Sermon Series: God's Big Story

A Faithful Disciple
Acts 20:17-38

October 4, 2009
Prelude
On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand
Youth Orchestra
arr. Pethel

Welcome

Worship Song
Shout to the North
Smith

Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

Chorus
Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow’r of our awesome King of love. (Chorus)

Rise up church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we’ll fly. (Chorus)

We’ve been through fire, we’ve been through rain; we’ve been refined by the pow’r of His name.
We’ve fallen deeper in love with You. You’ve burned the truth on our lips. (Chorus)
Lord of heaven and earth. (3x)

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Prayer of Adoration
David Jordan-Haas

Hymn #439
In Christ There Is No East or West

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Prayers of the People

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
Offertory
Prayer of St. Francis

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Children in the Bridges class are dismissed.*

Scripture

Sermon
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Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Communion
Communion Music
Come To Jesus

Hymnal p.13
Lohrmann family
Rice

Hymn #429 (verses 1, 3 & 5)
Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission, And the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose With renewed integrity;
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us For the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: “This my body, this my blood.”
Let us all, for earth’s true glory, Daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us Share your children’s liberty;
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Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring, May we serve as you intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us, Hold in mind eternity;
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Benediction

Postlude
Concerto in G (Presto)

Terry Sisk, organist
Johan Ernst von Saxe-Weimar
Prelude
Deck Thyself, O My Soul
Terry Sisk, organist
Brahms

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Children’s Message
Bonnie Downs

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Offertory
Calvary’s Invitation

Sanctuary Choir
Martin/Courtney

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Today’s flowers are given by Charles and Nora White, in memory of his parents.
Intercessory Prayers – October 4, 2009

Grieving: Bill Christopher (brother); the family of Dorothy Seaman (former member)

Hospitalized: Madelyn Wiser (16 mos.)

Facing Tests or Surgery: John Hunter

Homebound: June Hiller

Ill or Convalescing: Gail Bergquist; Carmody Bornemann; Carole Burgess; George Cronin; Isabelle Davis; Bill Downer; Marieke Ertel; Chuck Garland; Cile Harker; Rae Harpe; Myrna Ives; Irma Kerr (Hospice); Charles Killion; Jeannie Larsen; Bill Lowrey; Tom Lyle (Hospice); Madeline Main; Mary Martin (Hospice); Jim McCoy; Laura Nickell (11); Bill Phillips; Jerry Schnell; Mark Tracz; Kathy Van Meter (Hospice); Bill Windle; Lola

Family and Friends: Chip Bachmann's mother and father; Ruthanne Buterbaugh's cousin; Danielle Clay's grandfather-in-law; Pamela Cripen's mother; Ted Davies's cousin; Donna DeLanoy's mother; Teri Dungan's friend Courtney; Jennifer Fleisher's Aunt Patty; Lisa Fritz's father; Linda Kemple's stepmother and cousin; Jim Larson's niece; Kate Lund's son; Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Vicky McLaine's cousin and her friend Marcia; Rodger Rak's father (former member Daniel Rak); Mary Ann Singlaub's mother; Minh Towner's neighbor Daphne; Pamela Vining's mother; Elaine Wright's friend Marion

Other: Mindy Aki and husband; Greg Coats; David D. and two young daughters

Congratulations to: Amy Preston and Angus Chapman, who were married in Edinburgh, Scotland, on Sept. 9. Angus is the son of Romey McPherson. We also congratulate Lindsay Schrader and Josh White, who were married at VPC on Sept. 26. Lindsay is the daughter of Wayne and Sue Schrader. Josh is the son of Steve and Trixie White, formerly at VPC. Congratulations also to Megan Dameron Edwards, who recently received an M.A. in Christian Education from Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, MO.

A note of thanks from the Scozzie family: “We would like to express our gratitude for all the prayers, cards and calls we received throughout our mom’s surgery and passing. Please know that it is truly a blessing to have such support during hard times as these!”


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Giving totals as of 8/31/2009 (updated monthly)

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.
Fred Amoah-Darko of Ambassadors for Christ International

Working as “Teams of Nationals” to accelerate the spread of the Gospel through local churches worldwide

Oct. 11, 11:15-Noon Room 308

Ambassadors for Christ International (AFCI) is an international ministry organization of nationals in ministry in 30 countries around the world. The primary thrust is one of preaching and teaching to build leaders for the church worldwide and to help the church more effectively reach their homelands for Christ. Fred is the Regional Director for AFCI Africa and Middle East region. Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Zambia, South Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria and Ghana are the African countries now with AFCI ministries.
Featured Announcements – October 4, 2009

“Power Up!” Open House
Today or Oct. 11 (9:30 & 11 am, 3rd Floor)
Parents: Please join your children to experience “Power Up!”
Find out why they’re excited about Sunday School.
Reservations not necessary. See you there!

Confirmation Class Interest Meeting
Oct. 18, 12:30 pm    Lower Level
For high school students and their parents
www.viennapres.org/confirmationclass

Adult Ed Classes on Sunday Mornings
See page 12 for current listings.

Support group for those facing separation or divorce
New session: Oct. 6, 7-9 pm
Room 205
Brochures/registration forms in the Gathering Space
passages@viennapres.org
or 703.938.9050
Small Groups Begin This Week

“Acts of a Disciple” Church-Wide Fall Study

There is still time to join a men’s, women’s, mixed adult or couples group. 
Note: Late-night men’s group just added (Tuesdays, 8:30-10 pm).

Sign up today in the Great Hall or visit www.viennapres.org/smallgroups.

