Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: God’s Big Story

Ministry in a Highly-Sexualized Culture
Acts 18:1-8

September 20, 2009
Prelude
Venezianisches Gondellied

Welcome

Worship Song
Indescribable
From the highest of heights, To the depths of the sea
Creation’s revealing Your majesty, From the colors of Fall
To the fragrance of Spring, Ev’ry creature unique
In the song that it sings, All exclaiming

Chorus
Indescribable uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name, You are amazing God
All powerful untamable, Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim, You are amazing God

Who has told ev’ry lightning bolt, Where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses, Laden with snow
Who imagined the sun, And gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us, The coolness of night
None can fathom (Chorus 2x)

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #150
Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
God Help the Outcasts

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Please request large-print hymnals from ushers
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory
Bow the Knee
Youth Choir
arr. Fettke

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
Hymn #592

Scripture
Acts 18:1-8

Minute for Witness
Darla Bardine

Sermon
Pete James
Sermon Series: God’s Big Story
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Hymn
Bring the Rain
Arr. Smith
Verse 1 and 2 - solo

Chorus (sung by all)
Bring me joy, bring me peace, Bring the chance to be free.
Bring me anything that brings You glory.
And I know there'll be days when this life brings me pain,
But if that's what it takes to praise You,
Jesus bring the rain.

Verse 3 – solo, then Chorus (sung by all)
Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy is the Lord God Almighty...is the Lord God Almighty (2x)

Benediction

Postlude
Terry Sisk, organist
Allegro Marziale
Bridge
Prelude
How High and How Wide

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Anthem
Your Love Is Everlasting

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Offertory
Deep, Deep Love  
*Sanctuary Choir and Catherine Dehoney, soloist*

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Benediction

Postlude
Allegro Marziale
Terry Sisk, organist
Bridge
Grieving: The family of Helene Oliver; Thelma Ekmekji (sister-former member Carmen Hazen); Al Grouge (brother-in-law); Betty Little (brother-in-law); Dale Luddeke (father); Caitlyn Rose's friend Sydney and family (mother)

Hospitalized: George Cronin; Kate Lund's son

Facing Tests or Surgery: Minh Towner's neighbor Daphne

Homebound: Edith Brinkley

Ill or Convalescing: Carmody Bornemann; Carole Burgess; Isabelle Davis; Bill Downer; Marieke Ertel; Chuck Garland; Cile Harker; Rae Harpe; Myrna Ives; Irma Kerr (Hospice); Charles Killion; Rita Lockwood; Tom Lyle (Hospice); Madeline Main; Mary Martin (Hospice); Jim McCoy; Laura Nickell (11); Andrew Phillips (7); Bill Phillips; Jerry Schnell; 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; Ruthanne Buterbaugh's cousin; Pamela Crippen's mother; Beth Crowder's brother; Arayanna Darst's uncle and her friend Margaret; Ted Davies's cousin; Donna Delanyo's mother; Bill Downer's friend Lynn; Teri Dungan's friend Courtney; 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; Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Vicky McLaine's cousin and her friend Marcia; Debby Scozzie's sister-in-law; Mary Ann Singlaub's mother; Pamela Vining's mother; Elaine Wright's friend Marion

Other: Mindy Aki & husband; Greg Coats; Chris Sweeten

Congratulations to: Alison Ballantyne and Joseph Young, who were married at VPC on Sept. 12. Joe is the son of Joseph and Jayne Young.


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**UNIFIED GIVING**

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Giving totals as of 8/31/2009

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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

E-MAIL 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.
IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Ministry of NewSpring: Hope for the Sexually Abused

In September of 2005, former VPC Student Ministries Director, Eric DeVries, was fired for sexual misconduct. The staff confronted his abuse of one female student and had indications that other students may have been harmed, as well. Eric DeVries was arrested and the matter was turned over to Fairfax County Child Protective Services and detectives, who presented findings to a Fairfax County court. He was found guilty of abuse, then plea-bargained a sentence of a year’s probation with counseling, and moved away. News of Eric DeVries’ abuse shocked our church community. It was a traumatic, painful time for our students, their families, and the congregation.

