Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: Life Is Messy

Jesus on Marriage and Divorce

Luke 16:16-18

August 25, 2013
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00

“The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John came. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it.” – Luke 16:16

Prelude

Brethren We Have Met to Worship
Youth Orchestra

Welcome

Stan Ott

Like a Lion

David Crowder/Passion Band

Let love explode and bring the dead to life, A love so bold to see a revolution somehow.
Now I’m lost in Your freedom; oh, this world I’ll overcome.

Chorus:
My God’s not dead; He’s surely alive, and He’s living on the inside, roaring like a lion.
My God’s not dead; He’s surely alive, and He’s living on the inside, roaring like a lion.

Let hope arise and make the darkness hide.
My faith is dead, I need a resurrection somehow.

Instrumental

He’s surely alive; oh, he’s surely alive. Let heaven roar and fire fall,
come shake the ground with the sound of revival.
Oh, He’s surely alive; Oh He’s surely alive.
Oh, He’s surely alive; Oh He’s surely alive.
Oh, He’s surely alive.


Prayer of Adoration

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,

Refrain: Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light, (Refrain)

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild, (Refrain)

For Thy church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love, (Refrain)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Minute for Witness

Anika Prather, Cornerstone School

Prayers for Mission and Witness and the Lord’s Prayer (8:00 and 11:00)

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.
Children’s Message (9:30)  

Offertory
Cornerstone  
Youth Choir  
_During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad._

Doxology

Scripture  
Luke 16:16-18

Sermon  
Jesus on Marriage and Divorce  
Pete James

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
arr. Galbraith

_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. _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  
Youth Orchestra
Grieving: David Anspaugh (mother); Seth Carter (sister); Anne Dunn (father); Carol Yates (mother)

Hospitalized: Jackson Ferree; Capt. Andrew Peters; Arayanna Darst's mother; Kurt Gilchrist's mother; Jim Jeffery's mother; Gretchen Majors's friend Debra's grandchild (NICU); Stan Ott's friend April; Caitlin Rose's friend Louis' father & family; Courtney Sweeten's father Sally; Bonny Tynch's father

Facing Tests or Surgery: Barbara Denmon; Phyllis Swenson's friend Sheron

Homebound: Jack & Ellaveen Barmby

Ill or Convalescing: Tom Addams; Jack Barmby; Beverly Bender; Chuck Garland; Kyle Hard; Ann Rivers Hutcheson; Myrna Ives; Phil Kratovil; Maeve & Lydia Lowell; Andy Mitchell; Amy Moir; Audrey Neeson; Walter Potts; Sabrina Remy (3); Jane Seeman; Roger Simmons; Rebecca Stephenson; Andrew Stuart; Alice Winters (former missionary to Colombia supported by VPC); Roger Woodin; Carol Yates

Family and Friends: Chuck & Donna Bertsch's friend Tom; Dee Burns's brother John; Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's cousin; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Suzanne Carpenter's friend Mary; Lamar Collier's cousin Jeff; Sandra Crippen's brother; Arayanna Darst's friends Kathy, Mary & family, and Maryanne & Vern (Hospice) & daughter Paula; Joe Darst's sister Dee; Sandi Davis's mother; Donna DeLanoy's mother; Jane Seeman; Roger Simmons; Rebecca Stephenson; Andrew Stuart; Alice Winters (former missionary to Colombia supported by VPC); Roger Woodin; Carol Yates


Other: Cynthia; Kazi; Phil; Bob Spiller's mother; Jeff & family; Crossroads-Connection; 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: Oksana Savka, New Hope, Ukraine (International); Derek & Susan Mondeau, Intervarsity, UVA, Charlottesville, VA (National); Cornerstone Community School, Washington, DC (Local)

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 offering 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.
New to VPC? *Just follow these steps to get connected in no time!*

Let us know who you are.
We want to help you become connected here at VPC! Letting us know who you are and how we can help you is the fastest way to find your way around! Two easy ways to do that are to fill out the Friendship Pad in worship on Sunday or to visit the Welcome Table.

