Bridges

2 Peter 3:1-13

August 31, 2014
Call to Worship

Word of God Speak

Millard and Kipley

Majestic

Oh Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth. (Repeat)

First Chorus: The heavens declare Your greatness, the oceans cry out to You. The mountains, they bow down before You. So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll give my praise to You!

Repeat Verse

Second Chorus: The heavens declare Your greatness, the oceans cry out to You. The mountains, they bow down before You. So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll sing… The heavens declare Your greatness, the oceans cry out to You. The mountains, they bow down before You. So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll give my praise to You!

I will worship you. (4x) We will worship you. (2x)

Repeat Second Chorus

So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll give my praise to You!
So, I’ll join with the earth and I’ll give my praise to You!

Apostle’s Creed

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God’s own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where-e’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
 Came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God’s own heart; O let the ancient words impart. (Chorus)

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Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

David Jordan-Haas

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.
Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess, Bowing here I find my rest.
Without You I fall apart, You’re the One that guides my heart.

Chorus: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

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. (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.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.
You're my one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

Offering
Offertory

The Word

During the Offertory, please pass the Friendship Pad.

Scripture
2 Peter 3:1-13

Sermon
Bridges

Awesome

Verse 1: My God is Awesome. He can move mountains.
Keep me in the valley. Hide me from the rain.
My God is Awesome. Heals me when I’m broken.
Strength where I’ve been weakened. Forever He will reign. (Repeat Verse 1)

Chorus: My God is Awesome. Awesome. Awesome. Awesome. (Repeat)

Verse 2: My God is Awesome, Savior of the whole world,
Giver of Salvation, By His stripes I am healed.
My God is Awesome. Today I am forgiven.
His grave is why I’m living. Praise His Holy Name. (Chorus)

Bridge with Echo: He’s mighty. (He’s mighty.) Awesome. Awesome.
He’s Holy. (He’s Holy.) Awesome. Awesome.
He’s great. (He’s great.) Awesome. Awesome.
He’s mighty. (He’s mighty). Awesome. Awesome.

Verse 3: My God is Awesome. He can move mountains.
Keep me in the valley. Hide me from the rain.
My God is Awesome. Heals me when I’m broken.
Strength where I’ve been weakened. Praise His Holy Name.

Benediction

Postlude
Darrell Scott, organist
Prayers

Grieving: The family of Kathrine Masyn (service on Sept. 6th at 11 am); Jim Bartlett (mother)

Hospitalized: Julia Kuykendall; Nassim Saliba; Kristin Krisko's brother; Michelle Rahal's cousin Nicole (21); Wendy Rose's mother

Facing Tests or Surgery: Mary Flounlacker's mother; Peyton Jacobs (17); Brad Miller's father

Homebound: Frank Blasdell

Ill or Convalescing: Emily Anderson (19); Jean Anspaugh; Beverly Bender; Patty Groce (Hospice); Erin Gilmore Hoffman; Wally Johnson; Julie Knight's brother Jim; Dale Luddeke; Anya Maggio (20); Jenn Maggio; Alex Main; Rory McDermott (11); Jen McIntyre; Fay Morrison; Megan Parker; Max Roos; Alice Winters (former missionary to Colombia supported by VPC); Roger Woodin

Family and Friends: Ruth Anne Buterbaugh's cousin; William Buterbaugh's sister-in-law; Debbie Capp's father; Grady & Barbara Carlson's sister-in-law Marcia and friend Rebekah; Beth Crowder's friend Rakesh(28); Arayanna Darst's friend Mary & family; Denny Davis; Donna DeLanyo's mother; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Dunlop's niece Kathy; Stephanie Eberhart's friend Elam; Jennifer Fleisher's friend Lauren(4); Jay Flounlacker's brother Mark; Mary Flounlacker's father; Linda Gabris's friend Nancy; Charles Geschiere's father; Cole Granger's grandfather; Brian Janysek's mother; Karen Dunlop's & Neil Kemple's friend Mike; Kristin Krisko's brother; Sharon Lewis's husband (Howard); Cherie Luytjes's father and brother Tom; Janet McKechnie's daughter-in-law; Patti Young Merta's sister Nancy; Betsy Needham's friend Pat; Baker & Jane Richard's friend Pat; Polly Schiff's cousin Robin; Wayne & Sue Schrader's daughter Kelly; Randy & Diane Schumacher's friend Robert; Lee Self's friend Joe; Jane Sibley's brother Jim and her friend's baby; Patrick Sobolik's mother; Rebecca Stevenson's mother; Bev Strean's goddaughter; Catherine Taylor's cousin Marjorie; Bonny Tynch's father and mother; Hendrika Vande Kemp's sister Grace; Leslie Vereide's father

Other: Jade Zaharoff; Kausar Begum's son; Arayanna Darst's friend Billy; Cherie Luutjes's friend Jeannette; son's house in foreclosure in MD; Crossroads-Connection; the missing Nigerian schoolgirls; the people across the US hit hard by severe 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: Bojan Ruvarak, EUS (Intervarsity International); Serbia, Montenegro (International); Jessica Molzahn, CRU, UMW, Fredericksburg, VA (National); Food for Others, Fairfax, VA (Local)

Praise God for the life of Connie Stuntz, who turns 91 on Sept. 4!