WHY IS THE MATTER BEING DISCUSSED AT THIS TIME?

As the months and years have unfolded, it has become clear that Eric DeVries was a sexual predator. He manipulated and preyed upon students, causing emotional, spiritual, psychological and physical harm to them. Since his departure, multiple students have come forward to identify themselves as victims of Eric DeVries’ abuse. It is imperative for the healing of the victims, their families, and our church family to bring this abuse out of the darkness into the Light and to learn from it.

As a church family, we must commit to being educated and informed, so that abuse does not happen here again. To this purpose, we are introducing a new ministry for the sexually abused, called “NewSpring: Hope for the Sexually Abused.”

ABOUT NEWSPRING

In April 2009, the Session of VPC made a three-fold recommendation:

• To provide care and support for the young women abused and their families;
• To educate and communicate with the VPC church family about sexual abuse; and
• To establish a future ministry of support and recovery for the sexually abused in our wider VPC family and surrounding communities.

In June, NewSpring was formed to fulfill these goals. A new section has been added to the VPC website containing resources to provide more information about sexual abuse and VPC’s response to this ever-present danger in our broken world. Visit www.viennapres.org/newspring.

WHAT IS SEXUAL ABUSE?

• Sexual abuse is a devastating betrayal of trust and abuse of power.
• Sexual abuse is any sexual activity—visual, verbal or physical—engaged in without consent. A child is never considered able to consent.
• Most sexual abuse of children is perpetrated by a family member or someone known to the child.
• One in five girls report being solicited for sex on the Internet prior to the age of 18.
• One in five men in the United States report being sexually abused before the age of 18.
• At least one in five women, and one in eight adolescent girls, have experienced sexual assault or rape during their lifetimes.

HOW CAN I HELP? HOW CAN I SUPPORT VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE?

Pray for and with them. Listen well; acknowledge the struggle and pain. Be non-judgmental and non advice-giving. Commit to confidentiality. Encourage person to receive the care of a professional counselor, specializing in the trauma of sexual abuse.

Some Professional Counselors:
Paige Fishel, 703.644.8039; paigefishel@yahoo.com
Nancy Price, 703.383.833 x288; www.meierclinics.org
John Raymond, 703.999.5567
Janet Raymond, 703.999.5568; purplejanetraymond@gmail.com

The NewSpring Leadership Team:
Bill Carter, MD
Marilyn Cicio, RN
Liz Foskey, Student Ministries High School Director
David Jordan-Haas, Associate Pastor
Stephanie Sefcik, MSW
Jeanie Thomas, Team Leader
Daryl Wright, Children’s Ministries Assistant Director
Join a Small Group…
…to share life, study God’s Word, and pray, care and serve together.

Sign up in person Sundays through Oct. 4 for “Acts of a Disciple,” our church-wide study, which runs Oct. 4-Nov. 23. Pick up a devotional booklet in the narthex. Men’s, women’s, mixed adult and couples groups are forming now.

To register online:
www.viennapres.org/smallgroups

New Member Seminar

Saturday, Sept. 26, 8:30 am-12:30 pm
and
Sunday, Sept. 27, 9:30 am-noon

Two-part inquirers class open to anyone from the community interested in VPC membership

To register: Linda Kemple, 703.938.9050
Childcare provided for ages 6 and under; call x351 at least 48 hours prior to the event.
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 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.

TODAY

Parent Discussions: Join us in the Underground (L12-16) at 11 am for the first in a series of discussions. Learn about the Underground’s new A.M. and P.M. programs for middle school and high school students, and how you and your student can become involved in this exciting ministry.

