Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: Best Spiritual Practices

The Gift of Simplicity

Matthew 6:19-34

August 1, 2010
Prelude
His Voice, as the Sound of the Dulcimer Sweet

Welcome

Worship Song
Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Chorus
Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day ev’ry tongue will confess You are God.
One day ev’ry knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

(Repeat in entirety) (Chorus)

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #476 (verses 1, 2 & 5)
O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
How Condescending and How Kind

Children’s Message (9:30 & 11:00)
Children may return to their parents after the message.

Minute for Witness

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
Offertory
Canon in D/Give Thanks

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad. Children in 8:00 Bridges are dismissed.

Scripture
Matthew 6:19-34

Sermon
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Communion
Simple Gifts
There Is a Fountain

Hymn
How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow’r thru’out the universe displayed.

Chorus
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, “How great Thou art! How great Thou art!”
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And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. (Chorus)

“How great Thou art! How great Thou art! How great Thou art!”

Hymn
How Great Thou Art

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, “My God how great Thou art!” (Chorus 2x)

“How great Thou art! How great Thou art! How great Thou art!”

Benediction

Postlude
O Glorious Hope of Perfect Love/Broom o’ the Cowdenknowes

Today’s flowers are given by Emma and Leah Morris, in loving memory of Anthony David Morris, their father.
Prayers

Grieving:  The family of Sam Crawford; Theresa Fowler (father); Robin Rohrback (mother)

Hospitalized:  Dianne Clemons; Jackson & Weston Ott (newborn preemies); Joe Brower’s mother; Yvonne Malloy’s aunt; Nancy Martin’s friends Bill & Laura Dunlap; Ele Woglom’s nephew Glenn

Facing Tests or Surgery:  Lucy Ann Black

Homebound:  Jeanne Le Nair

Ill or Convalescing:  Sheila Breuer; Chuck Garland; Barbara Greig; Gordon Hamlet; Pat Harper; Mary Ellen Keaton; Charles Killion; Mildred Kropotli; Laura Nickell (12); Bill Phillips; Jerry Schnell; Corina Stoepker; Bill Windle

Family and Friends:  Ed Brogan’s mother (Hospice); Ruth Anne Buterbaugh’s friend Walter; William Buterbaugh’s sister-in-law; Mary Flounlacker’s friend Tammy; Kathryn Gilchrist’s cousin Carline (4) and friends Phil and Sterling & son, Grant; Kurt Gilchrist’s cousin Kimberly; Linda Hannah’s brother-in-law; Emily Kerstetter (hurt in Uganda bombing); Ron Kuykendall’s sister; Tana Leasure’s father; Yvonne Malloy’s aunt; Nancy Martin’s friends Bill & Laura Dunlap; Ele Woglom’s nephew Glenn

Other:  Chip Bachmann; Dianne Clemons; Greg Coats; Kurt Gilchrist; Holly Heiderer; Melinda Mayes; Blanca Urquia & family; Bob & Joanne Bower’s son (Brit) and daughter-in-law; the people of Haiti and all those working on their behalf; Haymarket Crossroads Mission

Missions/Missionaries of the week:  Richard & Joan Fossum, Mustard Seed Project, Africa (International); Camp Meadowkirk, Middleburg, VA (National); Homestretch, Inc., Northern VA (Local)

Please hold in prayer the folks returning today from New Orleans SMP; Pastor Pete & Chris James and the group that has gone to Oberammergau, Germany (7/31-8/8); our three new Stephen Ministry leaders, Patricia Bronson, Chuck Garland and Paul Towner, at a training conference in Pittsburgh (8/1-8/8).

Please keep these military men and women in your prayers:

Non-military in Harm’s Way:  Trisha Nellessen

Lord, we are grateful for all that you have done, are doing and will do in the life of VPC. We ask your continued blessing as we seek to do your will through the commitment of our financial resources to your kingdom. Amen.

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**UNIFIED GIVING**

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Giving totals as of 6/30/2010 (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, x301; or

E-MAIL linda.kemple@viennapres.org; or enter a prayer request via 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.
VPC CORDIALLY WELCOMES OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS.

We are delighted you are here. The opportunities listed below serve as the compass for taking your first steps on the spiritual journey at VPC. For more information, please visit www.viennapres.org/firststeps.

Step 1: Visit the Welcome Table in the entrance for a special gift, then join us between services for coffee in the Great Hall.

Step 2: Orientation to the Journey: A great way to meet new people while learning who we are as a church and what we believe. Join us at the next gathering—Sept. 12, 11am in the 2nd-floor Conference room—for light refreshments.

Step 3: Invitation to a Journey class offers an opportunity to learn what it means to follow Jesus here at VPC. Explore our mission, beliefs, values and practices. Let us help you discover what it means to live your life as Jesus would.

This three-week class is required for membership at VPC. The next series: 11am on Sept. 19 & 26 and Oct. 3.

