Sermon Series: In Christ Together for the World

The Heart of the Matter

Mark 7:1-23

February 20, 2011
Prelude

Call to Worship
Your Great Name

Lohrmann Family
Neale/Nordhoff

Welcome

Hymn
O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing, that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder, at every gift you send,
at blessings without number, and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you, and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor, may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows, be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows, and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty, and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty, our sacrifice of praise.

Prayer of Adoration

Worship Song
We Fall Down

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus,
And we cry holy, holy, holy and we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb. (repeat)

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
There's a Great Day A-Comin

Junior Choir
Ford

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

New Member Recognition

Offertory
How Can I Keep from Singing

Junior Choir
Traditional

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad. Children in the Bridges class are dismissed.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Mark 7:1-23

Sermon
The Heart of the Matter
Sermon Series: In Christ Together for the World

Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

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

Benediction

Postlude

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Prayer of Adoration

Shannon Jordan

Worship Song

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Tomlin

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem

See What Love

Sanctuary Choir

Mendelssohn

Children’s Message (9:30)

Children in the Bridges and Gateways classes are dismissed.

Dawn Geschiere

Minute For Witness and Baptism (11:00)

Sina Samad-zadeh

New Member Recognition

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Offertory
Great Is Our God

Sanctuary Choir
Courtney

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Today we welcome our new VPC members: Jane Bittner, Everette & Catherine Byrd, Craig & Stephanie Clark, Jan Conner, Christopher & Suzette DeMers, Betsy Forster, Elizabeth Mayes, Trae & Alicia McAbee, Joe & Julie Nichols, Joelle Park, Betty Price, Marvin Price, Wil & Pam Priester, Mark Rigney, Sina & Isabelle Samad-Zadeh, Mary Sinclair, Charles & Michelle Sullivan, Brian & Amy Summers, Cynthia Taskesen, Lola Thew, Chris & Jayme Van Horn, Dianna Zangrilli

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in honor of Alma and Bob Shanley’s 62-year marriage.
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.
VISITORS AND GUESTS – WELCOME TO VPC!
We are delighted you are here. Here are some ways to make the first steps on your spiritual journey at VPC easier. For more information, please visit www.viennapres.org/firststeps or contact Shannon Jordan at 703.938.9050 x123 or shannon.jordan@viennapres.org.

Step 1: Visit the Welcome Table in the narthex for a gift, then visit the Great Hall for coffee.

Step 2: Orientation to the Journey: Next Session: March 13, Room 109, 11am. We’ll give you a brief look at who we are as a church and what we believe. Ask questions and find where you fit. Light refreshments served.

Step 3: “Invitation to the Journey” class: In this more in-depth look at our mission, beliefs, values, and practices, discover what we mean by “learning to follow Jesus with your life” and “living your life as Jesus would.” This 3-week class is required for membership at VPC. Please contact Linda Kemple (x100) for more information. Next class series: May 1, 15, & 22.

Step 4: Share the Journey in a Small Group: Grow in Christ and connect with others. For information, go to viennapres.org/smallgroups

Griefshare: a support group for people grieving the death of someone close. A place where you can be around people who understand what you’re going through and the pain of your loss.

13-week session begins
Today
4pm
Room 203
GriefShare@viennapres.org

Passages: to support those who are experiencing the pain of marital separation or divorce, by offering an initial path toward recovery.

This program provides the opportunity, in a group setting, to rebuild self-esteem and develop self-awareness. Cost: $20 includes workbook and refreshments. Scholarships are available.

New 12-week session begins
Feb 22
7pm
Room 203/204
passages@viennapres.org
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday service: Join us March 9, 7:30pm

Audio books and companion book - Check out your favorite authors; Lucado, Barton, Willard, Ortberg, Alcorn, and more; on display in the Perkins Memorial Library, second floor Ministry Center.

