Bored with God

1 John 4:7-21

April 6, 2014
Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00

Prelude

Darrell Scott, Organist

The Wonderful Cross

Watts & Tomlin

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down; Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus: O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross: all who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. (Chorus)
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. (Chorus)

Prayer of Adoration

Work In Progress

In Christ Alone

Getty/Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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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.
Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

The Stand

You stood before creation, Eternity in Your hand,
You spoke the earth into motion, My soul now to stand.

You stood before my failure And carried the cross for my shame.
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders, My soul now to stand.

So what can I say and what can I do But offer this heart, O God, completely to You.

So I’ll walk upon salvation, Your spirit alive in me.
My life to declare Your promise, My soul now to stand.

So what can I say and what can I do But offer this heart, O God, completely to You. (2x)

So I’ll stand with arms high and heart abandoned, In awe of the One who gave it all.
I’ll stand my soul, Lord, to You surrendered. All I am is Yours. (2x)

So what can I say and what can I do But offer this heart, O God, completely to You. (2x)

Sacraments Class Baptisms (11:00)

Harlan James Jackson, son of Daniel Wayne and Cassandra Lee Collis Jackson
Isabelle Louise Jackson, daughter of Daniel Wayne and Cassandra Lee Collis Jackson
Nathaniel Chol Kong, son of Myong Chol and Rebecca Anne Bohince Kong
Imogen Anne Kong, daughter of Myong Chol and Rebecca Anne Bohince Kong
Aidan Mitchell Peters, son of Douglas Martin and Shellie Kurek Peters
Sarah Katherine Grace Walter, daughter of Mark Flory and Jennifer Leigh Graves Walter
Everly Ruth Johnston, daughter of William Todd and Meagan Orser Johnston

Minute for Witness

Keith Getty

Offering

Offertory

Speak, O Lord

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Scripture

1 John 4:7-21

Sermon

Bored with God

Peter James

Communion

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

Townend

Benediction

Postlude

Darrell Scott, organist
Grieving: the family of Ned Daughterty (former member); Joan Houston's nephew Jeff (son); Becky Hufstutler's friend Mary Ellen (mother); the family & friends of Megan Kritsky's friend Craig

Hospitalized: Dee Burns; Audrey Neeson; Nassim Saliba; Grady & Barbara Carlson's sister-in-law Marcia; Arayanna Darst's friend Richard; Elaine Hamlet's sister Sue; Nancy Huff's niece Lynn; Susan Kenney's father; Leanne Omland's friend Jack; Michelle Rahal's cousin Nicole (21); Pam Rao's sister Patrice; Wendy Rose's mother

Facing Tests or Surgery: Anya Maggio (19); Michelle Jones's cousin Sara-Ann; Patti Young Merfa's sister Nancy

Homebound: Audrey Moore

Ill or Convalescing: BJ Ahrens; Rick Belous; Beverly Bender; Frances & Web Brown; John Cherry; John Davidovich; Patty Groce; Cindy Williamson Hamner; Erin Gilmore Hoffman; Charles Jones; Kate Lund; Laura Macqueen; Rory McDermott (10); Kevin Miller; Andy Mitchell; Audrey Neeson; Megan Parker; Mary Ann Singlaub; Sue Sladek; Bill Steinbach; Jeanie Thomas; Alice Winters (former missionary to Colombia supported by VPC); Roger Woodin; Shirley Worth

Family and Friends: Barbara Addams's friend Diane; Ron Baltzer's father-in-law; Joanne Bower's friend Mikey (18 mos.); Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's cousin; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Debbie Capp's father; Diane Chase's mother; Lamar Collier's brother-in-law Duke; Arayanna Darst's friend Mary & family; Sandi Davis's mother; Donna DeLanyo's mother; Jorge Diaz's neighbor Jane; Bill Downer's friend Dave; Stephanie Eberhart's friend Beth; Jennifer Fleisher's friend (3); Mary Flounlacker's father; Charles Geschiere's father; Lisa Gibb's father; Bonnie Grouge's first father-in-law, Allin Kerr (Hospice); Sharon Hopkins's mother; Anne Hovis's uncle (Hospice); Davis & Cathy Johnson's friend David and son's friend Daniel; Michelle Jones's sister Donna and friends Cassandra and Paulette; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Sharon Lewis's husband (Howard); Cherie Luypjes's father and her friend George; Janet McKeehnie's daughter-in-law; Christi Parker's friend Kate (13); Mary Pella's father; Betty Rahal's sister; Baker & Jane Richard's friend Pat; Caitlin Rose's friend Louis' father, mother & family; Polly Schiff's cousin Robin; Wayne & Sue Schrader's daughter Kelly; Randy & Diane Schumacher's friend Robert; Lee Self's friend Joe; Barbara Spiller's friend Paula; Bev Streen's goddaughter; Catherine Taylor's cousin Marjorie; Bonny Tynch's father & mother; Hendrika Vande Kemp's sister Grace; Leslie Vereide's father; Nicole White's friend Suzy; Mark