Step 4: Share the Journey in a Small Group to help you grow in Christ and connect with other people at VPC.

Find all sorts of groups at www.viennapres.org/ministries/adults/.

New to faith, small groups, or to VPC? A great place to start: Christianity Explored. See p. 7 for more info.

How Can I Serve?

Sign Up Now!

My Heart is With the:
Poor? Ill? Disabled? Children?
Seniors? Lonely? Homeless?
Hungry or Thirsty?
Environment?
Public Servants/Military?
Anyone?

For Them I Can:
Paint or do yard work
Bake cookies or treats
Create and send cards
Help senior citizens
Collect donations of food, etc.
Share artistic talents
Help with Fun Fair

www.viennapres.org/l4yn

Love the Lord... Love the People... Serve the Lord... Serve the People

Labor 4 Your Neighbor

Sunday, September 5, 2010
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Dawn Geschiere, new Director of Children’s Ministries! Dawn is a wife and mother of five children, ages 15-25. A graduate of Calvin College with a background in elementary and special education, she and her family moved from Grand Rapids, MI, where Dawn worked for a nonprofit youth ministry organization as a training facilitator and program manager. This past year she taught at Northern Virginia Christian Academy in Fairfax. Dawn loves facilitating faith development within children, youth and young adults. Please introduce yourself in the coming weeks.

College Students Lunch and Fellowship: Sundays, 12 noon, 2nd-floor Conference Room. All current and incoming coeds are welcome.

the Underground’s annual tubing trip on the Shenandoah River will be Aug. 5. Cost: $25 plus bring a lunch. We will leave VPC at 9am and return about 4pm. You MUST RSVP by Aug. 2 to Barry (x130), Kim (x129), Thea (x128) or Melissa (x155). Visit www.vpcstudents.org for required forms.

VPC Preschool will hire a new MTW 3’s teaching assistant for this fall. Please contact Bonnie Downs at 703.255.1419 or vpcp123@aol.com for more information regarding this position. Also, there remain openings in our Thurs/Fri 3’s program; all interested persons are invited to contact Bonnie regarding these openings, as well.

Part-time Administrative Positions:
• Children’s Administrative Assistant: VPC is seeking a highly-organized administrative person to support our children’s ministry team. We need a self-starter who loves kids and has excellent computer skills. 20 hours. Please contact dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org.
• VPC is seeking a highly-organized administrative person to support our worship team and produce the weekly bulletin. We need a self-starter with excellent writing and computer skills. A complete job posting can be found at www.viennapres.org. Please direct questions and résumé to Lynn Taylor at lynn.taylor@viennapres.org.

Small Group Leaders: Register for the fall sermon series study ASAP, as Adult Ministries will be providing the DVD and leader’s guide for groups who register at www.viennapres.org/sglregister. If you meet at VPC, a limited number of DVD players will be available on a first-come basis, according to registration date. More information available at www.viennapres.org or via Deb Crumbliss, deb.crumbliss@viennapres.org or x108.

Are you in transition or do you know someone who is? Bridgepoint Transitions support and networking group welcomes you, Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm, in Rooms 108A/108B. We offer encouragement, networking and job-seeking tips. Invite a friend or come yourself to serve as a resource. phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

Christian Fiction Wanted for the adult library used book shelves to meet increased demand. Drop off in the cart at the library door on the 2nd floor.

Who says motherhood is all work and no play? Get involved in a VPC Mothers’ Support Group (MSG) and enjoy many great activities, Christian parenting resources, and the chance to build community in a small group setting. Meet women who have infants to college-age children. www.viennapres.org/MSG or Susan Skaggs, seskaggs7@gmail.com

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The CenterPoint planning team needs several volunteers to help in developing the educational program for the upcoming year. George Marling, gmarling@cox.net, or Jim Leach, jimleach@acigroup.com

Vehicles needed for ministry support use. Please consider donating a car in good working condition to VPC. This type of donation provides maximum tax advantages to the contributor. Kamal Rahal, 703.281.4032, or Lee Taylor, x103

If teaching children isn’t your thing, your technical assistance running Power Point, DVDs and sound effects in children’s ministries would be much appreciated. Training provided as necessary. Please contact dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org for more details.

More opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve
Connections

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**Devotionals:** Follow along with the current sermon series, “Best Spiritual Practices,” and access the devotionals in a way that’s just right for you:

- Receive a daily devotional reading by email;*
- Visit www.viennapres.org/devotionals daily;
- Follow the series on Twitter “ViennaPres”; or
- Pick up a printed booklet in the narthex.

