Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: The Life You’ve Always Wanted

What’s Your Imperative?

1 Thessalonians 5:14-24

August 12, 2012
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00

Prelude
Hope from on High
Timothy Seaman
Seaman

Majestic
Oh Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth. (repeat)
Brewster

First Chorus:
The heavens declare Your greatness, the oceans cry out to You.
The mountains, they bow down before You. So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll give my praise to You!

Repeat Verse

Second Chorus:
The heavens declare Your greatness, the oceans cry out to You.
The mountains, they bow down before You. So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll sing…
The heavens declare Your greatness, the oceans cry out to You.
The mountains, they bow down before You. So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll give my praise to You!

I will worship you. (4x) We will worship you. (2x)

Repeat Second Chorus

So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll give my praise to You!
So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll give my praise to You!

Prayer of Adoration
All Creatures of our God and King, Hymn #455 (v. 1, 5, 6)
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And everyone of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part. O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and cast on God your care!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayers 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.
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. \textit{(repeat)}

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Anthem
The Old Rugged Cross

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (8am & 11am)

Children’s Message (9:30)

Baptism (11am)
Angelina Jihyon O, child of Tae Woo O and Hyegyong Na
Tae Woo O
Hyegyong Na

Offertory
Wondrous Love

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Scripture
1 Thessalonians 5:14-24

Sermon
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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Chorus
My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures. \textit{(Chorus)}

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine;
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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Benediction

Postlude
Grieving: Rob Capp (father); Michelle Jones (aunt); Bryan Troutman (mother)

Memorial service for Lew Glenn: Thursday, August 30, 10:30 am, Sanctuary. Reception following: Great Hall. Graveside service: Arlington Cemetery, 3:00 pm. (Please arrive at the Administration Building by 2:30 pm.)

Hospitalized: Linda Holden; Nancy & Adrian Eley's friend Kaylee (3)

Homebound: Alice Burroughs

Ill or Convalescing: Tom Addams; Beverly Bender; Bea Blasdell; Arayanna Darst; Chuck Garland; Barbara Greig; Thelma Haslam; Betty Larson; Roland Lucas; Barbara Mancini; Audrey Neeson; Elsa Norris; Bill Phillips; Sabrina Remy (16-mos.); Eric Robinson; Margaret Takesian; Jim Thomas; Carol Yates

Family and Friends: Carey Bragaw's friends Emily Hope & Sara; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Sarah Collins's mother; Sandra Crippen's brother and her friend Nicole; Kimberlee Cummings's brother; Arayanna Darst's friends Anne and Beth; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Christine Doss's & Bill Downer's friend Kyle; Jennifer Fleisher's friend Annetta; Jay Flounlacker's brother; Mary Flounlacker's father; Jim Jeffery's friend Lee; Walter Johnson's daughter-in-law; Barb Jones's friend Jessica; Michelle Jones's sisters Donna & Sharon, brother Lamar, and friends Paulette and Sandra; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Frank Kifer's sister Nancy; Valerie King's brother-in-law Danny and her friend Lynne's father; Lynn Lotocki's aunt (& uncle); Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Libby Mosher's grandfather; Kathy O'Brien's sister; Pam Priester's friend Mike; Michelle Rahal's mother; Bev Steam's goddaughter; Phyllis Swenson's brother; Pamela Vining's friends Caden(2) and family, Joshua (12), and Peter; Karen Williams's friend Lauren; Daryl Wright's father; Elaine Wright's step-father

Other: The Aki family; Matt & Amber Bergstrom; Sarah Collins & family; Violeta Villacorta; Haymarket Crossroads Mission; peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; the people across the US hit hard by natural disasters; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan.

Missions/Missionaries of the week: Tom & Leslie Johnson, International Institute for Christian Studies, Prague, Czech Republic (Int'l); Ligonier Camp & Conference Center, Ligonier, PA (Natl); FACETS, Fairfax, VA (Local)

Congratulations to: Thea Lamberson & Aaron Jeschke who were married at VPC on August 4. We rejoice with Carrie & Jean Paul Fabris on the birth of their daughter, Isabeau Clementine Fabris on July 7. Dave & Joan Gifford are the proud grandparents.