Other: George Lee & Chin-Shing; Mike Hughes; Carey Seery; Jade Zaharoff; Barbara Addams's brother Bill; Colette DeJounge's friend Henry; Allison & Brian; Daniel; Crossroads-Connection; the people of Chile in the wake of the earthquake; the people across the US hit hard by extreme weather and other natural disasters; peaceful resolution of the conflicts in Africa, the Middle East and the Ukraine; persecuted Christians in Egypt, Iraq, Pakistan and the Sudan

Missions/Missionaries of the week: Dave Robinson, World Vision (International); Mission in the North Country (MINC), Potsdam, NY (National); Our Daily Bread, Fairfax (Local)

We give God thanks for Ann Campany, Myra Gildea, and Andi Wallace, who all joined VPC on 3/31/63 (51 years), Charles Mitchell, who joined 4/8/62 (52 years), and Dottie Swink and Valerie Tinkham, who joined 4/10/60 (54 years). We also note that Nancy Keeran, who joined 4/6/47, went home to the Father on 3/19/14, just weeks shy of 67 years at VPC!


Non-military in Harm's Way: Stephen F. Morrissey, Ed O'Donnell, Christina Tomasatti

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
Announcements

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

Let us know who you are.
Let us know who you are and how we can help you to find your way at VPC! Fill out the Friendship Pad in worship on Sunday or visit the Welcome Table found in the sanctuary lobby.

Explore.
Come by the Great Hall for coffee after the 8am and 9:30am services, 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 the Connect Here table in the lobby on Sunday morning. Learn about all the groups at VPC where you can grow and serve with others. Ask questions, get information, and find what you need! Begin the journey of living into VPC’s mission of “Becoming like Christ together for the world.”

Find out more, and even join VPC!
The Invitation to the Journey Class is a three-week class that explores our mission statement, “Becoming like Christ Together for the World.” Our next class (3 sessions) is April 27, May 4, and May 18. For more information or to register for future classes, contact Deb Crumbliss at 703.938.9050 x108. (Next Class: September 2014)

To find out more, go to viennapres.org/firststeps
or contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123.

Congratulations to the 2014 Sacraments Class Participants!

Keith & Kristyn Getty
Hymns for the Christian Life

Tonight! 7PM, VPC Sanctuary

Featuring their modern hymns including:
In Christ Alone;
The Power of The Cross;
Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

Tickets available at Grapevine Books directly after service.
(No tickets at the door)

Traditional hymns meet newer classics, delivered by the vocal and instrumental mastery of Kristyn Getty, Keith Getty, and their Irish-American band. As they lead worship, we are drawn in and made part of the celebration. The truth of each song wraps your spirit in love.

An experience that you won’t want to miss!
General Announcements

Staff News:

Director of Family Ministries Search: envision, plan, and supervise Family Ministries—including Marriage, Family, Student, Children’s, and Preschool Ministries—with the goal of spiritual formation. A minimum of ten years of work experience and five years of management experience is required. Please see the complete job description at viennapres.org/jointhestaff or contact us at fmdsearch@viennapres.org.

Staff Accountant Needed: A permanent, 20-25 hour/week, non-exempt position. Duties include: receive and process contributions, assist with church stewardship activities, prepare for annual audits, and assist in developing and implementing financial procedures. Please send cover letter and resume to Michelle at michelle.lowell@viennapres.org.

Grapevine Books: New item for kids at Grapevine Books Noah’s Ark Coin Banks! Also, ALL BIBLES are 20% OFF DURING LENT…. Only two weeks until Easter!

VPC Preschool provides a spiritual and developmental education for children ages 2½ through 5. We still have spaces available in our 2½-year-old program for the 2014-15 school year. Please email or call the preschool office for more information: preschool@viennapres.org or 703.255.1419.

Serve

Bethany Women’s Center and Alternative House are shelters which regularly need our food support. The easy-to-prepare recipes and sign-up sheet are located outside the kitchen door in a box on the wall. Please call Cindy Alls, 703-222-3657, with any questions.