*To sign up, contact kelly.miller@viennapres.org

**This fall in Adult Ministries:** For people at all levels of spiritual maturity, VPC offers a variety of options, including:

- **Christianity Explored** is a 12-week study which looks at who Jesus is and what it means to be in relationship with Him. It’s for newcomers to Christianity or those just wishing to know more. The next class starts Sept. 12, 11am in Room 109, near Grapevine Books. Coordinator: Paul and Judy Chelson, pauljudy@cox.net

- **New Sunday Morning Class: Beginning in God’s Word** Haven’t studied the Bible much? Unsure where to begin? This class, beginning Sept. 12 at 9:30am, is just for you! Together we will discover how to connect knowing God and His Word to everyday life. This fall, we will explore the very beginning as we look at the Book of Genesis. Teachers: Pastors Glenda Simpkins Hoffman, Chris Hammond and Connie Jordan-Haas

- **In-depth Bible study:** Have you ever done a Bible study that surveyed the entirety of Scripture to give you the big picture? If not, then **Disciple 1** may be for you. This 34-week favorite returns Sundays, 6:30-8:30pm. Register now online.

- **Disciple 3** begins Sept. 8, 7:30-9:30pm, and meets on Wednesdays for 34 weeks: “Remember Who You Are” discusses the Prophets and the letters of Paul. Register via lee.taylor@viennapres.org or x103.

- **Women’s Tuesday morning Bible Study** will look at Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. Come explore the person God created you to be. This class begins Sept. 14; register by Sept. 6. Childcare is available with advance registration at x351. For information, contact shannon.jordan@viennapres.org. Register now online.

- **Women’s Tuesday Evening Bible Study** will reconvene in October. Stay tuned for more information.

- **New Men’s Bible Study**! Mondays, 7-9 pm, beginning Sept. 13. Leaders: Pastor Pete and Pastor Ed Dawkins. Stay tuned for more information. If you would like more information on one the options above, on a small group, or with help finding a place to connect or a next step on your spiritual journey, please contact shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or x123.

Sunday Morning Adult Classes: See page 8 and www.viennapres.org/SundayAMclasses.

More Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/study

CARE MINISTRIES

At VPC, several ministries are dedicated to caregiving, healing and support. To learn more, visit www.viennapres.org/ministries/careprayer.

Caring for Aging Parents provides hope and direction to those concerned about the health and well-being of aging parents, an ill spouse, or a relative. Lois Poland, lpoland@tmaresources.com or 703.502.8502

Christian Cancer Companions (CCC) support newly-diagnosed cancer patients. Trained volunteers call or visit individuals in that time between initial diagnosis and entering the care of experienced healthcare staff. Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or luckylister32@verizon.net

**GriefShare**, a seminar and support group for people grieving the death of someone close, meets Sundays, 6:30-8pm, in Room 205. The next cycle of sessions begins Sept. 12. Inajo Cox, 703.624.1747, and Bill and Sherrie Steinbach, 703.938.3106

**NewSpring: Hope for the Sexually Abused** educates and informs our community about sexual abuse and offers resources for hope and healing. david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050

Join NewSpring’s Leadership Team! We’re seeking people to help with event planning; praying for the community; caring for abuse survivors; and researching safe-church practices. If interested, contact Jeanie Thomas, jthom1231@verizon.net, or david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org and 703.938.9050

**Passages** provides support to those experiencing the pain of marital separation or divorce. A new seminar will begin Sept. 28. passages@viennapres.org or Romey McPherson, 703.478.9794

**Stephen Ministers** offer confidential, one-on-one care for people going through crises. They can offer a listening ear in a distinctively Christian way to people with all types of spiritual and emotional needs. lee.taylor@viennapres.org or x103
Children’s Room Assignments - Summer Schedule

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Student Ministries
(Middle School/High School—Lower Level):

9:30-10:30am: Sunday School and PM Youth Groups are on hiatus until September but watch for updates and day trip activities in the bulletin’s general announcements section.

Adult Education Classes

9:30am

Beyond Basics: Discussion of To Judge the Quick and the Dead — meanings and implications of “The Law of Christ” as used by the Apostle Paul. Leader: Stephen Skjei. Rooms 203/204.
Coordinator: Kate Lund

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 8am service not required. Parlor.
Facilitator: Judy Chelson

Searchers in the Word will meet with the Beyond Basics class this summer.

Partners With Christ: Sunday School class is on hiatus for the summer and will resume after Labor Day. Have a wonderful summer.
For information regarding the class, please contact Martha Strauss at 703.319.7050

11:00am

Apprentices: Sunday School class is on hiatus for the summer and will resume after Labor Day. Have a wonderful summer. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or Isaiah122elaine@aol.com

Berean: Study of the Book of Matthew. Newcomers welcome!
Rooms 203/204. Coordinators: John & Nancy Davidovich

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Bible Study:
This class is on summer hiatus and will resume Sept. 19.

VPC Core Beliefs
As a disciple-making community, we believe...

Jesus is Lord
Scripture is our authority
Everyone is called to discipleship

VPC Mission
As a disciple-making community, we will...

Call people to faith
Equip people for discipleship
Send people to love and serve