Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

Going Home

Genesis 33:1-11

November 18, 2012
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00

Prelude
Nocturne No. 3

Exsultate Handbells: Terry Sisk, Director
Michael Helman

Prayer of Adoration
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Come Thou Fount, Hymn #356

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Here Is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean; Loving kindness as the flood.
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, Shed for us His precious blood,
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout Heav’n’s eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of God’s mercy flowed a vast a gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers poured incessant from above,
And Heav’n’s peace and perfect justice kissed a guilt world in love.

Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav’n’s; eternal days.

Children’s Message (9:30, 11:00)

9:30am: Children in Bridges and Gateways are dismissed.
11am: Children’s choirs are dismissed.

Dawn Geschiere

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.
Ordination and Installation

**Deacons:** Heidi Amstutz, Chris Chambers-Chun, Gary Goodrich, Donna Hall, Barbara Kneeland, Yvonne Malloy, Mark Richards, Jane Sibley, Nancy Walker

**Elders:** Lisa Baltzer; Burt LeJune; Wil Priester; Jill Roberts; Rachel Thompson

Offertory
Come with Thanksgiving

_During the offertory, please pass the friendship pad._

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Genesis 33:1-11

Sermon
_Pete James_

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Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers’ arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessèd peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Benediction

Postlude
_Finale in D_  
_Ferrari_

Today’s flowers given in loving memory of Marguerite Titus by Dick and Janet Titus.
**Grieving:** Anne Baughman (mother); Maggie Karnis (brother)

**Hospitalized:** Barbara Carlson's cousin

**Facing Tests or Surgery:**

**Ill or Convalescing:** Tom Addams; Beverly Bender; Bea Blasdel; Bill Comerford; Chuck Garland; Barbara Greig; Kyle Hard; Austin Murga; Audrey Neeson; Audrey O'Shea; Kate Parthen; Bill Phillips; Marvin Price; Sabrina Remy (20-mos.); Joan Sansone; Margaret Takesian; Roger Woodin

**Family and Friends:** William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Marsha Coe's friend Barbara; Sandra Crippen's brother; Arayanna Darst's friend Mary; 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; Avice Hill's brother Neil; Bob Hill's sister Lois Ann; Jim Jeffrey's friend Lee; Walter Johnson's daughter-in-law; Barb Jones's friend Jessica; Michelle Jones's friends Paulette and Sandra; Liz Kellman's mother; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Frank Kifer's sister Nancy; Valerie King's brother-in-law Danny; Lisa Lejune's brother; Lynn Lotocki's aunt (& uncle); Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Janet McKechnie's daughter-in-law; Libby Mosher's grandfather; Pam Priester's friend Mike; Michelle Rahal's mother; Trish Sandercock's mother; Bev Stearn's goddaughter; Phyllis Swenson's brother; Mary Beth Savary Taylor's father (Hospice); Kelly-Anne Thomson's mother; 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 tornadoes, floods and fires and Hurricane Sandy; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan

**Missions/Missionaries of the week:** Valerie Merfa Kumalo, WEC International, Africa (International); Ministry in the North Country (MINC), Potsdam, NY (National); Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, Fairfax, VA (Local)

**Congratulations to:** Molly Cash & Dave Ditka, who were married at VPC on November 10. Molly is the daughter of Mike & Donna Cash. We also congratulate Lindsey Luddeke & Andrew Littman, who were married on November 10. Lindsey is the daughter of Dale & Lisa Luddeke. Kudos to Shannon Brooks, 15, who recently won the VA Girls’ High School golf championship. She is the only person ever to win a state golf championship from Madison H.S. Her proud dad and mom are Robert & Jackie Brooks.


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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](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: December 9, room 108C.](http://www.viennapres.org/firststeps))

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://www.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.

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**Ordination and Installation Questions**

a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you?

c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

d. Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

e. Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?

f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

h. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

i. *(for elders)* Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

j. *(for deacons)* Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people’s help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
**Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Wednesday, November 21
7:30pm, Sanctuary

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**Family Advent Celebration…**

*Bring family and friends to celebrate the start of the holidays!*

**Sunday, November 25, 3-5pm,**
3rd Floor Activity Center
directly followed by dinner in the Great Hall

*Start Christmas as a family:* Crafts for children ages 3 - 6th grade;
A chance to get ahead with making Christmas gifts;
Time to think about the real meaning of Advent;
Carols; And of course, food!

*Cost:* Crafts: $6 per child, with a maximum of $15 per family
Food: $5 per person, or $12 for a family of 3, or $15 for a family of 4 or more

This is a family event; please no drop-offs.
No reservations needed. For more information please contact Karen Covell at karen.covell@viennapres.org

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**Gifts from the Heart**

Begins next Sunday, November 25
Come see what giving can be….

Great Hall 8am-12:30pm
82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited.
7 out of 10 unchurched people have never been invited to church in their whole lives.

Family Advent Celebration
Sunday, November 25
3-5pm
3rd Floor

Advent Service of Wholeness
Sunday, December 2
7pm, Chapel

Glorious Sounds of Christmas
Sunday, December 16
4 & 7pm, Sanctuary

MESSIAH SING-ALONG
Saturday, November 24
7pm, Sanctuary

Join us Christmas Eve
4 & 5:15pm Families with young children
7pm & 8:45 Candlelight services
10:30 Candlelight and communion
General Announcements

Student ministries: No AM/PM Sunday school or youth groups today due to the Youth Retreat. Enjoy Thanksgiving with your families. Classes will resume December 2.