Connect Here.
Visit our Connect Here Table in the lobby on Sunday morning. We will help you connect to a group at VPC where you can learn and serve with others! Ask questions, get information, find what you need! We want to make it as easy as possible for you to begin to live into our mission statement, “Becoming Like Christ Together for the World.”

Find out more, and even join VPC! There are two ways!
The Orientation to the Journey Gathering is where we answer the FAQ’s and give a tour of the church! Can’t find your way around? Find the Great Hall on September 15 at 11 am, and we will show you the rest!
The Invitation to the Journey Class is a three-week “VPC 101” that explores our mission statement “Becoming Like Christ Together for the World.” This class is an excellent way to get to know others at VPC and to help you connect your interests and personality with our discipleship opportunities. It is also one of the steps toward membership at VPC. Our next class meets September 22, 29, and October 6, 10:30am-noon. Register online, or for more information or to register by phone contact Linda Kemple at 703.938.9050 x100.

To find out more, go to viennapres.org/firststeps
or contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703-938-9050 x123.

A video curriculum taught by

The Legacy Journey is an all-new, seven-week class that teaches you how to truly live and leave a legacy for generations to come.

7 Wednesdays starting September 25, 7-8:45pm

Cost: $117 per family
Register by Sunday, September 22, at: viennapres.org/legacyjourney

For more info contact Phil Kratovil at 703.937.1897 or phil.kratovil@viennapres.org.
Also visit Dave Ramsey's website for additional information at: daveramsey.com

A Special Welcome To:
**Anika Prather**
Cornerstone School

Through a partnership of family, school, and community, Cornerstone provides a Christ-centered, nurturing, and academically rigorous education to the children of Washington, D.C., equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become leaders who serve others in the light of Christ and his truth.

Come by Grapevine Books today between services to learn more about Cornerstone School.

For more information about missions, contact Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org
September 8

Worship at 8 & 9:30am only

8am: Great Hall

9:30am: Great Hall, Sanctuary, and Chapel

Childcare and classes for 3’s & 4’s are in the preschool wing for both services.

Bring your chairs and blankets to the Block Party and enjoy:

- the Hickory Grove Band, playing bluegrass music, LIVE on the Town Green starting at 11:30am
- a Juggler & Magician Show starting at 12:30pm

Loosen up and get ready to splash Pastor Pete in the dunk tank at 2pm.

And the Air Force Singing Sergeants offer a special performance in the sanctuary at 2:30pm!

For block party information:
Sharon Lewis at Sharon.Lewis1@cox.net
or 703 625 8275
For Volunteering at the Block Party: Contact Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org
Make a difference in a teen’s life and see the difference it makes in yours!

Join Student Ministries as a small group Bible study co-leader—a caring adult who wants to help mentor and disciple our students during Sunday evening youth group. If you have a heart for youth and enjoy sharing what it means to follow Christ, would you consider joining our team? We need you!

No experience is necessary, as we train all of our volunteers.

Contact Kim.Snyder@viennapres.org and Thea.Jeschke@viennapres.org for more details. We’d love to meet with you and tell you more!

USEFUL TALENT #103

SIMULTANEOUS LISTENING AND TALKING

SERVING IN THE CHILDREN’S MINISTRY TAKES TALENT

PUT YOUR MULTI-TASKING SKILLS TO WORK.

VOLUNTEER AS A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER OR ASSISTANT, OR AS A SUNDAY CHILDCARE/NURSERY ASSISTANT FOR AGES 0-2.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OPPORTUNITIES IN CHILDREN’S MINISTRY, CONTACT DAWN GESCHIERE AT dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NURSERY, CONTACT PHYLLIS SWENSON AT phyllis.swenson@viennapres.org
Summer Building Access: Please use the parking lot doors for all evening activities. The Church Street doors will remain open until 3 pm; the Park Street doors will remain open until 5 pm. Please contact Mary Monie at mary.monie@viennapres.org with any concerns.

