Vienna Presbyterian Church
A Disciple-Making Community

Sermon Series: David

An Ode to God

2 Samuel 22:1-7

November 24, 2013
Awesome Is the Lord Most High

Great are You, Lord, Mighty in strength. You are faithful and You will ever be.
We will praise You, all of our days. It’s for Your glory, we offer everything.

*Chorus:* Raise your hands all ye nations, shout to God all creation,
How awesome is the Lord Most High?

When You send us, God, we will go. You’re the answer we want the world to know.
We will trust You when You call our names. Where You lead us, we’ll follow all the way. (*Chorus*)

And we will praise You together, for now and forever, how awesome is the Lord Most High?
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! How awesome is the Lord Most High? (*Repeat*)

Raise your hands all ye nations; all you nations, shout to God all creation, how awesome is the
Lord Most High? And we will praise You together, for now and forever, how awesome is the
Lord Most High?

*Prayer of Adoration*  
David Jordan-Haas

**Leader:** I love you, O Lord my strength, O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

**People:** My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, my shield, the horn of my salvation,
and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.

**Leader:** I will call upon the Lord, and so shall be saved from my enemies.

**People:** You delivered me from my strong enemies, you brought me out into an open place;
you rescued me because you, O Lord, delighted in me.

**Leader:** The Lord lives! Blessed is my Rock! Exalted is the God of my salvation!

**People:** You come to our help and set us free. May your strength be our shield and your word,
our lamp, that we may serve you with pure hearts and find deliverance in Jesus Christ,
our Savior. Amen.

*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!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
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His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o’er earth and heav’n,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n;
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Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
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Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem
Give Thanks
Youth Orchestra
arr. Stan Pethel

Minute for Witness
Marieke Ertel

Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Offering
Offertory
All Good Gifts
Youth Choir
arr. Rick Walters

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
2 Samuel 22:1-7

Sermon
An Ode to God
Pete James

Closing Song
He Never Failed Me Yet
Combined Youth and Sanctuary Choirs; Timothy Sheridan, Soloist
Robert Ray

Chorus: I will sing of God’s mercy, Every day, every hour He gives me power.
I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares
the He has brought me out.
He is my God and I’ll serve Him no matter what the test, trust and never doubt.
Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet. (2x)

I know God is able to deliver in times of storm And I know that He’ll keep you safe
From all earthly harm.
One day when my weary soul is at rest I’m going home to be forever blessed.
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for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?
When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel I know He will deliver you.
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Benediction

Postlude
Dear Lord, Send Your Spirit to Us
Terry Sisk, Organist
J.S. Bach

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Dineke and Fred Shirley in
loving memory of Rick Shirley, beloved son, brother and uncle.
Sunday Worship 9:30 and 11:00

Call to Worship

Sing and Rejoice
Sanctuary Choir

Sing and rejoice, sing praises to the King of kings. Sing and rejoice, sing praises to His name. Lift up your voice, rejoice, exalt the Holy One; Blessed is He, His glories we proclaim. Sing and rejoice. O let us sing. Lift up your hands in praise. Sing a new song, for God alone is worthy; Sing a new song, for glory and honor unto Him belong.

Let all the nations come bow before His throne, for He is God alone. Sing and rejoice, sing praises. Come and sing praises. Come and sing praises to His name. Life up your voice, exalt the Holy One; Blessed is He, His glories we proclaim. The Lord is greatly to be praised. His steadfast love endures forever. O taste, taste and see that the Lord is good. How blessed are those who trust in Him. Sing and Rejoice.

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Cherub Choir

Jesus Loves Me

Daryl Wright, Director

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Baptisms
9:30 – Lily Catherine Strahan, daughter of Jamison and Andrea Strahan
   Nathan Thomas Doty, son of Kenneth and Meredith Doty
   Franklin John Edward DeMers, son of Christopher and Suzzette DeMers

   9:30 am Children in Bridges and Gateways are dismissed

Minute for Witness  Marieke Ertel
Welcome
Offering  Sanctuary Choir
Offertory  Langgrave
Come with Thanksgiving
During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

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**Grieving:** the family of Dawn Chamberlain (extended family of the Vinings); Dick Stark (father)