Marriage Prep Class: March 20 – April 10. These free sessions are required for those being married by our pastors, but open to others also. Linda Kemple, 703.938.9050; enroll at www.viennapres.org under Marriage Preparation. Next seminar: June 2011.

Children’s Ministries is seeking 3 summer interns. This paid, 9 week commitment from June 6-August 5 is geared toward college students or recent college grads who want a meaningful ministry experience working closely with children and volunteers. For more info, go to: www.viennapres.org/jointhestaff

ReFuel: Feb 24, 7:15pm, VPC Great Hall. Meet other young adults and explore questions of life and faith in a laidback setting.

Celebrate and strengthen your marriage:

Weekend to Remember Conference: March 11-13 (VA); March 18-20 (MD). Save 50% with code VPC. Find brochures in the narthex. Register at www.familylife.com or 1-800-FL-TODAY. Bruce & Julie Knight, 703.691.3406, BJKnight@msn.com

Marriage Encounter Weekend: April 29-May 1; Oct 28-30; www.unitedmarriage.org or contact Pastor Glenda 703.938.9050, glenda.simpkinshoffman@viennapres.org

Military or Civilian folks serving overseas? The SOS Ministry wants to send a letter of support. Please submit address or APO to Amy MacDonald, 703.319.0749 or amymacdonald@verizon.net

Discipleship Forum luncheon: March 13, 12:15-1:30pm, Great Hall. Author and speaker Randy Newman will teach us to communicate our faith in an easy and natural way. Cost $5. Reserve by 3/11. mary.flounlacker@viennapres.org

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have space? And would you be willing to provide housing for 10 weeks for a Student Ministries summer intern? Please contact Barry Hill, barry.hill@viennapres.org

Lions Club: Lions’ Recycle for Sight program is collecting used prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses. Drop off your glasses in the basket located in the narthex.

Sleeping mats for the homeless: Crochet sleeping mats for the homeless on Feb 26, 1-4pm, Room. 310. Crochet lessons provided. Plastic bags collection: cloakroom of the narthex. lmacqueen10@gmail.com

Bethany Women’s Center: a homeless shelter needs your help. Easy-to-prepare recipes and sign-up sheet are available outside the kitchen door. Call Cindy Alls, 703.222.3657.

Dreaming of summer? Adults interested in going on a (SMP) Summer Mission Project this summer, contact Barry Hill, barry.hill@viennapres.org

More Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Considering making a stock donation to VPC? Please contact Rob McLallen, rob.mclallen@viennapres.org

VPC Members: Please remember to pay your per capita fee of $34 per member. See page 10 for more info.

If you have not received your end-of-the-year giving statement, please contact Betty Little at 703.938.9050 x121 or betty.little@viennapres.org

CENTERPOINT FORUM

South Africa: Images of Reconciliation and Hope

Shannon Jordan will share her experiences in this beautiful country, exploring renewal and reconciliation in a post-apartheid culture.

Sunday, Feb 27, 5:30pm
Room 322/323
For more info: shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

CenterPoint Spring Term

Sundays starting March 13 for 5 weeks,
Rev. Dr. John Y. Lee presents
"Global Missions in Our Postmodern World."

Tuesdays starting March 15 for 5 weeks,
Dr. Eileen Guenther presents
"The Power of Music."

Pick up a flyer/enrollment form in the narthex or visit www.viennapres.org/centerpoint
Come explore how to live out Jesus’ command to love your neighbor as yourself.

- Dr. Mark Labberton, guest speaker, from Fuller Theological Seminary
- For more information and to register, go to viennapres.org/MarkLabberton

Free children’s program through age 12: age-appropriate activities and games to help the children learn to love their neighbor as well. Advance registration required.

Questions? Contact Shannon Jordan at Shannon.jordan@viennapres.org
703.938.9050 x123
Connection

HIGHPOINT CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES
See page 12 for Sunday classroom assignments.