Grapevine Books, Meet the Artist Event: proudly presents Shawnté of Holly Lane Designs. Sunday, December 16, 9am-12:30pm. View her enormous selection of Christian jewelry and find out about the inspiration behind each piece. Bring your Christmas lists!

Christian Fiction: Check out our growing browsing collection of Christian fiction in the Adult Library on the second floor.

Serve

Gifts from the Heart: will provide underprivileged children and families with much needed clothing, food, and care during the holidays. Volunteers are needed to register donations in the Great Hall on Sundays, November 25 – December 16. Contact Sharon Lewis at Sharon.Lewis1@cox.net

Hanging of The Greens: Thursday, November 29, 8am-5pm, come decorate the church for Christmas. Stay all day or just for part of the day. Lunch will be served. No childcare is provided. Any questions please e-mail barbstrite@aol.com

Angel Tree: sponsored by Prison Ministries: “Adopt” a family, purchase and mail two Christmas gifts each to children of these families. Our gifts minister to their hearts in this time of struggle. Stop by Grapevine Books today or contact Darlene Pierce at dpierce@msn.com or Elaine Hamlet at Elaine_Hamlet@pfm.org

If you signed up and did not receive a paper angel with the message for the children, please come by the Angel Tree table opposite the bookstore this Sunday to receive yours.

School Supplies for Haiti: The next Haiti Teacher Professional Development trip is leaving January 7. Please consider donating lightweight blocks, Legos, puzzles, wordless picture books, color/number/ABC toys, construction toys, or dolls of color for the team to take in January. Call Emmy Parker at 703.404.6698.

Volunteer Opportunity in Grapevine Books! Looking for a way to serve one Sunday morning a month? We'd love to have your smiling face in Grapevine Books. We'll train you! Contact Anna Whiston-Donaldson at whisdonald9847@verizon.net

Financial Projects Coordinator

Vienna Presbyterian Church seeks an individual to assist in the completion of a number of special financial projects. This is a temporary, contract position. This person will undertake specific accounting-related projects. Position requirements include significant accounting skills, and experience with and thorough understanding of accrual accounting and non-profit financial statements. Audit experience a plus. Contract duration is approximately 6-9 months. Hours are flexible but will average approximately 10-15 hours per week. Submit resume to doug.lemasters@viennapres.org.

Connect

SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+): Back by popular demand: SWATT is sponsoring tickets/bus transport to 3pm US Army Holiday Concert at DAR Constitution Hall on Saturday, Dec 1 for $13. Contact Ronniejean Irvin at 703.273.4113 or rbirvin@gmail.com


Widows and Widowers Luncheon will be at noon, Saturday, December 8, at P. J. Skidoos Restaurant, 9908 Fairfax Blvd in Fairfax City. Please notify Stan King if you can attend at 703.281.0825

Kids Nation 34 (3rd-4th graders) and Club 56: (5th-6th graders): Christmas Movie Night in the Great Hall Friday, November 30, 6-10pm, in the Underground (aka basement).

Kids Nation 34 (3rd-4th graders): Christmas Caroling. Friday, December 7, 6-8:30pm. Contact Daryl Wright at daryl.wright@viennapres.org.

Club 56 (5th-6th graders): Christmas Caroling and house party. Friday, December 14, 7-9pm. Contact Daryl Wright with any questions at daryl.wright@viennapres.org.

Refuel (Young Adults): Thursday, November 29, 7:15-8:45pm, Underground. Contact Kevin Miller at kevin.miller@viennapres.org or visit viennapres.org/refuel for additional information.
**Alternative Gift Mart**

Today  
9am-1pm  
Gathering Space

Jewelry and housewares from all over the world;  
Rwandan coffee; Haitian products and alternative  
gifts of pigs and goats through CCH;  
Beaded necklaces from Uganda;  
Jute bags from Justice Ventures International  
to help end human slavery)

*Start your Christmas shopping with us!* 

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**Yellow Ribbon Ministry**

an outreach to veterans and wounded warriors.

Help us to provide: care-giver assistance, housing improvements, professional and business wear for those entering the civilian job market, etc.

Contact sue.hamblen@viennapres.org if your heart is called to serve our servicemen and women!

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**DONATE**

Contribute to help those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Text PDA to 20222 to donate $10 now or go to pcusa.org/pda for instructions on donating and care packages.

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**Wednesday, November 28, 7:30pm**

Fellowship with cookies & cider to follow

Childcare available with advance reservation childcare@viennapres.org or 703-938-9050 x351
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

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, Room 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.

Thank you for your generous 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 both Ministry & Missions funding and debt reduction. With your generosity we hope to close this gap.

Ministry and Missions Funding

2012 Ministry and Missions Budget: $3,888,901
Anticipated M & M contributions through October: $2,750,983
Actual M & M contributions/income as of Oct. 31: $2,645,530

Contribution shortfall as of October 31: $ 105,452

Debt Retirement Funding

2012 Debt Retirement Budget (minimum payments): $ 436,200
Amount pledged for debt retirement in 2012: $ 743,774
Debt Retirement funds recd. as of October 31: $ 369,771
Let the things that break God's heart capture your imagination...

And then pledge to do something about them.

Pledge Today.

Someone is counting on you...

Submit your pledge card in the offering plate, by mail or online at viennapres.org/pledgecard.
Sunday Mornings at VPC

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Middle and High School Sunday Youth Services
NO AM/PM Sunday School or Youth Groups today

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:** A study of the book of Daniel: *Determining to Go God’s Direction*. Newcomers and drop-ins always welcome. Martha Strauss, martha.strauss@me.com or 703.319.7050. Parlor.

**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:** *The Holiness of God* by Dr. R. C. Sproul. Newcomers are always welcome. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or isia812elaine@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