CROP Hunger Walk Information Rally here at 2 pm. Guest speaker: Ted Farrar of Church World Service. (Save the Date: 5th Annual CROP Hunger Walk is Oct. 25...and eat at Foster’s Grille on Sept. 29; they’ll donate 10% of your receipt). Betty Rahal, viennacropwalk@yahoo.com or www.viennacropwalk.org

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Small Groups Forming Now! Small Groups share life, study God’s Word, pray together, and care and serve together. Sign up in person every Sunday through Oct. 4 for “Acts of a Disciple,” our fall church-wide study, which runs Oct. 4-Nov. 23. Men’s, women’s, mixed adult and couples groups are forming now. To register online, visit: www.viennapres.org/smallgroups.
Ginni Richards, x123

New Six-Week Women’s Tuesday Evening Bible Study starts Oct. 13, 7:30-9:15 pm. Meetings consist of small-group discussion and a large-group time to view DVD, “Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David.” Materials cost: $15. LeslieVereide@msn.com or 703.255.1167

Eat More Steak at the Men’s Outreach Dinner on Sept. 25, 6:30 pm in the Great Hall. Listen to Ben Case from the National Rifle Association. Cost: $15. Bring any unchurched friend, neighbor or co-worker for free. Register online at www.viennapres.org/steakout or via phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.

Time for Dine With 9 to Change Tables! The focus of Dine With 9 is Christian fellowship—getting to personally know others in our large church. Sign up in the narthex through Sept. 30. Meet your new group of nine on Oct. 2, 7 pm in the Great Hall. Bring a dish to share. Barb Spiller, 703.830.7971 or Christina Jones, christinahjones@gmail.com

Passages, a support group for anyone in the VPC and larger community who is facing separation or divorce, meets Tuesdays beginning Oct. 6, 7-9 pm, for 13 weeks. Join at any time; cost is $20 for materials (scholarships available). Brochures and registration forms are available in the Gathering Space. passages@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050

SWATT invites you to see matinee performance of “Aida,” written by Elton John/Tim Rice, at Toby’s Dinner Theater in Baltimore on Oct. 29 (reservations deadline: Sept. 29). Ride VPC’s bus, then enjoy a buffet luncheon and fabulous entertainment. Cost: $45. Betty Rahal, 703.281.4032 and betty.rahal@verizon.net

Why Foreign Missions in Prague? Dr. Tom and Leslie Johnson will return to VPC on Oct. 4 to talk about the importance of a Christian academic witness in the secular culture of the Czech Republic and Europe. Tom is a Presbyterian minister, university and seminary professor; Leslie directs the Christian International School of Prague. Join us at 11 am in Room 308-309.
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

It’s Not Too Late to join Children’s or Youth handbell choirs. Starting date has been postponed to Sept. 27 for Celebration Ringers (Sundays, 3:30-4:30 pm for grades 7-12) and Joy Ringers (Sundays, 4:30-5:30 pm for grades 4-6). Jeanne Bingham, Jeanne.bingham@viennapres.org or x104

Do You Desire to Connect with other women of the church? Then join a circle! Currently, eight circles meet on various days and times. There is even babysitting provided at one. For caring friends, Bible study, charitable works and fun, join us. Mary Williams, 703.938.4293 or marybarron@cox.net

Grapevine Books Introduces the 2009 VPC Christmas Card, featuring the VPC Chapel in honor of its 135th anniversary. Support the ministry of our bookstore as you share the good news that Jesus is "The light of the world." Preorder now in Grapevine Books or at grapevinebooks@viennapres.org.

New Devotional Booklets Now Available in the narthex. Continue to follow along the sermon series with with this new “Acts of the Disciples” booklet, which begins with Week 15. Those who have previously received devotionals by e-blast will continue to do so without interruption.

