A Journey of Faith
A Study on the Life of Abraham

Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: A Journey of Faith
A Study on the Life of Abraham

Easy or Hard?

Genesis 12:10-20

January 8, 2012
Sunday Worship 8:00

Prelude
Give Thanks

Welcome

Scripture
Psalm 150

Worship Song

Let It Rise

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us. Let the glory of the Lord rise among us. Let the praises of our King rise among us. Let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us. Let the songs of the Lord rise among us. Let the joy of our King rise among us. Let it rise.

Oh, let it rise.

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Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #288
I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God, That made the mountains rise; That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained, The sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at God’s command, And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food; God formed the creatures with a word, And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where’er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the skies!

There’s not a plant or flower below, But makes Thy glories known; And clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee, Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician.
Offertory
Walk in the Light

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

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Pete James

Hymn
Psalm 23

Townend

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

Chorus
And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone;
For Your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, and He anoints my head with oil;
And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights. (Chorus)

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one;
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know. (Chorus)

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Minute for Witness

Martha Strauss

Children’s Message

Daryl Wright

Children in Gateways and Bridges are dismissed.

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

Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

Fettke

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

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**Prayers**

**Grieving:** Loretta Cunningham (husband Ed, former member); the family of Todd Cunningham; Judy Kifer (brother); Lois Miller (daughter)

**Hospitalized:** Eveline DeFrawi; Jerry Schnell; Barry Stackpole; Danny & Janice Femal's newborn grandson, Felix; Mona Flinn's friend Holly's mother; Jay Flounlacker's brother; Kelly Miller's uncle; Christi Novak's stepfather; Michelle Rahal's mother; Sim Taylor's sister

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Mildred Kratovil; Melissa; Pamela Vining's friend Joshua (12)

**Homebound:** Luther Martin

**Ill or Convalescing:** Tom Addams; Curt Anderson; Jennifer Arnold; Ed Dawkins; Jim DeLanoy; Holly Heiderer; Myrna Ives; Connie Kanady; Mary Ellen Keaton; Jenny Keenan; Charles Killion; Phil Kratovil; Alex Main; Nancy Martin; Audrey Neeson; Bill Phillips; Eric Robinson; Larry Root; Gloria Sladek; Bill Steinbach; Margaret Takesian; Jo Ann Talley; Rick Thompson; Dick Williams

**Family and Friends:** Julia Billington's mother & brothers Ken & Woody; William Buterbaugh's sister and sister-in-law; Sandra Crippen's brother; Beth Crowder's brother; John Crowder's friend Doris; Arayanna Darst's brother Dayheem; Christa Davidson's mother, former member Jacque Jutter; Donna DeLanoy's niece Elanor and her friend Adam; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Larry Dowdy's friend Michael; Mary Flounlacker's father; Joe Garrett's sister; Jeff Hunt's friend Jonathan; Liz Kellman's friend Julie; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Brenda Klimavicz's friend Lori; Tana Leasure's friend Robert; Lynn Lotocki's aunt (& uncle); Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Beth Macklet's friend Michael; Libby Mosher's grandfather; Mark Pella's mother; Karin Richardson's mother; Barbara Spiller's friend Shirley; Bev Stream's goddaughter; Marnie Sturm's father; Jane Swinehart's son; Dottie Swink's son David; Ella Tynch's great-grandmother; Leslie Vereide's father; Pamela Vining's friends Caden(2) & family and Kathy; Daryl Wright's father; Douglas

**Other:** Ruth Dreher; the Hunsberger family; Vilma Gronning; Patricia Namisi; Sabrina; Emily Hunsberger's friend Chris; Sony & Vinod; the Slover family; 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 Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan

**Missions/Missionaries of the week:** Hope for the Nations (International); Davis-Stuart, Inc. (Presbyterian Home), Lewisburg, WV (National); Central Fairfax Services, Springfield, VA (Local)

**Praise God** for the life of Bix Doughty who turns 96 on January 10!


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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.
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: Today, Room 108C, 11am. This class is an 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. Next classes: January 22, February 5, and February 12, 2012.

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

Christianity Explored: 7-week course exploring the essentials of Christian faith. Begins Today at 9:30am, 2nd-floor conference room. Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or 703.937.1897.

Sunday, January 29

Find Your Passion as we pursue 250,000 hours of service in 2012.
In 2012, I want to love others better.
I want joy.
I want peace.
I want patience.
I want to be kind.
I want to be good.
I want to be gentle.
I want self-control!!!

We often come into the new year with a list of things about ourselves that we want to change. If some of the characteristics listed above are on your self-improvement plan, keep reading. If you have tried to make these changes in yourself in the past and haven’t had much luck, keep reading!

VPC is here to help you find a place to connect with God for this transformation. If you are unsure about which choice is best for you, please contact Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123.

How do I get God to change me?

