Sermon Series: Greed and Charity

Life is Fragile, Evil is Real, God is Sure

Romans 12:9-21

September 11, 2011
Sunday Worship 8:00

Prelude
America the Beautiful
Youth Orchestra
Pethel

Welcome

Call to Worship
Amazing Grace
Nicole Abdullah, Trumpet

Hymn #142
All Hail the Power

All hail the power of Jesus’ Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
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Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
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O that with yonder sacred throng; We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!
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Prayer of Adoration
Ed Dawkins

Worship Song
Above All
LeBlanc/Baloche

Above all powers, above all kings, Above all nature and all created things,
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, Above all wonders the world has ever known,
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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician
Anthem
God Help the Outcasts
Courtney Vereide, soloist
Menken/Schwartz

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Offertory
Bow the Knee
Youth Choir
Fettke

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

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Romans 12:9-21

Sermon
Life is Fragile, Evil is Real, God is Sure
Sermon Series: 7 Deadly Sins and 7 Lively Virtues

Pete James

Hymn
Everlasting God
Brown

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord. (Repeat)

Our God, You reign forever. Our hope, our strong deliverer.
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Benediction

Postlude

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Eternal father Strong to Save
Herzing

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Anthem
Sanctuary Choir

When Sudden Terror Tears Apart

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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (11:00am)

Children’s Message (9:30)  Rita Lockwood

Children in the Bridges and Gateways classes are dismissed (9:30)

Offertory  Sanctuary Choir; Bagpipes

Amazing Grace

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Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture  pages 162/151NT

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If you would like to offer suggestions, input, or feedback on worship at VPC, please contact Elder Martha Strauss at worshipfeedback@viennapres.org
**Grieving:** The family of Bob Dart; the family of Jackie Fischer; the family of Frances Holmgren; Shannon Jordan (grandfather); Pamela Vining (cousin); Bonnie Wright (mother)

**Hospitalized:** Erin Allen’s nephew, Jonathan Bennett's grandmother; Avice & Bob Hill's granddaughter Kathleen; Pamela Vining's friend Margaret & family

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Mike Cash (no calls or visits, please); Linda Kemple's friend Laurene; Pamela Vining's friends Joshua (12) and Kathy

**Homebound:** Charles Hubbard

**Ill or Convalescing:** Bea Blasdell; Arthur Duhaine; Karen Dunlop; Bruce Houston; Nancy Huff; Myrna Ives; Wally Johnson; Connie Kanady; Jenny Keenan; Charles Killion; Mildred Kratovil; Betty Larson; Peggy Larson; Roland Lucas; Nancy Martin; Audrey Neeson; Mark Pella; Bill Phillips; Sara Quigley; Eric Robinson; Chris Shenefiel; Fred Shirley; Gloria Sladek; Margaret Takesian; Rick Thompson; Dick Williams

**Family and Friends:** Jonathan Bennett's friend Rick; Hope Bingham's grandfather; William Buterbaugh's sister and sister-in-law; Karen Covell's father; Beth Crowder's brother; Arayanna Darst's friend Marianne; Christa Davidson's mother, former member Jacque Jeutter; Donna DeLanoy's nephew; Larry Dowdy's friend Michael; Jim Feather's brother-in-law; Mary Flunlacker's father; Sarah-Joy Hunter's brother; Martha Johnson's daughter-in-law; Norma Jones's niece; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Bruce Knight's sister; Tana Leasure's father; Paula Lohrmann's friend Barbara; Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Jim McCoy's friend Yvonne; Ford Moseley's brother; Debbie Scozzie's sister-in-law; Bev Strean's goddaughter; Marnie Sturm's father; Jane Swinehart's son; Hendrika Vande Kemp's sister; Terry Wildermuth's brother; Daryl Wright's father

**Other:** Vilma Gronning; Libby's father; James Morrissey for wife Beth; Daniel; Phil; Haymarket Crossroads Mission; peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; all people hit hard by natural disasters in the US, Haiti, Japan and others, and all those working on their behalf; persecuted Christians in the Sudan, Iraq, Pakistan

**Missions/Missionaries of the week:** Valerie Merfa, WEC International, South Africa (International); Presbyterian Pan-American School, Texas (National); Central Fairfax Services, Springfield, VA (Local)

**Congratulations to:** Jerry & Polly Brentlinger, who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on September 9.


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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; CALL the church office at 703.938.9050, x301; E-MAIL linda.kemple@viennapres.org or enter a prayer request ONLINE via www.viennapres.org/prayerrequest

Please ensure that you have permission before submitting a 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.
Announcements

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 Today, Room 108C, 11am. This class is a good opportunity to look at who we are as a church, find out what we believe, ask questions, and find where you might fit. Come to the Great Hall, get a cup of coffee or tea, and look for our sign.

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 also serves as the pathway to membership at VPC. Please contact Linda Kemple (x100) to register and for more information. The next class will meet September 18, 25, and October 2.