Easter Sunday Childcare Volunteers: needed at all services on Easter Sunday (8, 9:30, and 11am). Please contact Phyllis Swenson for information and an application: phyllis.swenson@viennapres.org

Prayers for New Hope Ukraine: while concerned regarding the Crimea situation, our partners are safe in L’viv and remain committed to providing the love of Christ to the Ukrainian people. Prayers are appreciated for continued healing and for the safety and security of all of Ukraine, as well as for the personal and medical concerns of our missionaries. For more information: newhopeinternational.org/where_we_work/new_hope_ukraine

VPC Childcare: In need of gently used children's items: glider rockers, building blocks, Legos, arts and craft supplies, and children's books. Please drop off donations in the Childcare Wing (2nd floor, across from the office). Thank you! Questions? Contact Valerie Clark, Childcare Supervisor, 703.938.9050 x351 or childcare@viennapres.org

Connect

Refuel: a community of young adults with a passion for Christ and a focus on biblical truth. Meet Thursday, April 17, 7pm in the sanctuary for Maundy Thursday service. For more information: Kevin Miller at kevin.miller@viennapres.org

Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference: Focus on God’s best for you as a couple! Hyatt Regency Reston May 2-4. Use group code: VPC. Brochures are available in the narthex. Register at familylife.com or 1-800-FL-TODAY. Financial assistance is available. Contact Bruce & Julie Knight, 703.691.3406 or B_JKnight@msn.com

SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+): Luncheon in the Great Hall on Wednesday, April 9. Hospitality begins at 12:00. We welcome newcomers! No reservation required. Bring a friend and a dish for 8 to share. Guest speaker, Sonia Patterson will talk about Five Talents.

Great Banquet: Men’s Weekend, April 24-27 at VPC. A unique 72-hour Christian retreat that includes worship, communion, music, fellowship, plenty of good food, and personal testimonies. There is a waiting list for the Women’s Weekend, May 1-4. For more information on the weekends, please visit www.novagb.org

Summer Registrations Are Open!

Children’s Camps: viennapres.org/VBS

and

Summer Mission Projects: viennapres.org/SMP
‘Hope’ seems to mean wanting, desiring, or longing.

I hope that you have a nice day.

I hope I can go on this vacation.

I hope it doesn’t rain tomorrow.

The Bible’s definition of hope is a joyful and confident expectation of good. Hope is a firm assurance regarding things that are unclear and unknown.

With hope, life has meaning.

When Jesus gave us hope, he didn’t just show us that resurrection was a remote possibility. He showed us what we can expect if we receive him and follow him.

Palm Sunday, April 13, Worship Services: 8am, 9:30am, & 11am.
Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7pm.
Joint service with First Baptist of Vienna.
Good Friday, April 18, 7pm.
Easter Sunday, April 20, Worship Services: 8am, 9:30am, & 11am.
Learn

Jesus Discovered, A Man Without Equal: 6-week series exploring the life of Jesus, the greatest man who ever lived! Tuesdays starting April 8, 12noon-1pm. 2nd-floor conference room. Cost: $10 one-time fee (includes workbooks and light snacks). To register or for additional information, contact Phil Kratovil at 703.937.1897 or phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

Art of Neighboring Small Group:
Sundays, 7-8:30pm, Room 321. Explore further our desire to know our neighbors and impact our communities. Contact Vic Larson at vic@larsn.com for additional information.

Lenten Marriage Study: Sundays, 11am, 2nd-floor conference room. Your marriage is more than a sacred covenant with another person. It is a spiritual discipline designed to help you know God better, trust him more fully, and love him more deeply. Explore together our marriages as a way to get closer to God!

Six-Week Lenten Bible Study for Senior Adults:
Thursdays, 10am-noon. Room 308/309. (Bring your own lunch and stay after for fellowship; beverages provided.) Study of Romans 8, led by Charles Geschiere, Director of Congregational Care. No materials to purchase; just bring a Bible and a pen. Discussion questions provided. Join each week or just the weeks you’re able to make it. For more info: charles.geschiere@viennapres.org

The X-Factor and Jesus’ Disciples: Two women’s Bible studies on the disciples of Jesus. Monday nights, 7-8:30pm; Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:30am. Right now we are studying the Lord’s Prayer followed by the Sermon on the Mount! Childcare available on Tuesday mornings with registration!

Men’s Monday Night Group: Mondays, 7-8:30pm, 3rd floor. Pizza, drinks, and popcorn...guys among guys...learn, grow, laugh. We don't take ourselves too seriously, but we do take God seriously. Led by Pete James, Ed Dawkins, and Phil Kratovil.

Single and Parenting: Sundays, 4-6pm. A group to explore the challenges of parenthood when single. Class leader: Joelle Fisher, joelleafischer@gmail.com

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, 6-7:30, 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.

THANK YOU! To all who participated and donated to the Stop Hunger Now campaign.

For pictures and video of this awesome event, or to donate:
visit NOVASTopHungerNow.org

Thank you to all who participated, donated, and, most importantly, prayed for this event. For more information about VPC’s involvement with Stop Hunger Now, please contact Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org

Committee for Helping Others (CHO)

CHO is an all-volunteer organization composed of a group of concerned churches and individuals providing simple, loving, charity to those in need.

Clothing donations: accepted Mondays, 9:30-noon at 133 Park St. NE (just across the street from Vienna Presbyterian Church in the condo on Park St.)