SAVE THE DATE - Benjamin's Box, A Family Good Friday Experience, April 22, 4:00 to 5:30pm, 3rd-floor Activity Center. Geared toward children K-4th grade. No drop-offs please.

Annual Club 56 Lock-In: Friday, March 4, 7pm-7am.
Speaker: Pat Myers, Ligonier Camp, Great Hall.
Activities all evening! Later, a more subdued overnight of movies where your child can either stay up and watch or fall asleep on the carpeted floor.

Next KN 34 meeting will be Friday, Feb 25, 7-8:30pm.

First Communion Sacraments Classes: March 6, 13, 20, and 27. Classes are for 3rd, and 4th-graders, joined each year by some 5th, and 6th-graders. Classes will teach children and parents to think about grace, symbols, baptism, Biblical meals, and sacrifices. Preregistration is required at www.viennapres.org/registrernow.
First Communion will be Sunday, April 3. Note: Your child must be baptized in order to participate in First Communion. Baptism will take place on March 27 during the 9:30am service.

Sign up for our weekly HighPoint Parent Information email to keep up with all Children's Ministries events. Visit: viennapres.org/children

STUDENT MINISTRIES
Student Ministries programs:
Come for breakfast and Sunday school from 9-10:30am in the Underground (lower level). Youth Group meets:
• Middle School from 5-7pm• High School from 6:30-8:30pm.
Stay on top of all the news: www.vpcstudents.org/smsignups

Student Ministries is collecting used cell phones. Please put phone and charger in a Ziploc bag and place them in the collection bin outside the Student Ministries Office (L-9).

Registration for the Middle School Lock-In Feb 25-26 CLOSES tomorrow Feb 21. Students must register to participate. viennapres.org/ministries/students/hub_events/

Tonight: No Regular Youth Group but it will be a “group night”. Make sure to check with your small group leader to see what your plans are.

Student Ministries is looking for 2 summer interns see www.viennapres.org/jointhestaff.

Children's Choirs: Carol Choir: Room 308/309.
Rehearsal times: Sundays from 5:30-6:30pm.

Children’s Handbells: Bell choir to meet at 2pm in VPC Student Ministries Office (L-9).

Members Only
With the New Year comes the opportunity and obligation to support VPC’s PC(USA) denominational affiliation. The per capita fee this year is $34 per member.* If there are multiple members in your household, please calculate accordingly.
Thank you for supporting our commitment to strengthen our PC(USA) relationship. Please use the separate Per Capita envelope provided in the box of offering envelopes or write “Per Capita” and your envelope number on your check. In the coming weeks, we look forward to sharing Per Capita Q&As to help everyone’s understanding of this important payment.

Questions: What is Per Capita? How is it used?
Answer: Per Capita is the designated dollar amount that is asked of each member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a yearly voluntary contribution. It is collected by the Presbytery. Per Capita is used to pay for the priorities of the three governing bodies of the PC(USA): Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.

Questions: What happens if I don’t pay it? Can I still be a member?
Answer: Yes, but VPC’s Session considers itself obligated to pay the per capita obligation on behalf of all members. Under that assumption, the Session may use funds reserved for ministry and missions of the church to cover unpaid per capita.

Question: Is Per Capita the same as Missions Giving?
Answer: Per Capita is NOT MISSIONS GIVING. Per Capita is distinguished from missions giving in that it is operational money needed to keep the three governing bodies of our church functional. The three governing bodies and the amount received from each member’s fee are as follows: General Assembly ($6.50); Synod of the Mid Atlantic ($0.725); and National Capital Presbytery ($26.775).

For complete information, see brochures on the Sign-Up Table rack and Communications Wall in the Gathering Space. *The giving envelopes show an incorrect amount of $31.00 per member.
**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:** Lois Poland, lpoland@tmaresources.com or 703.502.8502.