**Hospitalized:** Kurt Gilchrist's mother; Julie Knight's brother Jim; Michelle Rahal's cousin Nicole (21)

**Homebound:** Scott Forrester

**Ill or Convalescing:** Curt Anderson; Beverly Bender; Jane Bittner; Frances Brown; George Carlson (9); Inajo Cox; Megan Dungan (13); Mary Flounlacker; Patty Groce; Rose Hamlet; Garth Jensen; Stella Lansing; Kate Lund; Andy Mitchell; Audrey Neeson; Capt. Andrew Peters; Walter Potts; Jane Seeman; Roger Simmons; Bob Stoepker; Ed Tennyson; Liz Hankins Wilson; 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; Debbie Capp's father; Lamar Collier's cousin Jeff; Beth Crowder's friend Andrew; Arayanna Darst's brother Karon and friends Kathy, Mary & family, and Maryanne & Vern (Hospice) & daughter Paula; Joe Darst's sister Dee; Sandi Davis's mother; Donna Delanoy's mother; Gail Doughty's aunt (Hospice); Bill Downer's friend Dave; Stephanie Eberhart's friend Kelly; 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); Sharon Hopkins's mother; Michelle Jones's 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; Sharon Lewis's husband (Howard); Marty Martin's friend Sean; Janet McKechnie's daughter-in-law; Christi Parker's friend Kate (13); Betty Rahal's sister; Baker & Jane Richard's relatives Walter & wife Nancy and friend Pat; Caitlin Rose's friend Louis' father & family; Kay Sears's mother; Lee Self's friend Joe; 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; Bonny Tynch's father; Hendrika Vande Kemp's sister Grace; Leslie Vereide's father; Roger Waldron's mother; Ken Workman's father-in-law, Bob Neal; Daryl Wright's father (Hospice); Mark

**Other:** Allison & Brian; Stephanie Eberhart's friend Nancy; Linda Kemple's friend Jan; Jane Richards's brother Dennis & wife Rema's family in the Philippines; Russ & Laurie; 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; the people of the Philippines in the wake of the typhoon; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan

**Missions/Missionaries of the week:** Denise Hoover, Wycliffe, Philippines (International); Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV (National); ESOL Program at VPC (Local)


**Non-military in Harm’s Way:** Stephen F. Morrissey, Ed O’Donnell, Christina Tomasetti

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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 (three sessions) is January 26, February 2 & 9. 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.

Discipleship Forum Conversations at Christmas with Paul Barger

Today!
12:15-1:30pm, Great Hall Luncheon and Talk

Have you ever walked away from a conversation with a friend or co-worker where you wanted to talk about God, but you didn’t quite know what to say? Christmas is a time of year when people are open to talking about God and Christ. Come for lunch and spiritual conversation! Cost: $5.

RSVP to Phil Kratovil at phil.kratovil@viennapres.com

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 27, 7:30pm

A service of reflection, gratitude, and blessing. Communion will be served.
General Announcements

Confirmation Class and Parent Class: Today, 11:00-1:30pm, Underground. Lunch will be served for teens. Parent classes meet from 12:30-1:30, Underground. Parents are welcome to bring lunch.

Student Ministries Advent Workshop/Special Underground PM: Sunday, December 1, 3-6pm, 3rd floor. Help children connect with Christ through crafts and music. Dinner provided for all volunteers. Come to the Underground for a 7th-12th grade PM time, 6-8pm.

Poinsettias for Christmas Services: Signup sheet in the narthex. For questions, e-mail barbstrite@aol.com

Grapevine Alternative Gifts: Get a head start on your family’s traditions and stop by for Advent calendars and candles. We also just received a new shipment of Land of a Thousand Hills coffee from Rwanda—just in time for the cold weather!


Christmas Eve Nativity Plays: Children ages 4 to 6th-graders interested in Christmas Eve service. Mandatory rehearsals: Sundays, December 8 and 15. Sign up by December 2. Contact Elin at paiern-online@usa.net or contact Dawn at dawn.geschiere@viennapres.org.

Hanging of the Greens: December 6, 8am-5pm. Decorate the church for the Christmas season. Stay all day or just for part. Bring friends! Lunch is provided. No childcare. Contact Barb at barbstrite@aol.com.

Serve

Nursery: Volunteers needed on Christmas Eve during the first 3-services. Please contact Phyllis Swenson at phyllis.swenson@viennapres.org to volunteer.

