Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: David

God in a Box

2 Samuel 7:1-15

November 3, 2013
Call to Worship

O, the Depth of the Love of God  
Tunny

O, the depth of the love of God, how high, how long, how wide. Love that knows no boundaries, love that has no end, O, the depth of the love of God. O, how wise are the thoughts of God, His ways are higher than ours. May we trust His wisdom and lean not on our own, O, how wise are the thoughts of God. No eye has seen, no ear has heard, neither can the mind conceive the things that He’s prepared, O, how true is the word of God. Our strength, our hope, our light, telling of His glory, showing us the way. O, how true is the word of God. O, how wise are the thoughts of God. O, the depth of the love of God.

Adoration – from Psalm 103:8-11  
Charles Geschiere

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His love for those who fear Him.

The Love of God – I have loved you with an Everlasting Love. Jeremiah 31:3

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair, bowed down with care God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled and pardoned from his sin.

Chorus: O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure the saints’ and angels’ song.

When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;
When men who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call;
God’s love, so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam’s race—The saints’ and angels’ song. (Chorus)

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. (Chorus)

Song of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Lord I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest
And without You, I fall apart, You’re the one that guides my heart.

My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You!

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.
Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found, is where You are.
And where You are, Lord I am free, Holiness is Christ in me.
Yes, where You are, Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)

Teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I’ll fall on You. Jesus, You’re my hope and stay.
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My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You!

Chorus:

**Prayers of the People (8 & 11)**

**Children’s Message (9:30)**

9:30 am Children in Bridges and Gateways are dismissed.

Daryl Wright

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*Purchased by Love*

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Sanctuary Choir

Stone

**Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture**

2 Samuel 7:1-15

**Sermon**

God in a Box

Pete James

**Communion**

**Communion Music**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Exsultate Handbells (9:30 and 11:00)

arr. Arnold Sherman

**Power of the Cross**

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

*Chorus:* This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev’ry bitter thought, ev’ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow. (Chorus)

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; “Finished!” the vict’ry cry. (Chorus)

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

*Final Chorus:* This, the pow’r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Terry Sisk, organist
**Prayers**

**Grieving:** The family of Elizabeth Mayes (Melinda is daughter); Kelly-Anne Thomson (mother)

**Hospitalized:** Bill Comerford; Kurt Gilchrist's mother; Julie Knight's brother Jim; Pamela O'Connell's uncle; Michelle Rahal's cousin Nicole (21); Bonny Tynch's father

**Facing Tests or Surgery:** Inajo Cox; Kay Sears's mother

**Homebound:** Cathy Becker

**Ill or Convalescing:** Tom Addams; Curt Anderson; Beverly Bender; Jane Bittner; Frances Brown; George Carlson (9); Mary Flounlacker; Patty Groce; Garth Jensen; Stella Lansing; Kate Lund; Andy Mitchell; Audrey Neeson; Capt. Andrew Peters; Jordyn Pistilli; Walter Potts; Jane Seeman; Roger Simmons; Bob Stoepker; Andrew Stuart; Ed Tennyson; Alice Winters (former missionary to Colombia supported by VPC); Carol Yates

**Family and Friends:** Dee Burns's brother John; Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's cousin; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Lamar Collier's cousin Jeff; Beth Crowder's friend Andrew; Arayanna Darst's brother Karon and friends Kathy, Mary, and Maryanne & Vern (Hospice) & daughter Paula; Joe Darst's sister Dee; Sandi Davis's mother; Donna DeLanoy's mother; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Stephanie Eberhart's friends Betsy, Kelly, and Lois; Jennifer Fleisher's friend (3); Mary Flounlacker's father; Charles Geschiere's father; Lisa Gibb's father; Kurt Gilchrist's cousin; Bonnie Grouge's first father-in-law, Allan Kerr (Hospice); Emily Heuber's sister Polly; Sharon Hopkins's mother; Michelle Jones's nephew Taylor, and friends Cassandra and Paulette; Clark Kattenburg's mother; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Frank Kifer's neighbor Leonard; Valerie King's brother-in-law Danny; Megan Kritsky's friend Craig; Stella Lansing's granddaughter; Marty Martin's friend Sean; Janet McKechnie's daughter-in-law; Betty Rahal's sister; Baker & Jane Richard's relatives Walter & wife Nancy and friend Dale; Caitlin Rose's friend Louis' father & family; Lee Self's friends Joe and Noel & James; Bob & Barb Spiller's friends Lena, Paula, and Pete; Bev Strean's goddaughter; Phyllis Swenson's friend Sheron; Shannon Swift's friend Shelley; Catherine Taylor's mother; Hendrika Vande Kemp's sister Grace; Leslie Vereide's father; Roger Waldron's mother; Karen Williams's friend Lauren; Ken Workman's father-in-law, Bob Neal; Daryl Wright's father (Hospice)