Food donations: bin located in front of the VPC office on the 2nd floor, accessible any time the church is open. Current needs include: liquid dishwashing detergent, pancake mix (small), syrup (small), plain crackers like Saltines, and spaghetti noodles. Food stamp (SNAP) recipients cannot buy the following with their vouchers: soap and cleaning products, laundry detergent, toilet paper, personal hygiene products, household supplies (like trash bags). Diapers of all sizes are always needed.

To schedule food or clothing donations please call 703-281-7614.

To schedule furniture donations please call 202-681-5279.

Financial donations are welcome. CHO helps 40 or more families each month with the payment of rent and utility bills totaling $10,000-$15,000. Our address is: CHO Inc., P.O. Box 233, Vienna, VA 22183

More on CHO at cho-vi.com

Help Wanted

Financial Leadership Team now forming

Financial Expertise
Fundraising Experience
Fiscal Responsibility

If your heart beats for money, we need you.

Contact Doug LeMasters at doug.lemasters@viennapres.org or 703.937.1887

Or circle your name on the Friendship Pad and we will contact you.
Upcoming events you won’t want to miss!

May 18, Youth Sunday

16-year-old Ugandan chess star Phiona Mutesi will join in worship sharing her story and her staunch belief that Jesus is her savior.

A morning of upbeat music and youth sermonettes.

Reception following the 11am service.

Willow Creek Leadership Summit
August 14 & 15

Leadership... in church, the office, at home, in the classroom, on the baseball field... we are ALL leaders.

Take this opportunity to learn the tricks and trades of some of the most influential people of our time. Willow Creek provides leadership training through powerful speakers, interviews, and break-out sessions.

Learn more at willowcreek.com

To register now, contact Mary Monie at mary.monie@viennapres.org
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

Room | Childcare: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00
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207 | Lambs (Birthdate Range: 1 month - 10/01/12)
208 | Bunnies (Birthdate Range: 10/01/11– 09/30/12)
209 | Lion Cubs (Birthdate Range: 10/01/10 – 9/30/11)

Room | Age/Grade (9:30am) | Age/Grade (11am)
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121 | 3’s (turn 3 on/before 9/30/13) | 3’s and 4’s Combo/Cherub Choir (turn 3 or 4 on or before 9/30/13)
120 | Pre-K 4’s (turn 4 by 9/30/13) | 3’s and 4’s Combo/Cherub Choir (turn 3 or 4 on or before 9/30/13)
118 | Kindergarten A Power Up | 1st Grade Power Up
117 | Kindergarten B Power Up | Junior Choir (4th-6th Grades)
317 | 1st Grade Power Up | Junior Choir (4th-6th Grades)
313 | 2nd Grade A Power Up | Kindergarten/1st grade Power Up
312 | 2nd Grade B Power Up | 4th Grade Power Up
308-09 | 3rd Grade Power Up | 5th & 6th Grade Boys
322 | 4th Grade A Power Up | 2nd-4th grade Power Up
323 | 4th Grade B Power Up | 5th & 6th Grade Girls
324 | 5th & 6th Grade Girls | Carol Choir (2nd-3rd Grades)
310 | Bridges (4’s – 1st Grade) | Joyful Noise Choir (K-1st Grades)
321 | Gateways (2nd – 4th Grade) | 311 | Friendship Club (as needed)

Middle and High School Sunday Youth Services
Lower Level: Light Breakfast Served, 9-9:30am;
Sunday School, 9:30-10:30.
Youth Groups: No PM Youth Groups Tonight.
Enjoy the Getty Concert!

VPC–U on Sunday Morning

Friendship Class: Room 109, 9:30am. For adults with intellectual disabilities. Teachers: Emmy Parker, Jamie and Andrea Strahan.

200 Level
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. Join us for a discussion on The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, led by Charles Geschiere. All are welcome. Books available at Grapevine. Questions? Martha.Strauss@me.com

Plugged In: Room 109, 11am. An adult class that looks at contemporary issues in light of the Bible. Contact: Randi DeWeese, deweese89@gmail.com

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 study Seeing the Apostles' Creed through the Revelation of Jesus Christ, led by Steve Skjiei. Coordinator: Kate Lund, katelund@yahoo.com

Apprentices Class: Room 205, 11am. All are welcome. We are studying Disappointment with God by Phillip Yancey. Elaine Ryan, 703.470.1338 or isaiah122elaine@aol.com.

The Berean Adult Bible Study: Room 203/204, 11am. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come. Contact John and Nancy Davidovich: 703.938.4775 or iadavidovich@verizon.net

What We Believe:
Jesus is Lord.
Scripture is our authority.
Everyone is called to discipleship.

Our Mission:
Becoming like Christ Together for the World.

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