- **Christian Cancer Companions:** Rita Lockwood, 703.573.6168 or luckylister32@verizon.net

- **GriefShare:** Next cycle begins today. For information contact GriefShare@viennapres.org. Informational brochures are available in the narthex and the Gathering Space. Meets Sundays, 4pm, room 203.

- **NewSpring:** Hope for the Sexually Abused: david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050.

- **Join NewSpring’s Leadership Team:** Help with event planning, praying for the community, caring for abuse survivors, and researching safe-church practices. Jeanie Thomas, jthom1231@verizon.net, or david.jordan-haas@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x116

- **Passages:** For those experiencing marital separation or divorce. New 12-week session begins Feb 22. Registrations on the website now being accepted. Information: passages@viennapres.org or Romey McPherson, 703.478.9794. Tuesdays, 7pm, room 203/204.

- **Stephen Ministers:** Offers confidential, one-on-one care for people going through crises. lee.taylor@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x103.

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**Do you have a heart for congregational care?**

VPC is seeking a Transitional Director for Congregational Care to support the Send ministries. This part-time position is an opportunity to develop and implement a ministry of comprehensive care for our aging population; provide visitation and support for our homebound, infirm, and hospitalized; and work with various care-mercy ministries. The position will begin April 4, 2011 and continue for 9 to 12 months. Mature Christian leader; graduate degree preferred in related field; 4-5 years experience in care ministry (lay or professional). Email cover letter and resume with references by March 4 to lee.taylor@viennapres.org. Join our disciple-making community and help demonstrate Christ’s love within the VPC church family. For more info: viennapres.org/jointhestaff

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**STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**On-going Bible Studies; New folks always welcome.**

- **New 8-Week Women’s Evening Bible Study!** Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00pm beginning Feb 22. See where Jesus walked and learn how Jesus lived his life as you study the Life and Ministry of the Messiah. This study will include a DVD teaching, homework, and small group discussion. Register at viennapres.org/adultsignup. Cost: $10. Scholarships available. Questions? Please contact Debbie Johnston, debbiej628@verizon.net or 703.798.5605.

- **Women’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** The Discipleship of Moses in Exodus, 9:30-11:30am. Register at viennapres.org/adultsignup. Contact Shannon Jordan at 703.938.9050 x123 or shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

- **Men’s Bible Study** From Wild to Wise: A Journey Through the Gospel of Mark. Pastors Pete James and Ed Dawkins will teach through the Gospel of Mark. Register at viennapres.org/adultsignup or for more info, contact Deb Crumbliss, deb.crumbliss@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x108. Mondays, 7pm-8:30pm.


- **Sunday Coffee and Conversation:** From the profound to the hilarious, join us as we explore the “So what” of each Sunday’s sermon. All are invited! More info: John & Kathy Draper at jkdraper@ymail.com. 11am in room 108C.

- **Christianity Explored:** An eight-week course designed for new members or newcomers to the Christian faith. Sundays, 11am-12noon, through April 3, 2nd floor conference room, Cost: $5 for study guide. Contact Phil Kratovil, 703.937.1897 or phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

For all Sunday morning study opportunities, see back page of bulletin.
Sunday Mornings at VPC

Children’s Room Assignments
8am Bridges Class meets in Room 320

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Adult Education Classes

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Beyond Basics: Beyond Basics is discussing the Gospel of John, Son of Zebedee, and using Barclay as a text. Steve Skjei, discussion leader. Room 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. Meet in Parlor. Facilitator: Judy Chelson.

Searchers in the Word: The class will meet with Beyond Basics.

Partners With Christ: Study of Tim Keller’s book The Reason for God. Newcomers are always welcome! Questions? Martha Strauss at 703-319-7050 or wmsstrauss@aol.com. Room 205.

11am


ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Bible Study: For adult ESOL students (intermediate/advanced.) Gain a better understanding of the Bible and improve English listening, speaking and reading skills. Room 317. Shun and Dorris Ling, leaders.

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