**Other:** Kazi Rahman; Allison & Brian; Stephanie Eberhart's friend Nancy; Linda Kemple's friend Jan; Crossroads-Connection (formerly Haymarket Crossroads Mission); 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:** Ron & Edita Baltzer, World Ventures (International); Sunnyside Retirement Communities, Harrisonburg, VA (National); The Lamb Center, Fairfax (Local)

**Please hold in prayer** this week-end our Youth and their leaders who are on Retreat in the Shenandoah Valley, returning today.

**Congratulations to:** Kevin & Emily Eley on the birth of Josephine Frances Eley on October 21. The thrilled grandparents are Adrian & Nancy Eley.

**We give God thanks** for James Burns, who joined VPC on 11/6/55 (58 years)!


**Non-military in Harm's Way:** Stephen F. Morrissey, Ed O'Donnell, Christina Tomasetti, Erik H. Vining

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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 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.
Announcements

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 found in the sanctuary lobby.

Explore.
If you have some extra time this morning, come for coffee after the 8 am and 9:30 am services in the Great Hall, or visit Grapevine Books and browse what some of our groups and classes are studying, as well as the latest in Christian books and gifts. Both are just around the corner from 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!
The Invitation to the Journey Class is a three-week “VPC 101” that explores our mission statement “Becoming Like Christ Together for the World.” Our next class will begin in January. For more information or to register for future classes, 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.

Childcare Advancements

For the safety of our children, please use the buzzers outside of the childcare wing to gain access to Sunday and weekday childcare.

Please direct questions to Mary Monie at mary.monie@viennapres.org

Children’s Ministries: Sunday Morning Helpers Needed

9:30: Bridges Greeter/Assistant once/month
        Pre-K 3 year olds – Assistants
        Power-Up 1st Grade – Assistant once/month

11:00: Pre-K 3’s and 4’s – Assistants
       Contact Dawn at dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x127
Dear Friends,

I flinch when people talk so much about “ownership.” We often speak of “taking ownership” of something. Let’s be honest: we don’t own anything. Everything we own is on loan from God.

One of the ways we declare ownership is through our giving. It’s a tangible way of saying thank you for God’s goodness. We give because we are grateful.

There are plenty of reasons to pledge to our fall stewardship campaign. Let me remind you of one principle reason: our giving promotes God’s mission in the world. It makes good on our VPC mission of becoming like Christ together for the world.

We are VPC. We are the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27).

Yours in Christ’s Service,

Pete James, Pastor

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

~ 1 Corinthians 12:27
Pledge Now...

I/we want to be a part of VPC. I/we respond to His goodness and grace by offering the following pledge to the 2014 budget of Vienna Presbyterian Church.

Ministry & Missions Budget
$___________ ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually TOTAL:___________

Debt Retirement Plan
$___________ ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually TOTAL:___________

Name:________________________________________

Put this bulletin page or your pledge card in the offering plate or use the online pledge form at viennapres.org/pledge card. Please call Julie Headley or Missy Whittington at 703.938.9050 if you have questions.
General Announcements

Staff Openings:

ESOL Manager: A permanent, part-time, non-exempt position. Duties include: Recruit, train, and supervise ESOL volunteer teachers; plan ESOL classes; manage registration and placement of students in appropriate classes; and oversee the ESOL Operations committee.