Grapevine Bookstore: Current hours of operation are Thursdays and Sundays 9-12:30. Stop by and pick up some last-minute summer reading!

Marriage Prep Classes will be held Sundays, September 15, 22, 29, and October 6, 10:45-12:15, plus all morning on Saturday, September 28. 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: January 2014.

Serve

Childcare: Do you enjoy taking care of toddlers? Sunday volunteers are needed in the nursery at all services. Please contact Phyllis Swenson, Sunday Nursery Supervisor, at phyllis.swenson@viennapres.org.

Deacon Agape Team Request: Local families are in need of adult-sized diapers for their children with severe disabilities. Please donate either adult-sized diapers or gift cards to CVS or a local grocery store. Donations may be dropped off at the church office in care of Sue Hamblen. For additional information, please contact Linda Gabris at llgabris@verizon.net

Gather your stash! Clear your yarn by crocheting, knitting, or weaving an adult hat for The Lamb Center. Turn in hats by Sept. 8, near the office. Contact Laura Macqueen, lmacqueen10@gmail.com or Sue Hamblen, sue.hamblen@viennapres.org

Friendship Class Drivers Needed: A few members are in need of rides to/from church. Please contact Susan Kenney at skenney201@gmail.com or Lee Taylor at lee.taylor@viennapres.org to learn how you can help!

Knit, Purl, Love: Knitters are needed for Knit, Purl, Love, a Christian ministry that knits for orphans. Every hand-knitted gift will be personalized with the knitter’s name and a Bible verse. Scarves can be dropped off at the church office. Scarves collected will be shipped to Ukraine in December, in time for Christmas!

Music Ministry

URGENT NEED: The Children’s Music Ministry is looking for help! Two of our choirs, Junior Choir (4th, 5th, and 6th grades) and our kindergarten/first-grade choir, are in need of directors. If you can help in these areas, or know someone to recommend, please contact Lance at lance.vining@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050. If we cannot fill these positions, we will need to postpone the fall start of these choirs.

Sanctuary Choir: Looking for a fun place to connect? Looking for fellowship and a place to serve? Sanctuary Choir might be the place for you. Join us! Fall Retreat, September 7: breakfast at 8 am, rehearsal begins at 9 am. Everyone is welcome. Give it a try! Call or email Lance at 703.938.9050 or lance.vining@viennapres.org

Joy Ringers Bells will be ringing soon! This ministry for 4th-6th graders would like more ringers to join us this year. Some music experience is helpful but not necessary. Practice: Sundays, 3 pm. If you are interested, please contact Jeanne Bingham at bbbingham@verizon.net or 703.938.1191 to register or for more information.

The Celebration Handbell Choir will be starting up soon! This ministry for 7th-12th graders would like to have a few more members. If you have rung handbells before or can read music, please consider playing! Practice: Sundays, 4 pm. Contact Jeanne Bingham at 703.938.1191 or bbbingham@verizon.net.

Connect

SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+): Potluck luncheon Wednesday, September 11, noon, Great Hall. No reservation required; just bring a dish for 8 to share. Bring a friend! Dress is casual. Prepare to have a rockin’ good time as Dr. Hugo Keesing plays musical hits from 1957-1964. Dr. Keesing is a pop music collector, historian, and former U of Md. music educator. More info: contact Ronniejean Irvin, 703.273.4113, or SWATT@viennapres.org.
**VPC Staff News**

**Moose Farewell:** Come party & celebrate with us in the Underground as we say goodbye to Moose (aka Barry Hill)! September 1, right after the 3rd service. We'll hang out, play games, and have some light refreshments for everyone. We would love for people to share memories, funny stories, and help us pray for Barry as we send him off!

Want to stay in touch with Barry as he embarks on his seminary journey? Join his email list at barryhilljr@gmail.com to follow along.

