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

Covenant or Contract?

Genesis 15:1-6

January 15, 2012
Sunday Worship 8:00

Prelude

Welcome

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Prayer of Adoration

Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Worship Song

Everyday

Galbraith

What to say Lord, it’s You who gave me life, and I, I can’t explain just how much You mean to me, now that You have saved me, Lord, I give all that I am to You; that everyday I can be a light that shines Your name.

Everyday, Lord, I’ll learn to stand upon Your word, and I pray that I, that I might come to know You more, that You would guide me in every single step I take and everyday I can be a light unto the world.

Chorus
Everyday, it’s You I live for; Everyday, I’ll follow after You; Everyday, I’ll walk with You, my Lord.

Bridge
It's You I live for, everyday.y (3x)

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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.
Minute for Witness

Daryl Wright

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Offertory
I Believe in the Sun

Youth Choir
Tucker

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Scripture
Genesis 15:1-6

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Pete James

Hymn
Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Thro’ eternal ages let His praises ring:
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:
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Standing on the promises that cannot fail, When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
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Overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword, Standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude

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Sunday Worship 9:30 & 11:00

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Worship Song

Worthy Is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross, Lord. Thank You for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came and gave amazing grace.
Thank You for this love, Lord. Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace.

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne.
We crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious.
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God,
the treasure of heaven crucified, Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.
(repeat chorus)
Children’s Message (9:30)  
*Children in Bridges and Gateways classes dismissed.*

Minute for Witness  
Daryl Wright

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Offertory  
Glorious Is the Lord Almighty  
*Sanctuary Choir*  
_Haydn*

_During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad._

Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

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Grieving: Loretta Cunningham (husband Ed, former member); Judy Kifer (brother); Lois Miller (daughter); Molly Quackenbush (cousin); Carla Schnell (husband Jerry); Diane Weiss (sister)

Hospitalized: Evelyne DeFrazi; Kathryn Robison; Barry Stackpole; Danny & Janie Femal's newborn grandson, Felix; Mona Flinn's friend Holly's mother; Jay Flounlacker's brother; Sarah-Joy Hunter's aunt; Michelle Jones's sister Donna; Christi Novak's stepfather; Michelle Rahal's mother; Sim Taylor's sister; Dick Titus's mother

Facing Tests or Surgery: Mildred Kratovil; Mindy Thomas; Melissa; Michelle Jones's sister Sharon and brother Lamar; Pamela Vining's friend Joshua (12)

Homebound: Audrey Moore

Ill or Convalescing: Tom Addams; Jim DeLanoy; Dick Hutcheson; Connie Kanady; Jenny Keenan; Charles Killion; Alex Main; Nancy Martin; Audrey Neeson; Bill Phillips; Eric Robinson; Larry Root; Margaret Takesian; 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; Christi Davidson's mother, former member Jacque Jetter; Donna DeLanoy's niece Elenor and her friend Adam; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Larry Dowdy's friend Michael; Jim Feather's brother-in-law (Hospice)& his wife Janet; Mary Flounlacker's father; Joe Garrett's sister; Michelle Jones's Aunt Harriet (100) and friend Paulette; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Lynn Lotoch's aunt (Uncle); Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Beth Mackllet's friend Michael; Kelly Miller's uncle (Hospice); Kathy O'Brien's sister; Gina Riegelman's friend Lija; Bev Stream's goddaughter; Marnie Sturm's father; Jane Swinehart's son; Dottie Swink's son David; Ella Tynch's great-grandmother; Pamela Vining's friends Kathy and Caden(2) and family; Daryl Wright's father; Douglas

Other: Vilma Gronning; Patricia Namisi; Sabrina; 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: Denise Hoover, Wycliffe, Chad (International); Presbyterian Children’s Home of the Highlands, southwest VA (National); Homestretch, Inc., northern VA (Local)

Congratulations to: Alexandra & Cy Kouhestani on the birth of Thomas “Archer” Kouhestani, on 1/1/12. Tom & Dianna Bakke are the proud grandparents.

Praise God for the life of Marvin Price who turns 101 on January 17!

Please keep these military men and women in your prayers:

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: February 12, 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.” 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

Sunday, January 29

Count Me In!

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Serving God by Serving Others
VIENNA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Find Your Passion as we pursue 250,000 hours of service in 2012.
Summer Missions Trips (SMP): Now Is the Time!

Want to know what it takes to lead an SMP? We’ve got the answers to all your questions!

Adult leaders needed for summer mission trips. Contact Barry Hill at barry.hill@viennapres.org or Melissa Jensen at melissa.jensen@viennapres.org General SMP interest meeting 2.26, 12:30pm, Great Hall

Advance Haiti SMP 2012 interest meeting: Sunday, January 22, 12:30, Underground.
For high school (rising juniors and above) and college-aged young people.