Notice of Congregational Meeting

Oct. 11, 12:15 pm
Great Hall

Main agenda items:
► Election of officers
► Review of the 2010 Asking Budget
TODAY

Today is World Communion Sunday. Around the globe, the Bible verse for Oct. 4, 2009 is: “…righteousness and peace will kiss each other.” (Psalm 85:10)

“Power Up!” Open House: See page 8

Why Foreign Missions in Prague? Dr. Tom and Leslie Johnson return today to discuss 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.

CHO Anniversary Celebration: CHO (The Committee for Helping Others) will celebrate its 40th Anniversary at 2 pm in the Great Hall. The hundreds of volunteers, sponsors and leaders who have helped to keep CHO functioning over the years are invited to this time of food, fellowship and recognition.

CenterPoint: “Planning a Secure Future for Your Work and Life” class begins at 5:30 pm in Room 312 and continues for the next four Sundays. Instructors Bruce Knight, Chris Dowell and Gail Bamford will help you connect with God and others in your work and spiritual life.

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Congregational Meeting: See page 9

Help Wanted in Worship: Seeking one volunteer to set up screens (7:20 am, Sundays) and two to operate screens (all services) during worship. Lance Vining, ext. 132

In Job Transition? Want to Help Those Who Are? Come to Career Networking Night in the Great Hall, Oct. 16, 6:30-8:30 pm, for a $5 dinner, speaker and resource fair. Free childcare with reservation and free dinner for those in job transition. Phil Kratovil, 703.937.1897 or phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.

Small-Group Leaders Needed twice a month, at 9:30 am, for our 4th grade class. Come and be part of our exciting new “Power Up!” program! Clare Maynard, Clare.Maynard@viennapres.org

Passages: See page 8. Meets Tuesdays for 13 weeks. Join at any time; cost is $20 for materials (scholarships available).


Grow Closer to God and Your Spouse on Thursday Evenings. Join other couples for a six-week study and discussion group on Thursdays, 7:30 pm, beginning Oct. 8 in the parlor. Byron Wong, 202.305.2114 or uwongone@verizon.net

SMP: Eight Summer Missions Projects are booked with coordinators, and we are seeking adults to chaperone. Katherine DeFazio, kdefazio1@gmail.com.
Announcements

New Information re SWATT’s trip to “Aida” at Toby’s Dinner Theater in Baltimore on Oct. 29: Wait-list reservations are currently being accepted. Cost for the matinee performance, buffet lunch and transportation: $45. Betty Rahal, 703.281.4032 and betty.rahal@verizon.net.

CROP Hunger Walk is Oct. 25. Registration begins today in the hallway near Grapevine Books. Betty Rahal, viennacropwalk@yahoo.com or www.viennacropwalk.org

the UNDERGROUND (Student Ministries)

High School Students Confirmation Class: See page 8

Small-Group Leaders Needed. One of the central parts of Confirmation is the formation of student small groups. We need leaders (male and female) willing to walk alongside our students during the Confirmation process. Melissa Jensen, melissa.jensen@viennapres.org.

Save the Date! Oct. 25 brings to VPC the 5th annual Costume Party for middle school and high school. Plan to join us and invite your friends to our “Country Hoedown.”

College Ministry Discussion Group. Please join us on Nov. 1, 12:30 pm in L12-16, as we brainstorm ways to minister to VPC students who are away at college. We would like to come up with a plan to care for these students while they are on campus and also at home on breaks. Barry Hill, barry.hill@viennapres.org

For More Underground Programs: www.vpcstudents.org

HIGHPOINT (Children’s Ministries)

Bible Sunday is 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.

More Service Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Part-Time Administrative Position: VPC is seeking a highly-organized administrative person with excellent writing, computer and telephone skills. A more complete job posting can be found at www.viennapres.org/staffopenings. Please direct questions and resumes to Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.

Part-Time Communications Assistant: We are seeking a highly-organized individual with a commitment to the mission and vision of VPC as a Disciple-making church. Excellent writing, computer and graphic skills required. Complete job description is at barb.jones@viennapres.org.

GriefShare, a weekly seminar and support group for those grieving the death of a loved one, meets Sundays at 6 pm in Room 205. Information brochures are available on the Gathering Space wall, or contact Inajo Cox, 703.624.1747, or Bill and Sherrie Steinbach, 703.938.3106.

Bethany Women’s Center is a homeless shelter for which VPC provides meals. 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

HIGHPOINT (Children’s Ministries)

Parents: Please be considerate of your children’s teachers and pick up your children as soon as possible after the end of the service each week. Most of our leaders have their own children to pick up, and frequently other commitments afterward. Thanks for your help!

For HighPoint Programs: www.viennapres.org/ministries/children/

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes are listed on page 12.

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

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## Student Ministries (Middle School/High School—Lower Level)
9-9:25 am: Breakfast; 9:30-10:30: Sunday School

### Adult Education Classes

**9:30 am**

**Beyond Basics:** Selections from *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. Coordinator: Kate Lund. Rooms 203/204

**Friendship Class:** For adults with intellectual disabilities. Room 108C. Teachers: Emmy Parker, Helen Neely & Beth Gourley

**Lightseekers:** In-depth discussion of this morning’s scripture text. Attendance at 8 am service not required. Facilitator: Judy Chelson. Parlor

**Searchers in the Word:** 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. Leader: Marion Billington. Conference Room

**Partners With Christ:** Ongoing study of Ephesians. Newcomers are always welcome. Coordinator: Martha Strauss, 703.319.7050. Room 205

**11:00 am**

**Berean:** “Psalms—It is Not Just Poetry.” A look at the Psalms through the lens of prophecy, inspiration, thanksgiving, grief and wisdom. Drop-ins welcome! Rooms 203/204. Coordinators: Esther and Duane Harder

**Apprentices:** Ongoing 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. Coordinator: Connie Edens. Room 205

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

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