Weekend Facilities & Building Security Staff (Evening)
A permanent, 12-13 hour-per-week (weekend) position. See full job descriptions at viennapres.org/jointhestaff and send cover letter and resume to Michelle Lowell at michelle.lowell@viennapres.org

Advent Wreath Lighters Needed: individuals or families that would like to light the Advent Wreath please call Lee at 703.938.9050, ext. 103. Available Sunday mornings: Dec. 8 – 8 or 11am; Dec. 22 – 8, 9:30 or 11am. Also needed Advent Wreath lighters for Dec. 24 at: 4, 5:15, 8:45 and 10:30. First come, first served!

Stop by Grapevine Books and see new arrivals of Freeset jute bags. These eco-friendly bags are manufactured in Kolkata, India, and all profits from the business benefit the women employed there. Buy a quality gift—for yourself or someone you love—that changes lives.

Serve

Childcare: Sunday volunteers are needed in the nursery at all services. Please contact Phyllis Swenson, phyllis.swenson@viennapres.org.

Knit, Purl, Love: Knitters are needed for this 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. Contact: Anna Katherine Scott, msyazoo@gmail.com or Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org.

The Lamb Center needs warm hats to give its homeless visitors. VPC will collect hats near the office until November 30. To receive a sheet of instructions and hat patterns, email lmacqueen10@gmail.com or contact Sue Hamblen at 703.938.9050 x111.

Crop Walk with Friendship Class: Walk with our Friendship Class, November 10, 9:30-10:30. Contact Emmy Parker at emelieparker@gmail.com

Operation Christmas Child: Thank you to the 200+ volunteers who packed 434 shoeboxes for Samaritan’s Purse! Weren’t able to make it, but still want to help? Donations are needed to ship the boxes, $7/box. Currently, we can ship 172 boxes. Bring/send donations to the church office or contact Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org

Connect

SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+):
Potluck luncheon Wednesday, November 13, noon, Great Hall. No reservation required; just bring a dish for 8 to share. Bring a friend! Dr Ruth Everhart, an author, speaker, and PC(USA) Presbyterian pastor, will speak to us at our luncheon. Her book is Chasing the Divine in the Holy Land.

New Small Group forming near Tyson’s on Thursday nights! Great for men, women, or couples! Want more info? Contact Deb at 703.938.9050x108 or deb.crumbliss@viennapres.org

Widows and Widowers Luncheon: Saturday, November 16, 12noon, Maplewood Grille, Vienna. Contact: Harry Mason 703.281.2634

MOMSnex: Support and encouragement for Momsof Elementary-age students. Wednesday, November 20, 7-9pm. Special Guest, Dr. Larry Kennedy speaks to us on How to Talk to Your Kids About Sex. Register at viennapres.org/momsnext

Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference: Focus on God’s best for you as a couple! November 22-24 at the Lansdowne Resort in Loudoun County. For group discount, use group code: VPC. Brochures available in the narthex. Register at familylife.com or 1-800-FL-TODAY. Financial assistance is available. Questions? Contact Bruce & Julie Knight 703.691.3406 or B_JKnight@msn.com.

NOVA Great Banquet: Men’s Weekend, November 7–10 at VPC. This unique 72-hour Christian retreat includes worship, communion, music, fellowship, plenty of good food, and personal testimonies. The Women’s Weekend, November 14–17, is full with a waitlist. For more information visit novagb.org.
Sunday, November 10, 2pm, Town Green

Join our local 3-mile CROP Hunger Walk
Register Today at viennacropwalk.org
Or contact Betty Rahal at betty.rahal@verizon.net for additional information and ways to help.

Walk with the Friendship class 9:30-10:30, contact emelieparker@gmail.com

You CAN make a difference!

Teachers for Haiti

Join us to fight poverty through education for children.

