Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

Blessing

Genesis 27

September 30, 2012
Sunday Worship 8:00

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Hymn #138

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

Prayer of Adoration

Charles Geschiere

Cannons

It’s falling from the clouds, A strange and lovely sound, I hear it in the thunder and the rain, It’s ringing in the skies, Like cannons in the night, As the music of the universe plays...

(Chorus) We're singing you are holy, great and mighty, The moon and the stars declare who you are, I'm so unworthy, but still you love me, Forever my heart, will sing of how great you are...

Beautiful and free, the song of galaxies, Reaching far beyond the milky way, Let’s join in with the sound, C'mon let's sing it out, As the music of the universe plays... (Chorus)

All glory, honor, power is yours, amen. All glory, honor, power is yours, amen. All glory, honor, power is yours forever, amen...

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Anthem

Save Me

Jenna Robinson, Soloist

Heller

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers. Assistive listening devices are available in the balcony from the Sound Technician. A hearing loop is installed under the rear balcony. Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.
Minute for Witness
Melissa Jensen

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Offertory
Katie Riegelman, Soloist
Prayer of St Francis
Pote

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Genesis 27

Sermon
Stan Ott

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How Great Is Our God
Tomlin/Reeves/Cash

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus
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And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The God-head, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (Chorus)

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
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Benediction

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Tomlin

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, and we cry holy, holy, holy, And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb. (repeat)
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Offertory

The Heavens Are Declaring

Beethoven

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**Prayers**

**Grieving:** Betty Ball (cousin); Dana Burnette (step-grandmother); the family of Chuck Medanich; Mary Wisenbaugh (brother)

**Hospitalized:** Nancy & Adrian Eley's friend Kaylee (3)

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Pamela O'Connell's father

**Homebound:** Hans Anspach

**Ill or Convalescing:** Tom Addams; Beverly Bender; Bea Blasdell; Polly Brentlinger; Lamar Collier; Arayanna Darst; Chuck Garland; Barbara Greig; Kyle Hard; Barbara Mancini; Audrey Neeson; Kate Parthum; Bill Phillips; Sabrina Remy (20-mos.); Joan Sansone; Dottie Swink; Margaret Takesian

**Family and Friends:** Susan Baker's friend Carol; Carey Bragaw's friends Emily Hope & Sara; Carey Bragaw's friend, Abigail (infant); Dana Burnette's step-grandmother; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Marsha Coe's friend Barbara; Sandra Crippen's brother; Kimberly Cummings's brother; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Jay Flounlacker's brother; Mary Flounlacker's father; the Hamlet family's beloved Aunt Mimi; Elaine Hamlet's co-worker Kathy; 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; Lisa Lefune's mother; Lynn Lotocki's aunt (& uncle); Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Mary Monie's mother; Libby Mosher's grandfather; Pam Priester's friend Mike; Michelle Rahal's mother; Trish Sandercok's mother; Bev Strean's goddaughter; Phyllis Swenson's brother; Mary Beth Savary Taylor's father (Hospice); Hendrika Vande Kemp's sister; Pamela Vining's friends Caden(2) and family, Joshua (12), and Peter; Karen Williams's friend Lauren; Daryl Wright's father

**Missions/Missionaries of the week:** Fred & Ruby Amoah-Darko, Ambassadors for Christ International (AFCI), Ghana (International); Jeff Highfield, Campus Crusade, VA Tech, Blacksburg, VA (National); Alternative House, Vienna (Local)

**Other:** The Aki family; Matt & Amber Bergstrom; Sarah Collins & family; Gwyn Ann Taylor; Violeta Villacorta; Joe Garrett's mother Kathleen; Haymarket Crossroads Mission; peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; the people across the US hit hard by natural disasters; the Haitian people recovering from Hurricane Isaac; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan

**Congratulations to:** Gwen Priestman & Adam Schrade who were married at VPC on September 22.

**We give God thanks** for Robert & Jane Detienne, Paul & Nancy Huff, and Shirley Worth, who all united with VPC on September 30, 1962 (50 years), and for Del & Shirley Ewing, who joined VPC on October 1, 1961 (51 years)!


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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 published 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: Get Started: 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: Get Oriented: Orientation to the Journey 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: October 7 at 11am in room 108C.)