The Lamb Center needs warm hats to give its homeless visitors. Drop off at the office until November 30.

CHO: Committee for Helping Others accepting donations of winter jackets. Drop off outside the church office (2nd floor).

Christmas Carol Volunteers: At Cameron Glen, Reston. Help residents celebrate Advent: Saturdays, November 30-December 28. Speakers of other languages encouraged! Contact Laura at lmacqueen10@gmail.com

Almost New Book Sale

Sunday, December 1
2nd Floor Hallway.
Open during all Sunday services!
Give locally…
Gifts from the Heart

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

Today through December 15
9am-12:30pm, Great Hall

Come by the Giving Tree.
Select a tag. Bring tag to the gift table. Record your gift.
Return unwrapped gift by December 15.

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

Give globally…
Fair Trade Marketplace

Starting Sunday, December 1
9am-12:30pm, Great Hall

Haiti is Hot Sauce, Land of a Thousand Hills coffee, Haitian jewelry and a unique assortment of gifts procured from artisans in rural areas of Bangladesh, Chile, Kenya, Nepal, and Vietnam, just to name a few.

Contact Wander Vandernat at wevn@verizon.net or Sally Mitchell at sally.mitchell@viennapres.org
Learn

Advent Devotionals: Begin Sunday, December 1. Get your copy in the narthex or online at viennapres.org/devotionals

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 makes 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

CenterPoint is planning a 15-day Discovery Journey to Italy in September 2014 to learn about religious art, architecture, and history. Many details, such as the cost and when registration will open, are still being worked out. For more information visit viennapres.org/centerpoint

Advent Service of Wholeness
Sunday, December 8
Chapel, 7:30pm

Prayer, Scripture, Music, and Communion

Care

Resources for Senior Adults and Caregivers
Publication: Printed copies available in the office and on-line at viennapres.org/publications

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 Forum: December 4: Ministering to Families Who Have Lost Someone to Suicide, with Becky Shenefiel. Room 323, 7pm.
Family Advent Celebration

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

Sunday, December 1, 3-5:30pm

Crafts for children ages 3 to 6th grade.
Caroling and popcorn for the whole family.

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

High School Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8
6:30-8:30, Great Hall

Snowball Fights & Sled Races.
Tacky sweater optional. Bring a treat to share (no nuts, please) if you’d like. Service opportunity: Christmas cards for our troops.

Cost: $5. Donation for Our Daily Bread towards grocery gift cards.

** Middle School Party, December 20.
Stay tuned for details!!

KidsNation 3rd-4th grade Caroling Party
Friday, December 6, 6-8:30.

Meet at VPC.
Bring snacks to share.

Contact Daryl Wright at daryl.wright@viennapres.org for details.

Refuel: Young Adults Christmas Party
Thursday, December 19
7:30-9pm, Underground

Ugly Sweater Contest!
Desserts and Snacks provided!

Contact: Kevin Miller at kevin.miller@viennapres.org

SWATT Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 18, 11:30am, Great Hall

Celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ

Cost: $25. Reservation by Dec 11
Chat with old friends and make new. Enjoy the JMHS Madrigals and rejoice in traditional carols. Savor Chef Bob Stifel’s cuisine. Free-will offering.
## 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.

### VPC-U on Sunday Morning

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

**200 Level**
- **Practical Christian Living: 2nd-floor conference room, 11am.** Learn how to live the Christian life by God’s power, how to develop a personal devotional life and how to love others with God’s love.

- **Foundations Class: Room 203/204, 9:30am** 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

- **Partners With Christ: Parlor, 9:30am.** “Why We Believe the Bible.” 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: Room 109, 11am.** Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123.

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

**300 Level**
- **Beyond Basics: Room 205, 9:30.** Have a cup of coffee with us as we discuss The Gospel According to Jesus by John McArthur, led by Jon Lochhaas. Compare our thinking of today’s interpretation of scripture and what Jesus really said. Coordinator: Kate Lund katelund@yahoo.com

- **Apprentices Class: Room 205, 11am.** Join us as we discuss Henri Nouwen’s The Return of the Prodigal Son. All are welcome. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com

- **The Berean Adult Bible Study: Rooms 203-204, 11am.** “Hallelujah – The Bible and Handel’s Messiah.” 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:

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[Text: Becoming Like Christ Together for the World]

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