Ways to help:

Join the Trip! January 17-25
Donate: $35 for text books for a child; $75 for uniform for a child; $360 to sponsor a child
Needs: decks of cards to help improve math skills!

www.cchaiti.org or emelieparker@gmail.com for more information.

Drivers Needed

Commit to:
one Sunday a year or a Sunday every month.
Commitment issues?
Be an on-call driver!
Transportation also needed for a VPC member, any service, any Sunday.

Contact: lee.taylor@viennapres.org,
Learn

Monday Night Men's Group: All men are welcome for large group Bible study and small group fellowship and discussion. Led by Senior Pastor Pete James with Rev. Ed Dawkins and Phil Kratovil. Mondays 7-8:30pm, 3rd floor. For more info: viennapres.org/men

Women’s Bible Study: Mondays, 7-8:30pm, Room 109, or Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30am, 3rd floor. Lessons from the Life of David. This interactive study will make connections between our lives as women in Northern Virginia and the life of King David. Contact: Shannon at 703.938.9050 x123 or shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

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. Sundays, 6-7:30pm, in Room 203/204. More information at: GriefShare@viennapres.org

Passages: For those going through separation or divorce. Tuesdays, 7-9pm, Room 203/204. Contact passages@viennapres.org.

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: Hope for the sexually abused. 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.

Upcoming Stephen Minister Forums:
November 6: Ministering to Those Going Through Divorce, with Romey McPherson
December 4: Ministering to Families Who Have Lost Someone to Suicide, with Becky Shenefiel.

Surviving the Holidays

Passages
Tuesday, November 5, 7-9pm for men and women who are experiencing the pain of marital separation or divorce.

GriefShare
Saturday, November 16, 10am-noon for those grieving the death of a loved one.
For more information or to preregister, please go to griefshare@viennapres.org

Free admission. Donations are gratefully accepted.
Bridgepoint Luncheon

Stepping into the Unknown
Special guest: Frank Finelli
Managing Director, Carlyle Group

Friday, November 8, 12-1:15pm
Details and Registration at
bridgepointconnections.org/luncheon
Please register by November 6.

Cost: $20. Includes lunch and program
For addition info, contact: Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or 703.937.1897

Bridgepoint Connections
Career Networking Night
Wednesday, November 20, 7-9pm

Join us for dinner, speaker, job fair and resume reviews.

Guest speaker
Greg Holmes,
top US Realtor presents

“Finding Hope and Strength in Times of Transition”

$10. Includes dinner and program
For addition info, contact: Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.org or 703.937.1897

Family Advent Celebration

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

Sunday, December 1, 3-5pm

Crafts for children ages 3-6th grade
Food and Caroling for the whole family

This is a family event; please no drop-offs.
For more information please contact
Sunday Mornings at VPC

Children’s Room Assignments
For descriptions of classes, go to viennapres.org/ministries/children/sundays; to register on line: viennapres.org/cmsignups

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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,
and High School, 6:30-8:30pm, Underground.

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

Adult Ministries Director Shannon Jordan

Transitional Leader of Student Ministries Kim Snyder

Children’s Ministries Director Dawn Geschiere

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

Calendar, Building Reservations viennapres.org/calendar

Event Announcements communications@viennapres.org

Printed and recorded sermons are available at viennapres.org/sermons

Wish to talk about our worship services? Contact Elder Martha Strauss, worshipfeedback@viennapres.org

VPC–U on Sunday Morning

100 Level
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: 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@vermail.com. Room 203/204, 9:30am.
Partners With Christ: “Why We Believe the Bible,” 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: 11am. room 109. 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 or advanced). 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: Join us as we discuss Henri Nouwen’s The Return of the Prodigal Son. 11am, room 205. All are welcome. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com.

The Berean Adult Bible Study: “Hallelujah –The Bible and Handel’s Messiah.” 11am, Rooms 203-204. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come. Contact John and Nancy Davidovich: 703.938.4775 or jadavidovich@verizon.net

What We Believe:

Jesus is Lord.
Scripture is our authority.
Everyone is called to discipleship.

Our Mission:

Vienna Presbyterian Church