Step 3: Get Going: Invitation to the Journey class is a 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: Get Connected: Share the Journey! 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.

Naked and Unashamed

Saturday, October 20, 9:30am-3:30pm

Marriage workshop:
Presented by
Rev. Sam Kim and Alice Kim (LCSW)
sharing biblical reflections, clinical and pastoral experience, and personal lessons from their own marriage.

For more information or to register: viennapres.org/marriageworkshop; stop by the narthex for a brochure; or contact Glenda at glenda.simpkinshoffman@viennapres.org

Kids have LOTS of questions, help them find the answers...

Today!
9:30 or 11am
Room 108 A & B off the Great Hall
Food, Drinks, and Bible discovery with Dawn Geschie

Parents and elementary age children invited.
Especially 3rd graders, in anticipation of receiving a free Bible
October 21 during the 9:30 and 11am worship services.
**General Announcements**

**Interested in becoming a member of VPC?** Come to the Invitation to the Journey classes offered at 10:30 am, October 14, 21, & 28. Contact Linda Kemple 703.938.9050 ext. 100 or viennapres.org/firststeps to register. (Next time offered: Jan-Feb, 2013)

**Marriage Prep Class** will begin Sunday, October 14, 10:45 am. These free sessions are required for those being married by our pastors, but open to others also. Linda Kemple, 703.938.9050; enroll ASAP at viennapres.org under Marriage Preparation. (Next seminar: Jan-Feb, 2013.)

**Confirmation Interest Meeting:** Today, 12:30, Underground. All students welcome; freshmen are especially encouraged to attend. For more information on the Underground and planned activities this year, come early for a preview at 12:15.

**The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** presents Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra in a benefit concert Sunday, October 28 at 3 pm, in the sanctuary. Tickets: $20/pre-performance or $25/at the door. For tickets and information call the Shepherd's Center at 703.281.0538 or office@scov.org

**Serve**

**CROP Walk: Sunday, November 11, Town Green:** Local 3-mile CROP Hunger Walk. Start your own team or join an established team. Find all the info at www.viennacropwalk.org or contact Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org

**Lambs Center:** Knit adult hats at home and leave them in the office or come to a stitch session on Saturday, October 27, 2-4 pm. All skill levels welcome; we can teach you! Laura Macqueen, lmacqueen10@gmail.com

**Adult Library:** help with check-out desk and general information on Sundays, 9-11 am. Experience is helpful, but we will train you. Contact Librarian@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 ext. 148.

**Bethany Center:** a shelter for the homeless that regularly needs our food support. Easy-to-prepare recipes and sign-up sheet are available just outside the kitchen door. Please sign up or contact Cindy Alls at 703.222.3657 for additional information.

**Connect**

**Time for Dine with 9 to Change Tables!** Connect with our family of faith through the sharing of meals and conversation in a small group. All are welcome; groups are composed of married couples, singles, the young and young-at-heart! Sign up in the narthex through October 7, or at viennapres.org/dinewith9. Meet your group on Friday, October 12, 7 pm, Great Hall. Bring a main course or salad to share. Questions? Contact dinewith9@viennapres.org

**SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+):** October 10, potluck luncheon, Great Hall. Hospitality begins at noon. Newcomers welcome! No reservation required. Bring a friend and a dish for 8 to share. Ron Beavers, a docent for the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, will speak to us on the impact of the railroad on the Civil War.

**PitStop (Parents of Infants and Toddlers):** Recharge, a dinner and play time for families with the youngest children in the Great Hall. There is pizza, salad, and fellowship! Visit viennapres.org/Pits for information and upcoming events or contact Shannon Jordan shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

**Club 56:** 5th–6th graders. Friday, October 12, 7-9 pm, 3rd floor for ‘Battle of the Book.’

**Kids Nation 34:** 3rd–4th graders. Friday, October 19, 7-8:30 pm, 3rd floor. The activity will be ‘Fear Factor.’

**Refuel (Young Adults):** Thursday, October 4, 7:30 pm, Great Hall. Contact Kevin Miller at kevin.Miller@viennapres.org or visit viennapres.org/refuel for additional information.
Life is messy…
Can I get an Amen?

