Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

Returning to Bethel, Transformed

Genesis 35:1-5

November 25, 2012
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30, 11:00

Worship Song
You Are Holy

Men:
You are holy.
You are mighty.
You are worthy,
Worthy of praise.
I will follow.
I will listen.
I will love You
All of my days.

Women (echoing):
You are holy.
You are mighty.
You are worthy,
Worthy of praise.
I will follow.
I will listen.
I will love You
All of my days.

Men’s Chorus (simultaneous with women):
I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy.
I will love and adore Him,
I will bow down before Him.
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The King who is worthy.
I will love and adore Him,
I will bow down before Him.

Women’s Chorus (simultaneous with men):
You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings,
You are mighty God, Lord of everything.
You’re Emmanuel, You’re the Great I Am,
You’re the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb.
You’re the living God, You’re my saving grace
You will reign forever; You are Ancient of Days.
You are Alpha, Omega, beginning and end.
You’re my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and friend.

All:
You’re my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You. (Repeat from beginning)

(Repeat Chorus)

All:
You’re my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You. (2x)

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Prayer of Adoration

Charles Geschiere

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God’s kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o’er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come
To glorify the saints For their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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.
Anthem
“Pastoral Symphony” from the Messiah
Youth Orchestra
Handel

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (8:00)

Baptisms (9:30)
Avery Grace Little, child of Christopher Robert and Meghan Rebecca Davies Little
Thomas Reel and Braxton Joseph Balberchak, children of Daniel Joseph and Katherine Carter Balberchak

Offertory
“And the Glory” from the Messiah
VPC Orchestra and Choruses
Handel
During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Genesis 35:1-5

Sermon
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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)

And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against? (repeat) (chorus 2x)

And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against? (repeat) (chorus)

Benediction

Postlude

Today’s flowers are in celebration of
Ed and Jean Arndt’s 58th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!
Prayers

**Grieving:** Maggie Karnis (brother); the family of Linnia Lomax

**Hospitalized:** Barbara Carlson's cousin

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Maggie Karnis’s mother; Pamela O'Connell's father

**Homebound:** Audrey O’Shea (now in CA)

**Ill or Convalescing:** Tom Addams; Beverly Bender; Bea Blasdell; Bill Comerford; Chuck Garland; Barbara Greig; Kyle Hard; Austin Murga; Audrey Neeson; Audrey O'Shea; Kate Parthum; Bill Phillips; Marvin Price; Sabrina Remy (2); Joan Sansone; Margaret Takesian; Roger Woodin; Carol Yates

**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 Michelle Jones's 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 mother; Lynn Lotocki's aunt (& uncle); Linda Lyon's son-in-law; Janet McKechnie's daughter-in-law Rachel and family; Libby Mosher's grandfather; Pam Priester's friend Mike; Michelle Rahal's mother; Trish Sandercock's mother; Bev Stream's goddaughter; Phyllis Svenson'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; Eric & Julie Sapp; 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:** Josh Newell, Campus Crusade (International); Davis-Stuart, Inc., Presbyterian Therapeutic Residential Care for Adolescents, Lewis-burg, WV (National); N Street Village/Bethany Women’s Center, Washington, DC (Local)

**Congratulations to:** Eric & Julie Sapp on the birth of their son, Beckett, on November 12. We also congratulate Shelley Davis & Hunter Lord, who were married at VPC on November 17.


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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.
Announcements

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: December 9, 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: 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.

The miracles of the first Christmas happened in the midst of the messiness of life.

Like Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the Magi, we are invited to connect our messy lives with God’s redemptive will.

Advent Devotionals begin tomorrow, November 26. Get your copy online, by email, on Facebook or Twitter, or in the narthex.
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**

Today
3-5pm
3rd Floor

**Advent Service of Wholeness**

Sunday, December 2
7pm, Chapel

**Glorious Sounds of Christmas**

Sunday, December 16
4 & 7pm, Sanctuary

**ReFuel**
*(Young Adult Community)*

Thursday, December 13
7pm, 3rd Floor

Christmas Party

**Join us Christmas Eve**

4 & 5:15pm: Families with young children
7pm & 8:45pm: Candlelight services
10:30pm: Candlelight and communion
Gifts from the Heart

There are people in our backyard who are hungry, homeless, unemployed…there is an endless need for clothing, gifts for Christmas, and more.

Come by the Giving Tree.

Select a tag,

Bring tag to the gift table,

Record your gift.

Return unwrapped gift by December 16.

Great Hall

Sundays through December 16, 9am-12:30pm

Gift opportunities include: a variety of gift cards; adult’s and children’s coats, hats, & boots; toys for girls and boys; baby formula; diapers; and Teens Bibles plus much more…

Stop by to see the entire list of needs and the list of charities where your gifts will be donated.

Contact: Sharon Lewis at Sharon.Lewis1@cox.net, 703.625.8275, Missions Department

You can’t do everything, but you can do something.
General Announcements

Student ministries: No AM/PM Sunday school or youth groups. Enjoy Thanksgiving with your families. Classes will resume December 2.

Christmas Poinsettias: Sign up for a Poinsettia Memorial in the narthex through December 9. Contact Barb Strite, 571-434-0799 or barbstrite@aol.com

Meet the Artist Event: Grapevine Books proudly presents Shawnte 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!

Serve

Gifts from the Heart: will provide underprivileged children and families with much-needed items during the holidays. Volunteers are needed to register donations in the Great Hall on Sundays, today through 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: Thank you to all who have committed to this project! We will provide 71 gifts to children this Christmas! 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. Contact Darlene Pierce at dpierce33@msn.com or Elaine Hamlet at Elaine_Hamlet@pfm.org

School Supplies for Haiti: The next Haiti Teacher Professional Development trip is leaving January 7. Accepting donations of lightweight blocks, Legos, puzzles, wordless picture books, color/number/ABC toys, construction toys, or dolls of color. Call Emmy Parker at 703.404.4698.

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

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. Refuel Christmas Party, Thursday, December 13, 7pm 3rd floor. Please bring friends/neighbors and a side dish or dessert to share. Contact Kevin Miller at kevin.miller@viennapres.org or visit viennapres.org/refuel for additional information.
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.

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!

Holiday Happenings with SWATT
(Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+)

US Army Holiday Concert at DAR Constitution Hall
Back by popular demand! Tickets/bus transport on Saturday, December 1, 3pm for $13.
Bring family and friends to this great outing!
Contact Ronniejean Irvin at 703.273.4113 or rbirvin@gmail.com

Christmas luncheon and caroling
Make your reservation for our catered luncheon on Wednesday, December 12, noon. Great Hall.
Paid reservation of $25 by December 5. Contact Steve Skjei at 703.938.4623.
Grow

Spiritual Growth Plan: Cards/worksheets are available in the Narthex or online at viennapres.org/ministries/adults/resources. Let us help you 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


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


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 isaiah122elaine@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