God just wants us to crack the door so the Holy Spirit can come in to work in us and through us. How can we work with God in this? By using things like small groups, prayer, Bible study, serving others, and worship to change us in fundamental ways.

Daily Prayers and Devotionals

Daily checking in with God (viennapres.org/devotionals) is a great way to align your day to day life with God. Pick up a hard copy in the lobby of the sanctuary or have them e-mailed to you or even sent through Twitter.

Sermon-based Small Groups

Sermon-based Small Groups are a wonderful way to travel together with a small number of others on this Journey of Transformation. Contact Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123 to find a group that fits your availability!
Group Learning Opportunities

Knowing who God is and how much God loves you is a cornerstone of discipleship. Learning the Bible in conversation with others is one of the best ways to let the Holy Spirit transform us.

Sunday Morning Classes -- are paths for spiritual transformation for all ages that meet on Sunday mornings, when you are already at church!

- **Christianity Explored** -- appropriate for anyone who has not done a Bible study on a Gospel. Come and find out who Jesus is! Sundays, 9:30am, 2nd floor conference room.
- **Practical Christian Living** -- How do we live as Christians? How can we learn to be disciples? How can we learn to live our lives as Jesus would live them if he were us? Sundays, 11am, 2nd floor conference room.
- **Other Sunday Morning Options**: see page 12.
  Adult Classes; Youth Classes -- Middle School and High School; Children's Classes

Weekday Activities:

- **Men’s Bible Studies and Women’s Bible studies**: see page 11.
- **Young Adults ReFuel** (Thursday Nights) find details at viennapres.org/refuel
- **PittStop** (Monthly on Friday nights) find details at viennapres.org/pits

CenterPoint Classes

CenterPoint adult education (viennapres.org/centerpoint) is for adults at all stages of their faith journeys. Classes, ranging from basic to advanced, provide content aimed at enhancing understanding of the Christian faith and what it means to be a disciple of Christ in modern life. Classes start today, see page 11.

**Jumpstart Your Journey: Translating Belief into Action**

Just as our cars need regular maintenance to run at optimum performance, our spiritual lives sometimes get sluggish, in a rut, or left parked for another day. March 2 and 3 we will have a two-day retreat here at VPC to help you recharge your spiritual batteries as we look at the Gospel of John with celebrated teacher, Dale Bruner. Register online at viennapres.org/jumpstart

**Discipleship Is for All Ages**

VPC offers classes and service opportunities for children and youth to help the entire family grow as disciples!

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Stop worrying about money; start your journey to **Financial Peace**.

Classes meet for two hours weekly for 13 weeks.

Wednesday evenings, starting January 18. Make plans to join us! Contact Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glorious Sounds: Just in case you missed the performance, or if you’d just like to listen again. Check out viennapres.org/ministries/music/listen/.

Interested in becoming a member of VPC? Then come to the Invitation to the Journey classes offered at 10:45 am on January 22, February 5 & 12. Contact Linda Kemple 703.938.9050 x100 or register at www.viennapres.org/firststeps.

Virtus Training: Register today at virtue.org, select Vienna Presbyterian Church. Choose a training date that works for you! Sessions available through August, 2012. Childcare available with 48-hr. notice. Learn more at viennapres.org/virtus

SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+): luncheon on Wednesday, January 11, 12:15pm, Great Hall. No reservation required. Historian Jim Lewis will be speaking on the Civil War in Vienna-Oakton. Steve Skjei, 703.938.4623 or pskjei@verizon.net

Widow/Widower's Luncheon: Noon, Saturday, January 21, PJ Skidoos Restaurant, 9908 Fairfax Blvd. (Rt 50-29). Reservations: Cap Oliver, 703.938.4194.

Shepherd’s Center, Seniors Adventures in Learning: From T’ai Chi, to Bridge, to health and current affairs seminars. Classes for all interests. Registration Jan. 12, call 703.281.0538 for more info.

KidsNation 34: New Year’s Celebration, January 20, 7-8:30, 3rd Floor.

Confirmation Class: today 11:30-2 for students and 12:30-2 for parents.

Student Ministries Ski Trip: Jan. 15. There are still a few spaces left! Register at viennapres.org/smskitrip

Summer Missions Trips (SMP) Adult leaders needed for summer mission trips. Want to know what it takes to lead an SMP? Contact Barry Hill at barry.hill@viennapres.org or Melissa Jensen at melissa.jensen@viennapres.org

Sanctuary Flowers Requests: may be placed by completing the form found on the Sign Up Table in the narthex. Questions? Contact the church office at 703.938.9050.

2012 Churchwide (PCUSA) Gathering: registration now open for the Women’s retreat, July 18-22 located in Orlando, Fl. Contact Eleanor Hay at 703.242.3984 or online at Presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

The Sanctuary Choir invites and welcomes adults interested in joining and singing. Audition not required. Contact or approach any choir member for information.