Family relationships,
Interpersonal relationships,
Office politics,

Our sermon series focus is on Jacob.
Jacob: a hustler who stole his brother’s birthright; who tries to outwit his father-in-law; who even wrestles with an angel of God.

Follow the sermon series and go deeper with the weekly devotionals
viennapres.org/devotionals
to read them online or to sign up for daily emails.

Or friend us on Facebook and see our daily updates.

Serve on Sundays
There is a place for you!

Complete, tear out, and place this in the offertory or on the welcome table.

Name____________________________________
Email____________________________________
Phone__________________________________

Urgent Needs:
please check all that interest you.

☐ AV Assistants (to advance slides in worship)
☐ Sound Technicians
☐ Ushers
☐ Greeters
☐ Sunday Office Volunteers
☐ Sunday Morning Childcare
☐ Sunday School Teachers and Assistants

Thank You!
You will be contacted shortly by a member of the Worship Planning Team!
Exploring Christ at VPC
Orientation to the Journey (1 hour, VPC 101)
Invitation to the Journey (3 weeks, VPC 101)
Christianity Explored (a “Jesus 101” class, good for those new to small groups or VPC, study Gospel of Mark)

Growing in Christ
Christianity Explored (a “Jesus 101” class, good for those new to small groups or VPC, study Gospel of Mark)
God’s Big Story (Bible 101– fall session: Old Testament; spring session: New Testament)
Or opportunities listed below

Close to Christ
Bible Studies (Monday Night Men’s, Tuesday am/pm Women’s)
Financial Peace
Growing Your Soul
Great Banquet Weekend
Sunday Morning Classes:
(Practical Christian Living, Foundations, Partners in Christ, Beyond Basics, Apprentices, Bereans)

Viennapres.org/fall
We Need Your Help!

As a church, we want to do everything we can to support your spiritual growth. We want to know what’s helping you grow spiritually, and what’s getting in the way.

So we’re asking you to set aside some time this week to take the REVEAL’s Spiritual Life Survey. The survey findings will help shape our decisions about how to create the best possible ministry strategies to serve you.

We know you are very busy.
But this is very important.

Did you get an email with the survey link? If not, please call the office at 703.938.9050.
And visit viennapres.org/signups to update your email with us!

Thank you for your faithful support!

Your contributions continue to be vital to making ministry happen at VPC! We are behind where we expected to be at this point in contributions for debt reduction. Please consider bringing your pledge up to date in this important area.

Ministry and Missions Funding

| 2012 Ministry and Missions Budget | $3,888,901 |
| Anticipated M & M contributions through August | $2,171,903 |
| Actual M & M contributions/income as of August 31 | $2,127,260 |
| Contribution shortfall as of August 31 | $44,643 |

Debt Retirement Funding

| 2012 Debt Retirement Budget (minimum payments) | $436,200 |
| Amount pledged for debt retirement in 2012 | $743,774 |
| Debt Retirement contributions recd. as of August 31 | $282,345 |
### Sunday Mornings at VPC

**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**, 9:30-10:30am

**Youth Groups:** Middle School, 5-7pm; High School, 6:30-8:30pm

**Adult Education Classes**

**9:30am**

**Beyond Basics:** Fellowship, coffee, and a study of the minor prophets and the book *Be Amazed*. Leaders: Shun Ling and George Marling. Rm 205. Kate Lund, katejlund@yahoo.com

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

**Partners With Christ:** Come join us in our study of the classic *Knowing God* by JI Packer. All newcomers welcomed with a smile! Parlor. Questions? Martha Strauss: wmstrauss@aol.com

**Foundations Class:** Join us as we build on the twin foundations of scripture and friendship. No preparation required! John and Kathy Draper, 703.539.8300 or jkdraper@ymail.com. Room 203/204

**Christianity Explored:** 2nd-floor conference room. All are welcome. Contact Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

**11am**

**Apprentices Class:** “Men and Women: Spirituality of Transformation.” Newcomers are always welcome. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com. Room 205.

**ESOL** (English for Speakers of Other Languages): Class resumes today room 311. Bonnie Grouse at bonnie.grouse@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x102.

**Study of Corinthians 1 & 2:** Berean Adult Bible Study. All are welcome. John and Nancy Davidovich, 703.938.4775. Room 203/204.

**Practical Christian Living:** 2nd floor conference room. All are welcome. Contact Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org