Sermon Series: Life is Messy

A Primer on Deceit

Genesis 31:1-21

November 4, 2012
Our God is Greater

Water You turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind, There’s no one like You. None like You.
Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise, There’s no one like You. None like You.

(chorus)
Our God is greater, Our God is stronger,
Our God is higher than any other, Our God is healer,
Awesome in power Our God, Our God.

Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise, there’s no one like You, none like You. (chorus 2x)

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Prayer of Adoration

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, Hymn #263 (v. 1, 2, 4)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Offering

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love. There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne, before the holy One of heaven.
It’s only by Your blood and it’s only through your mercy.

Lord, I come. I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You’re due.
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Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer
Stewardship

Offertory
A Jubilant Song

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Genesis 31:1-21

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Pete James

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
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As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

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          Morning by morning new mercies I see;
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Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness
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Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

Benediction

Postlude
Prelude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, Hymn #263 (v. 1, 2, 4)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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Children’s Message (9:30)

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

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.
Stewardship

Offertory
Glorious Everlasting

Sanctuary Choir
Cousins

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**Prayers**

| Grieving: | Steve Dutton (mother), Joan Houston (niece) |
| Hospitalized: | Bill Comerford |
| Facing Tests or Surgery: | Pamela O'Connell's father |
| Homebound: | Scott Forrester |
| Ill or Convalescing: | Tom Addams; Beverly Bender; Bea Blasdell; Polly Brentlinger; Chuck Garland; Barbara Greig; Kyle Hard; Barbara Mancini; Austin Murga; Audrey Neeson; Audrey O'Shea; Kate Parthum; Bill Phillips; Sabrina Remy (20-mos.); Joan Sansone; Dottie Swink; Margaret Takesian; Roger Woodin |
| Family and Friends: | Carey Bragaw's friends Emily Hope & Sara; Dana Burnette's step-grandmother; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Marsha Coe's friend Barbara; Sandra Crippen's brother; Arayanna Darst's friend Mary; Donna DeLanoy's nephew Colgate; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Bill Downer's friend Carl; Nancy & Adrian Eley's friend Kaylee (3); Jay Flounlacker's brother; Mary Flounlacker's father; Bonnie Grouge's first father-in-law, Allan Kerr (Hospice); the Hamlet family's beloved Aunt Mimi; Elaine Hamlet's co-worker Kathy; Avice Hill's brother Neil; Bob Hill's sister; Jim Jeffrey's friend Lee; Walter Johnson's daughter-in-law; Barb Jones's sister 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 LeJune's mother; Lynn Lotocki's aunt (& uncle); Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Janet McKechnie's daughter-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 Swink's brother; Mary Beth Savary Taylor's father (Hospice); Pamela Vining's friends Caden(2) and family, Joshua (12), and Peter; Karen Williams's friend Lauren; Daryl Wright's father |
| Other: | The Aki family; Matt & Amber Bergstrom; Sarah Collins & family; Mike Hughes; Gwyn Ann Taylor; Violeta Villacorta; Sandra; Haymarket Crossroads Mission; peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; the people across the US hit hard by Hurricane Sandy and other natural disasters; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan |
| Missions/Missionaries of the week: | Richard and Joan Fosso, Mustard Seed Project, Africa (International); Molly McKee, Navigators, Miami University of Ohio (National); Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna (Local) |
| Congratulations to: | Gladys Millington and Cap Oliver, who were married at VPC on October 27. |
| We give God thanks for | James Burns, who joined VPC on 11/6/55 (57 years)! |

**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](http://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: November 11 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](http://viennapres.org/firststeps) for information and to register, or contact Linda Kemple (x100). Next Classes: January 2013.

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.

Surviving the Holidays

In past years, the Christmas holiday season may have been a time of great anticipation and excitement … but this year, the prospect of facing the holidays may cause anxiety and dread.

**You are not alone.**

Here you can connect with support, encouragement, and advice to survive the holidays:

**Passages…**
for men and women who are experiencing the pain of marital separation or divorce.

*Tuesday, November 6, 7 to 9pm. Room 205*

**Griefshare…**
for those grieving the death of a loved one.

*Saturday, November 17, 10-12:00, Room 203.*
Free (with donations accepted to cover cost of materials). For more information or to pre-register (not required but helpful), please go to [griefshare@viennapres.org](mailto:griefshare@viennapres.org)
**Sunday, November 6, the schools are closed, but we aren’t!**

**Bring the kids and create Christmas kits for Haitian children:**
A fun activity for yourself and to do with your children on their day off! Bring toiletries and small gifts. Assemble kits, complete crafts, enjoy snacks, and meet new friends. Kits to benefit CCH.

For more information on what you can contribute and to RSVP, contact shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

9:30-11:30am, 3rd floor

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**Sunday, November 11, 2pm**
**Town Green**

Join our local 3-mile CROP Hunger Walk
Register Today: in front of the bookstore or viennacropwalk.org

You CAN make a difference!

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**It's that time again...**

**Time for the annual Student and Youth Worship Ministries Fall Retreat!**

**November 16-18 at Camp Horizons**

What will this year’s late-night game? Who will win? Could this year’s skit be funnier than last year’s?

Cost: $125
(high ropes and climbing wall are $25 apiece)
12th-grade and confirmation students get a discount! Transportation included.

viennapres.org/SMretreat
Let the things that break God's heart capture your imagination...

And then pledge to do something about them.

