maynard@viennapres.org with questions.

the UNDERGROUND (Student Ministries)

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

Check out all new programs starting September 13. Sunday School is at 9:30 for both middle and high school students. Come enjoy food, fellowship, praise, prayer and a great message. Sunday night brings Youth Group and our new D/C Groups. Middle school will meet from 5:15-7:00 pm and high school from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Confirmation class for high school students will begin in late fall this year. An interest meeting will be held on Oct 18 at 12:30 pm. To learn more and to register go to www.viennapres.org/confirmationclass.

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 Sunday, September 13. Donations can be brought to the church Sundays, September 13 and 20. Volunteers are also needed 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 URGENT need of volunteers for their Sunday morning and evening programs in both middle and high school. To learn about opportunities contact Kim at kim.snyder@viennapres.org or Liz 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.

Childrens’ Ministries needs your help! There’s a volunteer opportunity for everyone, all ages and abilities. For more details contact Clare at clare.maynard@viennapres.org.

• Sunday Morning Administrator
• 3s Assistant Teacher, twice/month at 11 am
• Leading worship, once/month at 11am

Beginning in October, the CHO Clothes Closet will be open to accept donations from 9:30 am – 12N the first Monday of each month and will be open to the public the remaining Mondays of the month. They are located at 133 Park Street in Vienna and distribute clothing to the needy, free of charge. For more information, call 703.281.7614.

The Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH) is looking for donations to support small industry ventures in Pignon, Haiti. Donations of beads, jewelry making tools, sewing notions and good quality fabric remnants are needed. Collection Bins are located near the bookstore, directly beneath the cross at the end of the hallway.

More Service Opportunities listed at www.viennapres.org/serve.
## STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### New Small Groups
**form**ing in October!
Interested? Contact
[ginni.richards@viennapres.org](mailto:ginni.richards@viennapres.org).

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### 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.

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### Y**oung Adult Small Group**
**meets** Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, offsite. Contact Kelly at [kelly.gould@viennapres.org](mailto: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 a huge selection of gently-used books; proceeds benefit the library. Paperbacks: $1 and hardcovers: $2.

### Adult Education Classes
**will** not meet today. Class descriptions for next week can be found on the back of the bulletin.

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

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### CARE AND SUPPORT

**OA (Overeaters Anonymous) Support Group** meeting, every Wednesday from 7 - 8 pm in Room 311. This group has an emphasis on bulimia and anorexia.

**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](mailto: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 [luckylister3@cox.net](mailto:luckylister3@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.
Children’s Room Assignments

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Adult Education Classes, starting September 13

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:** Will resume meeting September 13 with a 6-week study of the book of Ephesians. Newcomers are always welcome. Room 205. Coordinator: 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:** September 13, will begin a 12-week study of “Living the Mission: A Spiritual Formation Guide” by Richard Foster. Each study includes a reading from Acts and from a classic or contemporary writer. Please join us. Room 205. Coordinator: Connie Edens.

**ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Bible Study:** Begins September 27. The class is open to adults who are Intermediate or Advanced speakers of English to gain a better understanding of God’s Word, to build community and to improve English skills. Room 317. Leaders: Shun and Doris Ling.