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
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

Mark Your Calendars: Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 22
12:15pm
Great Hall

Parents of Infants and Toddlers monthly dinner

Friday
January 27
6:30pm
Great Hall

Come for dinner & playtime

Additional info: viennapres.org/pits
Or Shannon Jordan 703.938.9050 x123

National Capital Presbytery
Per Capita 2012

Why Pay?
The Per Capita reminds us of the connection with the National Capital Prebytery, the Synod of the mid Atlantic and the General Assembly. The Per Capita advises us of the cost of operation to do the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ in the world. Per Capita payment keeps all the governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in operation for a full year.

How?
$35.35 per church member.
Use the separate per capita envelope provided in the box of offering envelopes
OR write “Per Capita” and your envelope number on your check.
OR go to viennapres.org/giving

Parents of Infants and Toddlers

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Ministries: Due to the Ski Trip today there is NO Underground PM (Youth Group) for MS or HS tonight. We will see you all next week.

Virtus Training: Register today at virtus.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

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, Senior’s Adventures in Learning: From T’ai Chi, to bridge, to health and current affairs seminars. Classes for all interests. Registration and info, call 703.281.0538

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

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, Orlando, Fla. Contact Eleanor Hay at 703.242.3984 or online at Presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

Refuel: 20s, 30s, Singles, Marrieds meeting to renew themselves in the Spirit through Community. January 19, 7:15-9pm, Great Hall. Contact Shannon Jordan for additional info 703.938.9050 x123 or shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

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

Interested in becoming a member of VPC? Come to the Invitation to the Journey classes offered at 10:30 am on January 22, February 5 & 12. Then, for those interested in joining, please also come to the luncheon after the last class. Contact Linda Kemple 703.938.9050 x100 or register at www.viennapres.org/firststeps

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Gifts from the Heart Summary: 180+ families participated and gave: more than $4,000 in grocery gift cards; $5,000 in infant formula and diapers; toys for over 70 children; and over 80 donations of new coats, winter clothing, and shoes. Thanks from all the recipients for the generous gifts.

Thank You on behalf of the people of Haiti: Your generous gifts during the Christmas Alternative Gift Mart purchased 36 goats and 19 pigs for the neediest in Haiti. Need an alternative birthday or anniversary gift? Goats and pigs for Haiti are perfect! Contact Wanda Vander Nat at wevn@verizon.net

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

More Service Opportunities: viennapres.org/serve

February 3-4

Stop Hunger Now works with international partners that ship and distribute the meals in-country. The majority of Stop Hunger Now's meals supply school lunch programs. Due to the ease of assembly and transport, meals can be shipped to areas in crisis.

Come to this very fast-paced, interactive event that is suitable for 5-year-olds and up! Families and small groups are invited to join us.

February 3: Children’s ministries and student ministries, at VPC
February 4: Community-wide at Madison High School

Check the viennpres.org for more info, or contact Sue Hamblen at 703.938.9050 x113
CARE MINISTRIES

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

Caregivers Support Group: Monday, February 6, 7-8:30pm, meet the first and third Monday of each month. Room 109. Facilitator: Charles Geschiere, Director of Congregational Care. Anyone who finds themselves in a caregiver role; to an aging parent, relative, friend, or child, is invited and encouraged to participate. For additional information, contact Charles at 703.938.9050 x151, or by email, charles.geschiere@viennapres.org

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: confidential, one-on-one care for people going through crises of many types. For information: lee.taylor@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x103.

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.

Fruit of the Spirit Women’s Bible study begins Feb. 7th! Discover how to let the Holy Spirit change you from the inside out! Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30am, 3rd fl. Childcare available with advance registration., Contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123.


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

Worry much? If you struggle with worry then join the Tuesday Evening Women’s Bible study to read and discuss scripture’s take on worry through Linda Dillow’s Calm My Anxious Heart. This class begins on Feb. 7. Contact Dee Fallavollita at bdfall@verizon.net

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

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

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

A Journey of Faith
A Study on the Life of Abraham
Children’s Room Assignments

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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.

Westminster Confessions of Faith: Facilitated by Rev. Charles Geschiere. Sponsored by Partners in Christ. Room 205. Contact Martha Strauss for study guide: wmstrauss@aol.com

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.

11am

Study Watchman Nee, A Normal Christian Life, with the Apprentices Class, Newcomers are always welcome. Room 205. Contact Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Bible Study: Room 317.

How do we live as Christians? How can we learn to be disciples? Practical Christian Living, 2nd floor conference room. Contact Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or 703.937.1897.

Study of the book of Philippians starts January 22. Room 203/204. All are welcome. Berean Adult Bible Study, John and Nancy Davidovich, 703.938.4775.