Praise God for the life of Mario Funari, who turns 92 on August 16!


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 published up to four weeks but can certainly be extended upon
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: Fill out the Friendship Pad in the Pews during the service and we will contact you to help you get connected at VPC, and answer any questions you may have. You are also invited to visit the Welcome Table in the narthex for a gift, and then visit the Great Hall for coffee between 8-11am.

Step 2: Orientation to the Journey: This class is an opportunity to look at who we are as a church, find out what we believe, ask questions, and find how to best connect. (Next class is today at 11am in room 108C.)

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 go to viennapres.org/firststeps for information and to register, or contact Linda Kemple (x100). Next classes: October 14, 21, 28.

Step 4: Share the Journey: Get connected! Being part of a group or community to grow in Christ, connect with others, and serve is critical in our faith development. We would love to help you find the best place for you! For more information contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or call 703-938-9050 x123.

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Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University

Monday evenings, 7-8:30pm,
September 17-November 12,
Room 324

Cost: $95 per family, which includes a lifetime registration/membership and all materials needed

Register online by Wednesday, September 12;
at viennapres.org/financialpeace
or contact Phil Kratovil at 703-937-1897 or phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

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September 2!

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

Sunday of Labor Day weekend.
Watch for details on this unique opportunity—for all ages—to serve our community.

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Screens in Sanctuary and Narthex
Audiovisual enhancements are underway. Included are screens visible to everyone; enhanced audio quality; cameras for video streaming; and more. New narthex screens will announce church wide initiatives and events! Thanks be to God and to our anonymous donor for making this possible! Use will begin in September.

Do you have a loved one deployed overseas, either in the military or on civilian assignment? We will make cards during Labor for Your Neighbor, and we would love to send them some! Please contact Amy Macdonald with the APO or mailing address at 703.319.0749 or amymacdonald@verizon.net.

PITStop (Parents of Infants and Toddlers): Ice Cream Social August 24, 6-8pm, Great Hall. Bring your kids to decorate their own sundaes! Toppings (nut-free!) will be provided. Yogurt and fresh fruit will also be available.

Contact PITS@viennapres.org for more info or to RSVP!

Also, save the date for the Underground Date Night on September 21! More details soon. Contact stefanie.kamerman@gmail.com or shannon.jordan@viennapres.org.

SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+):
Join us Saturday evening, August 18, to see “I Do, I Do” at the Lazy Susan Dinner Theater. $52 includes bus, dinner, & play. Contact Ronniejean Irvin rbirvin@gmail.com or 703.273.4113.

When Bells Ring, Hearts Sing: 3rd-6th graders handbell choir. Come try it out August 13-15, 10am, in the sanctuary. Contact Jeanne Bingham at 703.938.1191 bibingham@verizon.net or for additional information.

Widow and Widowers Luncheon: Saturday, August 18, noon, PJ Skidoos, 9908 Fairfax Blvd. (Rt. 50/29), Fairfax. Please call Gladys Millington, 703.560.0846, or Cap Oliver, 703.938.4194, for reservations.

Presbyterian Women’s Circles will be starting again soon. Won’t you join us? Day and evening circles available to meet once a month for Bible study and fellowship. Please contact Mary Williams, 703.938.4293, or marybarron@cox.net with any questions.

Flowers for Sunday Services: Flowers can be given in memory/honor of loved ones, in celebration of blessings/events, and always to the glory of God. Cost per arrangement: $35. Visit the signup table in the narthex for details or contact Gerri Webb at gerrirwebb@gmail.com

Refuel (Young Adults): Thursday, September 6, 7:30pm, Great Hall. The Kick-Off Cake Off! Plan on good food, great people, and a CAKE competition. We welcome you back from summer as we dive into some big issues that face us as young adults today.

Power Up Kindergarten Lead Teachers – Consider teaming up and lead teaching with a friend. Just read through the lesson and come prepared—all materials are prepped and waiting for you in the classroom! Contact dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org

Do you have a heart for special needs? Seeking volunteers to mentor/teach a Friendship teen during our 9:30 Sunday school hour. No experience needed. We’ll give you the resources you need. Contact kim.snyder@viennapres.org

Student Ministries Volunteers to work with students at our Sunday school and youth group programs. If you have a heart for sharing the love of Christ with teens, please talk with us. Contact barry.hill@viennapres.org.