Shepherd Center (SCOV): Classes for Seniors over 50 years of age, and registration information, may be found on the SCOV rack in the Great Hall. Classes begin Sept. 24. Lorraine Hasser, 703.539.8699

Bethany Women's Center is a shelter for the homeless for which VPC has provided meals twice a month for over 20 years. Easy-to-prepare recipes and a sign-up sheet are available outside the kitchen door in a box on the wall. Please sign up so that we can continue this wonderful support. Cindy Alls, 703.222.3657

the UNDERGROUND (Student Ministries)

Parents of Middle and High School Students: Fill out the 2009-10 Student Ministries Registration and Release form for each child. Forms are at www.vpcstudents.org/forms.php

High School Students Confirmation Class begins in November. A required interest meeting for students and parents will be held on Oct. 18 at 12:30 pm. To learn more and to register, visit www.viennapres.org/confirmationclass.

CARE AND SUPPORT

Are You in Job Transition? Join us for Bridgepoint Transitions support and networking group on Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am in rooms 203/204. You’ll be encouraged, have a chance to network with others, and learn about opportunities. Phil Kratovil, phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or 703.830.7971

HIGHPOINT (Children’s Ministries)

Bible Sunday is coming up on Oct. 25. If you have not received a letter through the mail and would like your 3rd grader to be presented with a Bible that day, please contact mary.monie@viennapres.org.

Our Fall Programs continue today with classes for children of all ages, including “Power Up!, our exciting new curriculum for K-4th graders. Please go to www.viennapres.org/register now if you have not yet registered your child. Please see back cover for classroom assignments. Clare Maynard, clare.maynard@viennapres.org
Announcements – Sept. 20, 2009

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes are listed on the back page.

More Study Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/study.

CenterPoint fall term begins Sept. 27. For more expanded class descriptions and registration, visit www.viennapres.org/centerpoint.

Sundays at 5:30 pm beginning Sept. 27 (5 weeks):

- **PLANNING A SECURE FUTURE FOR YOUR WORK AND LIFE.** Instructors Bruce Knight, Chris Dowell and Gail Bamford have designed a class to help you connect with God and others in your work and spiritual life.
- **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 Sept. 29 (5 weeks):

- **JOHN CALVIN’S SPECTACLES: READING SCRIPTURE THROUGH THE EYES OF THE GREAT REFORMER.** Junior McGarrahan, Associate Pastor at National Presbyterian Church, will examine excerpts from Calvin’s commentaries and sermons.
- **DISCOVERY: JESUS AND THE INTELLECTUAL.** This course, led by Evangelism Director Phil Kratovil, 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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Our Daily Bread partners with VPC to provide food for low-income residents of Fairfax County. Donations may be brought to the church through today. Volunteers are needed to sort donations on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 10 am, and also to make deliveries to families on Sept. 27. Matt Stockburger, mstock_w@yahoo.com

The Town of Vienna’s Oktoberfest will be held Oct. 3, 11 am-7 pm, on Church Street, with over 15,000 people expected! We need volunteers for outreach activities on VPC’s chapel steps as we provide refreshments and gifts for those walking by. Phil Kratovil, 703.937.1897 or phil.kratovil@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. Bonnie Grouge, bonnie.grouge@viennapres.org or x102

Children’s Ministries Needs Your Help! There’s a volunteer opportunity for all ages and abilities, including:

- Sunday Morning Administrator
- Worship Leader, twice/month at 11 am

Clare Maynard, clare.maynard@viennapres.org or x127

Can You Make a Difference in the life of a middle- or high school student? Volunteers are urgently needed at 9:30 for the Underground A.M. and the Underground P.M. (middle school from 5:15-7 on Sundays and high school from 6:30-8:30 Sundays). Kim Snyder, kim.snyder@viennapres.org or x129, and Liz Foskey, liz.foskey@viennapres.org or x128

Breakfast Set-Up Helpers: Please consider giving 30 minutes on 1-2 Sundays per month to our middle and high school students. Melissa Jensen, melissa.jensen@viennapres.org or x155

The Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH) seeks donations to support small-industry ventures in Pignon, Haiti. Beads, jewelry-making tools, sewing notions and good-quality fabric remnants are especially helpful. Collection bins are located outside Grapevine Books.

More Service Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve
Children’s Room Assignments
8 am Bridges Class meets in Room 320

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Sermons are available anytime at www.viennapres.org under “worship”