Step 4: Share the Journey in a Small Group: Grow in Christ and connect with others. See page 8 for more details on the September 25 Grouplink. For more information go to viennapres.org/smallgroups or email smallgroups@viennapres.org

Ladies’ Weekend Getaway

- Lovely Private Rooms with TV & your own remote control!
- Delicious food prepared for you.
- Fitness Facility and Running Trails for your use, no interruptions.

Solitude to meditate on God’s word, prayer, discussions

Invitations from God
Women’s Retreat
Oct. 21-23
National Conference Center, Lansdowne, VA

Guarantee your room by September 18
www.viennapres.org/retreat
ReFuel
Young Adult
Thursday Evening Gatherings:

September 15
Great Hall

Kick-off with dynamic speaker Greg Ganssle as he presents "Live the Best Life Possible!"

For more information visit viennapres.org/ReFuel

Tools for Financial Freedom: A first step for people seeking to bring order to their finances in accordance with biblical financial principles.
Saturday, September 17, 8:45am-12:30pm, rsvp to Linda Kemple 703.938.9050

Faith & Finances: Over the course of five weeks, develop new habits, enjoy accountability of peers, explore new ways to look at life, and experience greater contentment (more joy per dollar) as you become a more effective disciple and steward of God’s gifts of time, talent, treasure, and truth. Tuesday evenings.

For more information: viennapres.org/faith&finances

New Small Groups will be formed at the

GroupLink
September 25, 4pm
3rd floor
Study guides available at Grapevine Books

Parents of Infants & Toddlers

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Friday, September 23
6:30pm

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Making VPC a Safe Church
...it really is up to you.

EVERYONE—parents, grandparents, and even those without children—is encouraged to take the Virtus training. Learn to become a protector and an advocate—whether at the church, the ballpark, or the grocery store. Given the shocking statistics concerning sexual abuse in our culture, we must equip ourselves to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Please make this a priority if you will be volunteering in Children’s or Student Ministries in the fall.

REGISTER today at www.VIRTUS.org
SELECT Vienna Presbyterian Church.
CHOOSE a date that is convenient for you.

Next training date: Wednesday, Sept. 14, 9am-Noon, Room L1/3/5

Upcoming training dates:
Sunday, Sept. 18, 12:30-3:30, Great Hall; Thursday, Sept. 22, 9am-Noon, Great Hall

Childcare available with 48-hr. notice at childcare@viennapres.org
Learn more at www.viennapres.org/virtus

NewSpring Hotline: 703.937.1889, for confidential help

CenterPoint Forum
Wednesday, September 14, 7-9pm, Great Hall

“A Reasonable God: Addressing the New Atheism”
Cost: $5.00, includes appetizers and desserts.
Contact Phil.kratovil@viennapres.org to register

AND

Men’s Great SteakOut
Friday, September 16, 6:30-8pm, Great Hall

“Becoming the Man I Want to Be”
Cost: $15.00
Register at viennapres.org/bridgepoint
Questions? Contact Phil Kratovil, 703.938.9050 x115

Both events will feature
Dr. Greg Ganssle,
Professor of Philosophy,
Yale University

The Footsteps of Paul
…the man, his mission, Christ's ministry
Look closely at Acts 16-20 and portions of Paul's letters to the Philippians, Corinthians, and Ephesians. Please bring a Bible.
Presented by David Jordan-Haas and Connie Jordan-Haas.
Sunday evenings beginning September 11, 5:30-7:30 pm
Room 322/323

The Art and Architecture of the Paul Era
Discuss the role and style of art and architecture in religious settings in the early Christian era, and highlight examples of art and architecture that survived the ages.
Presented by Jennifer Kirkpatrick Zicht
Tuesday evenings beginning September 13, 7:00-9:00 pm
Room 322/323
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Life Booklet is up to date with all the VPC happenings, please take a look and see what we have for you. viennapres.org/CLB or stop by the office for your paper copy.

New Email Address: You have one? We want it. Please update your email address by going to viennapres.org/about_us/contact_us/email_signup/

Interested in becoming a member of VPC? Come to the Invitation to the Journey classes offered at 10:45am, September 18, 25, & October 2. Contact Linda Kemple, 703.938.9050 x100 or www.viennapres.org/firststeps

Children's Choir Rehearsal: Today, 5:30pm for grades 1-6. Parents can sign up their children at http://www.viennapres.org/ministries/music

Children’s HandBells Rehearsal: Sunday, October 2. Celebration Ringers will begin at 3:45pm and Joy Ringers at 4:45pm. Anyone interested in joining should contact Jeanine Bingham at BjBingham@verizon.net

SWATT (55+) Luncheon: Sept 14, 12:15, Great Hall for the potluck luncheon. Historic re-enactor Lynn Garvey-Hodge will tell the true stories of the Suffragette Movement and subsequent inhumane incarceration at the Lorton Jail. No reservation required. Bring a friend! Contact Steve Skjei 703.938.4623 or visit viennapres.org/SWATT

Time in the Vine: September 28, Grapevine Books. Discuss When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box, by John Ortberg. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship! Ask a friend to come along! Contact

BridgePoint Luncheon Presents: Live the Best Life Possible With special guest Dr. Greg Ganssle. Friday, September 16, noon-1:15pm Maggiano’s Tysons II Galleria. Cost: $20. Includes lunch and program. Bring a friend for free! RSVP to phil.kravotil@viennapres.org