Pledge Sunday, 11.04.12
Submit your pledge card in the basket in worship, in the offering plate, by mail or online at viennapres.org/pledgecard.
General Announcements

Welcome Kevin Miller, New Young Adult Ministry Coordinator (Young Adults in their 20’s and 30’s): Kevin describes himself as just a normal guy with a heart for the Lord, and another example of God’s grace, mercy, and redeeming power in this fallen world. He believes this is a generation that is missing from the universal church, and his vision is to help bring young adults back to their faith. You will often hear Kevin say “Community is about real people doing life together” as he strives to strengthen and build the community of young adults here at VPC.

Student ministries would like to take your extra Halloween candy off your hands! We'd love to use your extra skittles, m&ms, lollipops, chocolate bars, and everything else for our upcoming student ministries events! Drop candy off in the kitchen on the lower level (the Underground).

Middle and High School Youth Groups: will hold a combined youth group from 4-6pm following the Crop Walk on November 11.

Drop off donations through November 15 for Samaritan's Purse: Christmas Shoe boxes in memory of Jack Donaldson. Hotwheels cars, hard candy, playing cards, small toys, hygiene items, barrettes, and jewelry. You drop off the donations in Grapevine Books; VPC youth will assemble and ship the boxes!

ESOL Annual Thanksgiving Celebration: Tuesday, November 13, 8-9pm, and Wednesday, November 14, 10:30-11:30am. We invite anyone from the congregation to join us for a holiday program and refreshments. 3rd floor.

Serve

Lamb Center: Crochet and/or knit adult hats at home and leave them in the office or come to a stitch session on Saturday, November 10, 2-4pm. Room 317. All skill levels welcome; we can teach you! Laura Macqueen, lmacqueen10@gmail.com

Family Advent Workshop Coordinator! Do you enjoy planning events? Love crafts? Are you detail-oriented? Then you'll love volunteering with our team to coordinate the Family Advent Workshop on November 25! Contact Karen Covell at 703.938.9050 x125 or karen.covell@viennapres.org

Connect

Career Networking Night: Wednesday, November 14, 6:30-9pm, Great Hall. Join us for networking and dinner. Jim Traficant, Managing Director of Accenture, will present “Finding Hope and Strength in Times of Transition.” Cost: $10. Contact Phil Kratovil to register at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or to register online visit: bridgepointconnections.org/careernight

SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+): visit the US Supreme Court (film and lecture), lunch at Union Station, and enjoy a tour of the US Postal Museum. November 15. Cost: $15 (excludes lunch). Contact Gwen Datt at 703.759.4209 or gwendatt@verizon.net

Widow and Widowers Luncheon: November 10, noon, Clyde's at Tyson's Corner, 8332 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. (Please note that it will be the second Saturday of the month instead of the third.) Contact: Linda Waters at 703.860.8685.

PitStop (Parents of Infants and Toddlers): Visit viennapres.org/Pits for information and upcoming events.

Club 56: 5th-6th graders. Service project: Operation Christmas Child! Friday, November 16, 7-9pm. Contact Daryl Wright with any questions at daryl.wright@viennapres.org.

Kids Nation 34: 3rd-4th graders. Service project: Operation Christmas Child! Friday, November 9, 7-8:30pm, in the Underground (aka basement).

Refuel (Young Adults): Friday, November 9, 8pm, Bowling Night at Fairfax Bowl America, 9699 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Contact Kevin Miller at kevin.miller@viennapres.org or visit viennapres.org/refuel for additional information.

Alternative Gift Mart Sunday, November 18, 9am-1pm Gathering Space

Jewelry and housewares from all over the world, Rwandan coffee, Haitian products as well as alternative gifts such as pigs and goats through CCH, beaded necklaces from Uganda, and jute bags from Justice Ventures International (to help end human slavery).

Start your Christmas shopping with us!
Grow

**Monday Night Men’s Group:** 7–8:30pm, every Monday, 3rd floor Activity Center. Senior Pastor Pete James with Rev. Ed Dawkins, Steve Garner, Phil Kratovil, and You! Guys among guys, who take the Bible seriously… learn, grow, laugh, and make life-long friends. 45-minute teaching time and 45-minute small group time. Pizza, popcorn, drinks… For more info: [viennapres.org/men](http://viennapres.org/men)

**Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study:**
9:30-11:30 am, third floor. Topic:
Helpmates, Harlots, and Heroes: Women of the Old Testament. This fun and interactive 14-week women’s Bible study is in progress and runs through early December. Childcare is available with advance registration. For more information contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703-938-9050 x123.

Care

**Griefshare:** A support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. Sundays, 6-7:30pm, Rm 203/204.

**Passages:** for those going through separation or divorce. Tuesdays, 7-9pm, Room 203/204.

**Christian Cancer Companions:** Contact Rita Lockwood at 703.573.6168.

**Widows Dinner Group:** 3rd Monday each month. Contact Betty Little at 703.938.9050 x121.

**Widows and Widowers Luncheons:** 3rd Saturday each month. Linda Waters, coordinator.

**Newspring:** Contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116.

**In need of a Stephen Minister?** Please contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116.
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
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. Kate Lund, katejlund@yahoo.com Room 205.

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 J. I. 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.

11am
Apprentices Class: New series begins November 11: “The Holiness of God” by Dr. R.C. Sproul. Newcomers are always welcome. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or jisah122elaine@aol.com, Room 205.

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages): Bonnie Grouge at bonnie.grouge@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x102. Room 311.

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