VPC Preschool Registration
For 2012/13 School Year

Vienna Presbyterian Church Preschool (VPCP) was founded in 1987 as a not-for-profit, early childhood program to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children ages 2½ through 5.

January 25, 9am
Preschool Office

Get all the details at viennapres.org/preschool

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Gifts from the Heart Summary: 180+ families participated and gave: more than $4000 in grocery gift cards; $5000 in infant formula and diapers; toys for over 70 children; and over 80 donations of new coats, winter clothing, and shoes. Thank you for all the generous gifts from our most needy families.

Our Daily Bread and VPC thank Matthew and Jennifer Stockburger for 4 years of faithful service as Our Daily Bread coordinators. Kyle Julian, Kelly Eldridge, and Lynn DeFazio will continue with the quarterly food drives each year that serve our local community.

Drivers wanted! Provide transportation to and from church for a couple of the Friendship Class members who live 10 minutes from church. If you are interested in volunteering on a monthly rotational schedule, please email TJ Funkhouser, tj.funkhouser@gmail.com

Cunningham Park Elementary School Mentoring: Join the SWATT Team in this after-school program. Come meet your neighbors and make a difference in the life of a child! Open to high school students and older. Contact Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org

More Service Opportunities: viennapres.org/serve

Mark Your Calendars:

Sunday, January 22
12:15pm, Great Hall
Congregational Meeting
CARE MINISTRIES

At VPC, a number of ministries are dedicated to caregiving, healing, and support. To learn more, visit viennapres.org/care

**GriefShare:** for those grieving the death of a loved one. Sundays, 6-7:30pm, room 203/204. More info in the GriefShare brochures in the Gathering Space and the narthex or at GriefShare@viennapres.org

**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. Tuesday nights, 7-9pm. Room 203/204.

**Stephen Ministers:** The holidays can be an especially difficult time for some. Stephen Ministry offer confidential, one-on-one care for people going through crises of many types. For information: lee.taylor@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x103.

New Devotional series.
Get your copy online, by email, on twitter or pick up a copy in the narthex.

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STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

To register or for more information: viennapres.org/study or contact Shannon Jordan at 703.938.9050 x123

**Women’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Transformations of the Heart: Studies from Romans. 9:30-11:30am, 3rd fl.


**Beth Moore! Priscilla Shirer! Anne Graham Lotz!** Drop in and check out this Women’s Bible study. DVD teaching and discussion (no homework). Tuesdays 7-9pm. $5 one-time fee. No need to register. For information contact Dee Fallavollita at bdfall@verizon.net

**Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study:** Please come join in our study of the Book of John. Begins January 10, 7am, 2nd floor conference room. Contact Dale Luddeke at 703.626.6840 for additional info.

**Westminster Confessions of Faith:** Sunday morning class sponsored by Partners in Christ: 9:30am, room 205. Discussion leader: Charles Geschiere. Contact Martha Straus for study guide: wmstrauss@aol.com. All are welcome!

**CenterPoint Winter Term:** Sundays, Jan. 8 – Feb. 5: “Discipleship, Creation-care, and Climate Change.” Rev. Jim Ball presents. This course explores a biblical approach to caring for the environment and a Christ-centered approach to overcoming global warming. Tuesdays, Jan. 10 – Feb. 7: Dr. Bruce Douglas presents "Reformed Portraits from the Great Depression until the Present." This course is the conclusion of the Presbyterian Church History series. Register online at viennapres.org/centerpoint
### Sunday Mornings at VPC

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#### Middle and High School Sunday Youth Services

**Lower Level, Light Breakfast Served, 9-9:30am**
- **Sunday School, 9:30-10:30**
- **Middle School Youth Group, 5-7pm**
- **High School Youth Group, 6:30-8:30pm**

**Adult Education Classes**

#### 9:30am
- **Friendship Class**: For adults with intellectual disabilities. Teachers: Emmy Parker, Helen Neely, & Beth Gourley. Room 108C.
- **In the Grip of Grace** by Max Lucado: Food, friends, and scripture-you're invited! Contacts for Foundations Class: John and Kathy Draper, 703.539.8300 or jkdraper@ymail.com. Parlor.
- **Christianity Explored**: 7-week course exploring the essentials of Christian faith. Starting January 8. 2nd-floor conference room. Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or 703.937.1897.

#### 11am
- **Apprentices Class**: Paul’s letter to the Romans using the classic text by Watchman Nee, *A Normal Christian Life*. New comers are always welcome. Contact Elaine Ryan 703.470.1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com, room 205.
- **ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)** Bible Study: Room 317.
- **Practical Christian Living**: How do we live as Christians? How can we learn to be disciples? Starting January 8, 2nd floor conference room. Contact Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or 703.937.1897.