**Help Wanted:**
Bookstore Manager: VPC seeks an individual to serve as a bookstore manager to support the mission and ministry of the church by fulfilling the mission of Grapevine Books to "connect books to people, people to Jesus, Jesus to the world...one page at a time." This is a permanent, 15-20 hour-per-week, non-exempt position. Responsibilities include the overall management of the bookstore, inventory, sales, volunteers, and finances. Please send cover letter and resume to Deb Crumbliss at deb.crumbliss@viennapres.org.

**Learn**

**Fall Devotionals Are Now Available.** Follow along as we study the story of David. David is not a perfect picture of what God calls us to be. He is both saint and sinner, loving yet destructive, insightful yet blind to his own sin, a remarkable success but also a miserable failure. The scripture is honest in portraying David for who he is with all his faults and faithfulness.

Get yours online, by email, or in the narthex. viennapres.org/devotionals

**Monday Night Men's Group: Resumes September 16.**
Senior Pastor Pete James with Rev. Ed Dawkins and Phil Kratovil. All men are welcome for large group Bible study and small group fellowship and discussion. For more info: viennapres.org/men

**Growing Your Soul:** An intensive nine-month small group experience of communion and spiritual formation. More information at viennapres.org/GYS

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**Care**

**Renewing Prayer Ministers** are trained and ready to come alongside you in prayer to invite Christ’s peace and renewal where life may have brought emotional scars and pain. For more information go to viennapres.org/healingprayer or pick up a brochure. To schedule an appointment, contact Glenda Simpkins Hoffman at 703.938.9050 x114.

**GriefShare:** Support for those grieving the death of a loved one. Fall session will begin Sunday, September 8, 6:00-7:30 pm in room 203/204. Cost: $20 includes workbook and other materials. More information at: GriefShare@viennapres.org

**Passages:** For those going through separation or divorce. Next session will begin on Tuesday, September 24. Contact Romey McPherson at 703.244.6422 or 703.478.9794.

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

**Widows’ Dinner Group:** 3rd Monday each month. Contact Betty Little at 703.281.4118.

**Widows’ and Widowers’ Luncheons:** 3rd Saturday each month. Linda Waters, coordinator: 703.860.8685.

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

**Stephen Ministry:** a one-on-one, distinctively Christian, caring, confidential ministry. Stephen Ministers care for people facing a difficult time or life transition. They are not professional counselors, but they are more than well-intentioned friends. They use both words and deeds to express Christ’s care and love for others.

**In need of a Stephen Minister?** Please contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116.

VPC-U

Becoming like Christ together for the World

VPC-U Courses help you:

Connect
with God through the daily devotionals and
with others in one of our classes, groups, or even through an on-line
group!

Learn
more about God, yourself, your gifts, and the world.

Serve
others at VPC, in Vienna, around the world.

Transform:
Become more like Christ through what you do!

For more info, go to viennapres.org/fall or contact
Shannon at shannon.jordan@vieannapres.org or 703-938-9050 x123
100 Level
- Orientation to the Journey (1 hour, VPC 101)
- Invitation to the Journey (3 weeks, VPC 101)
- Christianity Explored (Jesus 101: Who is Jesus and why did he come?)

200 Level
- Christianity Explored (Jesus 101: introduction to study of a gospel)
- Practical Christian Living
- Legacy Journey
- Disciple I
- Men’s and Women’s Studies of David
- Small Groups
- Sunday Morning Classes: Foundations, Partners in Christ, ESOL Sunday School, Plugged-In
- CenterPoint Classes: Dr. Bruce Birch Forum
- Great Banquet Weekends

300 Level
- Growing Your Soul I
- Perspectives (winter 2013)
- CenterPoint class on the Psalms (October)
- Sunday Morning Classes: Beyond Basics, Apprentices, Bereans

400 Level
- Growing Your Soul II and III
- Renewing Prayer Training (fall)
- Stephen Ministry Training (winter)

Care

Renewing Prayer Ministry
Prayer Ministry Leaders:
Becky Shenefiel: becky@gracewalk.net
Chris Shenefiel: cshen@gracewalk.net

GriefShare
Begins Sunday, September 8, 6-7:30pm.
Rm 203/204

Passages-Divorce Care
Begins Tuesday, September 24, 7-9pm.
Rm 203/204

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Contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116