VPC NEWS/UPDATES

VPC Welcomes Laurie Benton to our administrative staff. Laurie’s background includes marketing, advertising and public relations and will be a great addition to the BridgePoint team. For Laurie’s full bio, please visit viennapres.org/newstaff

Update on Labor 4 & With Your Neighbor: Thanks to the several hundred volunteers who Labored for their Neighbors. Projects included landscaping, painting, cleaning and organizing for member of our congregation and several of our local Mission partners. In addition, gift cards were collected for the Wounded Warriors project, successful drives for canned foods and school supplies were completed, and lots of cards and baked goods are on the way to New York City with the Brotherhood Riders for the 9/11 celebration with first responders from around the country.

Save the Date! Daddy-Daughter Dinner: Saturday, October 15, 6-8pm, Great Hall. Dinner & dessert, music and crafts. A wonderful chance to show your daughter how special she is to you and to God. Registration coming soon. Questions? Rshepherd67@cox.net

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Our Daily Bread Volunteers needed to help sort food into bags on Saturday, September 24, and deliver the donated food items to each family on Sunday, September 25. Please contact Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com if you are interested.

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.

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.

More Service Opportunities: www.viennapres.org/serve

Are you able to volunteer once or twice per month? Children's Ministries urgently needs you...

8, 9:30, and 11am: Nursery Volunteers - 0-2 year-olds
8:00 Bridges to Worship: Lead Teachers & Assistants
9:30 Lead Teachers: PreK 3’s, Power Up 1st, 2nd, & 4th Grades
9:30 Assistants: PreK 3’s, 4’s, Power Up 1st, 2nd, & 4th Grades, 5th/6th Grade Boys
11:00 Lead Teachers: Power Up Kindergarten
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Contact Dawn Geschiere at dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org
**Connections**

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

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

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

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

**Passages:** For those experiencing marital separation or divorce. Information: passages@viennapres.org or Romey McPherson, 703.478.9794. Next session: Tuesday nights, 7-9pm, starting September 27.

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

**STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**Great Banquet** is a three-day spiritual renewal weekend for men and women who wish to strengthen their knowledge of Jesus Christ and make a renewed commitment to their faith. Men’s fall retreat: Oct. 27-30; Women’s: Nov. 3-6. The Northern Virginia Great Banquet Community (NOVA GB) hosts the 3-day weekends at VPC. For more info: novagb.org

**Women’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study**
Transformations of the Heart: Studies from Romans.

**Women’s Tuesday Evening Bible Study**
A Heart Like His: Seeking the Heart of God Through a Study of David, by Beth Moore.

**Monday Night Men’s Group:** Begins September 19. Led by Pastors Pete James and Ed Dawkins and Phil Kratovil on The Gospel in Life. For information and to register, please visit viennapres.org/study

**Foundations:** Growing Together in God’s Word!
New class starting today, 9:30am, discussing In the Grip of Grace by Max Lucado. Come discover friends you haven’t met yet and we’ll grow together. Facilitators: John and Kathy Draper, 703.539.8300, or jkdraper@ymail.com

**Summer Devotionals:** 7 Deadly Sins & 7 Lively Virtues. Copies available in the narthex, online, and on twitter. Details at viennapres.org/devotionals

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

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**August Ministry and Missions Contributions Update**

2011 Ministry and Missions Budget: $3,751,504
Year to Date, August 23, 2011, Budget: $2,099,740
Contributions as of August 23, 2011: $2,005,804
Contribution shortfall as of August 23, 2011: $93,936

Contributions needed to meet 2011 Ministry and Missions requirements: $1,745,700

**Open Doors, Open Hearts Update**

The Open Doors, Open Hearts capital campaign ended as of June 30, 2011. However, we continue to receive donations as people fulfill pledges or make additional contributions. As of July 31, 2011, we have received $4,156,270 against total pledges of $4,516,587.

Thank you for your generous support to the Ministry and Missions of our church!
Sunday Mornings at VPC

Children’s Room Assignments
Beginning September 11

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Adult Education Classes

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Beyond Basics: Beyond Basics: Jon Lochhaas leads this discussion on Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. This is one of the best-known and most influential books on Christian theology from the 20th century. It had a significant impact on many Christian thinkers and leaders. We will discuss this classic work and how it applies to us today. Coordinator: Kate Lund.

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

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

Partners With Christ: Fall classes begin September 11 with a short study of the book of Titus. We will then begin an eight-week study on Tim Keller’s Gospel in Life series coinciding with the sermon series. All newcomers welcome. Room 205. Questions? Contact Martha Strauss at wmstrauss@aol.com or 703.319.7050.

11am

Apprentices: Join us September 11 for refreshments and an introduction to our fall study of Ephesians using Max Lucado’s Life Lessons series. newcomers are always welcome. Room 205. Contact Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com.

Berean: Bible Study Class studying the book of Ezekiel; all are welcome to join us. Room 203/4.

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Bible Study: Enjoy your summer! See you back on September 25.