4th Annual School Supply Drive: We’re collecting school supplies for under-privileged kids in our community. To donate, please pick up a list of needed items in the narthex; drop off your items and make a difference in a child’s life.

Community Yard Sale Donations: All proceeds go toward the next Stop Hunger Now event! Clothes, toys, household items, etc. Contact Katherine Hall at simonhall2@aol.com

Community Coalition for Haiti needs mobiles for cribs for an orphanage in Jacmel. The more colorful and lively, the better. Leave donations in the office or the CCH box outside of the office. Questions? sue.hamblen@viennapres.org

New Hats & Gloves needed for the Lamb’s Center, a homeless shelter in Fairfax County. Crochet, knit or buy.
**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:** Will resume in the fall. Moving to Wednesday evenings starting 9/5. Contact Charles Geschiere at charles.geschiere@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x151

**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

**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.

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**STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**Sermon Series: The Life You’ve Always Wanted.** Devotionals available online, by email, Twitter, or in the narthex.

**Growing Your Soul**

*In its sixth year at VPC.*

*If you haven’t heard about it, you need to.*

An intensive nine-month small group experience of communion and spiritual formation.

More information: www.viennapres.org/GYS

An application and assessment are required.

**Application deadline for fall 2012: August 13**

Please call or email by tomorrow.

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**You are not alone!**

6-week study on *Real Moms, Real Jesus: A Friend Who Understands* by Jill Savage.

9:30am, Room 203/204

Discuss how Jesus can relate to us...down to the making of a peanut-butter sandwich while laundry is going!

Please contact Stefanie Kamerman at stefanie.kamerman@gmail.com for more information and to sign up!

**Helpmates, Harlots and Heroes: Women of the Old Testament.** Women’s Bible study meets Tuesdays, 9:30–11:30 am, beginning September 11. Childcare available with advance registration. Please register by September 1 to ensure materials at the first class. For more information and to register: www.viennapres.org/study.

**Beth Moore's "Breaking Free, the Journey, the Stories."** Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study: Starting September 11, 7-9pm; Register via website by September 4. A fee of $25 for supplies is collected at the first meeting. Meet as a large group for lesson; break into small groups for discussion. Newcomers welcome. Contact Dee Fallavollita at dee.m.fall@gmail.com

**Monday Night Men’s Group:** Pastors Pete James and Ed Dawkins join 50-100 men of all ages from the church and community to take life and God seriously by digging deeper into the Sunday morning scriptures. Newcomers are always welcome. Biblical, real, straight shooting, guys among guys. 45 minute teaching time; 45 minute small group time. 7-8:30 pm, Mondays, on the 3rd floor. Begins Sept. 17 with the Monday Night Steak out!! To register: Phil Kratovil, phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.
Children’s Sunday School:  
NOW REGISTERING FOR FALL!  
Please register at viennapres.org/cmssignup

Children’s Room Assignments -  
Summer Schedule

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All other children are invited to worship in the Sanctuary with their families. Worship Activity sheets for elementary ages are available from the ushers.

Student Ministries (Middle School/High School): Sunday school and PM Youth Groups are on hiatus until September.

Adult Education Classes

9:30am

Beyond Basics: is studying the book of James led by Susie Slaughter. The central theme of James is maturity. God wants us to grow up in our faith, and James tells us how. Come study with us. Coordinator: Kate Lund katejlund@yahoo.com, Room 202-203.

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


Foundations Class: Join us any Sunday as we build on the twin foundations of scripture and friendship. Come as you are—no preparation required! Contacts: John and Kathy Draper, 703.539.8300 or jkdraper@ymail.com, Parlor.

11am

Apprentices Class is on hiatus. Enjoy your summer and please come see us in September! Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Elaine Ryan, 703-470-1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com, Room 205.

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Our weekly Bible study is on summer break and will resume in September.

Study of the Book of Philippians: Berean Adult Bible Study. All are welcome. Contacts: John and Nancy Davidovich, 703.938.4775. Room 203/204.