Christian Cancer Companions
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Widows and Widowers
3rd Monday each month

NewSpring
Contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116
**Sunday Mornings at VPC**

### Children’s Room Assignments - Summer Schedule

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### Room Assignments - Early Learning Center

- **Lambs**: Birthdate range 1 month to 10/01/12
- **Bunnies**: Birthdate range 10/01/11 to 09/30/12
- **Lion Cubs**: Birthdate range 10/01/10 to 9/30/11

**Children and Teens are encouraged to join in worship in the sanctuary at all three services!**

**Student Ministries** (Middle School/High School—Lower Level):

Enjoy your summer. See you in September!

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**VPC-U on Sunday Morning**

**100 Level**

**Christianity Explored: Who Is Jesus?** Begins October 13, 2nd-floor conference room, 9:30am.

**Friendship Class**: For adults with intellectual disabilities. Teachers: Emmy Parker, Beth Gourley, Jamie and Andrea Strahan. Room 108C, 9:30am.

**200 Level**

**Practical Christian Living**: Begins September 22, 2nd-floor conference room, 11am.

**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, 9:30am.

**Partners With Christ**: “Why We Believe the Bible”, begins Sunday, September 15, 9:30am, Parlor. Come and explore the claim that the Bible stands above all others as the book of books, pointing the way to God. No homework, no materials to purchase. Newcomers/drop-ins always welcome. Questions? Martha Strauss martha.strauss@me.com

**Plugged In**: Begins September 15, 11am, room 205. Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123.

**ESOL Bible Study**: (English for Speakers of Other Languages) is open to adults from every country who are Level 2 or 3 students (intermediate and advanced). Begins September 22, 11am, Room 311. Shun or Doris Ling, 703.255.0656 or shundoris@yahoo.com

**300 Level**

**Beyond Basics**: Have a cup of coffee with us as we discuss The Message of Galatians by John Stott, led by Allen McCarley. Compare today with Paul's time. Room 205, 9:30am. Coordinator: Kate Lund, katejlund@yahoo.com.

**Apprentices Class**: On summer break. See you on Sundays at 11am beginning in September to discuss Henri Nouwen’s The Return of the Prodigal Son. All are welcome. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or isiah122elaine@aol.com.

**Berean Adult Bible Study**: Study of 1 & 2 Corinthians. All are welcome. John and Nancy Davidovich, 703.938.4775. Room 203/204, 11am.

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**Vienna Presbyterian Church**

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**Pastors**

- Peter James
- Glenda Simpkins Hoffman
- David Jordan-Haas

**Teaching Pastor**

- E. Stanley Ott

**Parish Associates**

- Connie Jordan-Haas
- Ed Dawkins

**Music Director**

- Lance Vining

**Associate Music Director**

- Kerry Wilkerson
- Terry Sisk

**Adult Ministries Director**

- Shannon Jordan

**Transitional Leader of Student Ministries**

- Kim Snyder

**Asst. Trans. Leader of Student Ministries**

- Thea L. Jeschke

**Children’s Ministries Director**

- Dawn Geschiere

**Asst. Children’s Ministries Director**

- Daryl Wright

**Preschool Director**

- Marnie Sturm

**Evangelism Director**

- Phil Kratovil

**Congregational Care Director**

- Charles Geschiere

**Missions Director**

- Sue Hamblen

**Operations Director**

- Doug LeMasters

**Office hours**

- Monday–Friday, 8:30am–5pm

**Website**

- www.viennapres.org

(Registration keywords: username: faithful; password: christian)

**Calendar, Building Reservations**

- viennapres.org/calendar

**Event Announcements**

- communications@viennapres.org

Printed and recorded sermons are available at

- www.viennapres.org/sermons

Wish to talk about our worship services?

Contact Elder Martha Strauss

worshipfeedback@viennapres.org

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**What We Believe:**

Jesus is Lord.

Scripture is our authority.

Everyone is called to discipleship.