Please keep these military men and women in your prayers: Petty Officer 1st Class, USN Caitlin Addams, Andrew Hall, USA, Capt. Heather Ichord, 2nd Lt. Austin A. Leedy, Lt. Dan Marotto, Andrew Rohrback

Please continue to pray for the men and women serving in the military. We are in the process of updating and rebuilding this list. If you have someone that you would like to have included on the list, please call Lee Taylor in the church office (703.938.9050) or e-mail lee.taylor@viennapres.org.

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 lee.taylor@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.
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.
Visit Grapevine Books and browse what some of our groups and classes are studying, as well as the latest in Christian books and gifts. The store is 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.” For more information or to register for future classes, contact Deb Crumbliss at 703.938.9050 x108. (Join us September 21-October 5. Next Class, January 2015)

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

Join the Conversation!

Continuing Our Conversation with Session… All are welcome to discuss the PCUSA General Assembly actions regarding marriage and divestiture.

September 7, 6:30pm, Great Hall.

Same meeting format as the August 13 meeting. See you there.

Backpacks for local kids!

VPC is partnering with Feed the Children to stuff 100 backpacks for Cunningham Park Elementary. Please pray with your family about sponsoring a backpack. A $20 check made out to VPC with “backpack” in the memo line is all it takes! Then come on August 31st to help stuff the pre-purchased supplies. Questions? dee.m.fall@gmail.com
Some changes are coming to worship this fall. Why are we tinkering with worship? Our goal is to help you become better connected to God through our worship.

**8am service** will continue to be youth-led.

**9:30am** music will be led by a team of musicians (band).

**11am** will feature organ, piano, and choir.

So come, let us worship; bow before him, on your knees before GOD, who made us!

Psalm 95:6

We believe that each of these services will engage and inspire you in worship. Come at your normal hour, or try something new! To see a sample of the September 7 worship services, please visit [www.viennapres.org/bulletin](http://www.viennapres.org/bulletin)
Connect your story to God’s story:
Read The Story, Worship, and Share!

**Teens:** Underground Sunday mornings, breakfast at 9am, Sunday school 9:30-10:30am. Sunday evening youth groups for middle school 5-7pm and high school 6:30-8:30pm.

**Adults/Parents:** Sunday nights at 5 and 7pm with pizza dinner at 6:30. Childcare provided with advance registration. Sunday Mornings, 9:30am, Partners with Christ class.

**Women’s Groups:** Monday Nights, 7-8:30pm and Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11:30am. Childcare is available on Tuesday mornings with prior registration.

**Men’s Group:** Monday Nights, 7-8:30pm, Great Hall. Pizza, drinks, and popcorn. Led by Pete James, Ed Dawkins, and Phil Kratovil.

**Micro-groups:** groups of 2-4 people who meet weekly for 1-2 hours to discuss where God’s story connects with their own stories.

*The Story* is available at Grapevine Books. Reflection questions, micro-group and class support also available.

For more information about these groups and classes, visit [viennapres.org/thestory](http://viennapres.org/thestory)
General Announcements

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.

Grapevine has a new stock of My Story journals to connect your own story to God’s story—stop by and pick one up today!

Serve

When Bells Ring, Hearts Sing: 4th-6th-graders interested in playing handbells? Music experience such as piano or instruments is helpful but not a requirement. Practice time is on Sunday afternoons. We would love to have some new ringers. Contact Jeanne Bingham at 703.938.1191 or bjbingham@verizon.net

Good Drivers Needed: Volunteer as a Friendship Class driver one Sunday per month. Class members are dropped off prior to the 9:30 service. We currently have multiple slots to fill. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sandi McLauchlin, sandimcl@gmail.com or Tom Bauer, tabauer64@gmail.com for details.

Do you like working with people? Do you excel at helping others with information? Join our team of volunteers to staff the reception desk in the main church office. Please contact Mary Monie, mary.monie@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x110.

Committee for Helping Others (CHO): CHO is an all-volunteer organization that helps the needy in our local area. Monetary donations are especially needed. To donate food, clothing, or furniture or to give monetary donations, please visit cho-va.com

CROP Walk Rally: for walkers and organizers Sunday, September 21, 2 pm. Contact Mary Ann Singlaub, masinglaub@verizon.net or Betty Rahal, betty.rahal@verizon.net. Save the date for the CROP Walk, Sunday, November 9, 2 pm. Proceeds go to fight hunger both locally and globally.

Connect

SWATT (Christian Fellowship for Seniors 55+): On September 10, historical interpreter Jenee Lindner will assume the personas of several American heroines, sharing each of their sagas. Hospitality begins at 12:00 with hors d’oeuvres in the Gathering Space followed by the Potluck Luncheon in the Great Hall. We welcome newcomers! No reservation required. Bring a friend and a dish for 8 to share.

Young Adult Community Refuel 2014 Kickoff: Thursday, September 11, 7:30-9. Betty Little’s house: 300 Jean Place NE, Vienna. Mark your calendars! More details to follow. viennapres.org/refuel


Call or email Ronniejean by September 1 at 703.273.4113 or rbirvin@gmail.com
Get to know the VPC Pastors
Sundays, 10:30-noon, September 21 through October 5
Meet Pastors Pete, David, and Glenda. Ask questions and find out more about the VPC community. This is also the first step to join VPC as a member.
One pastor will attend each of the 3 classes. No RSVP required; just come as you are!

MEET THE AUTHOR

Anna Whiston-Donaldson

Anna Whiston-Donaldson’s Book Launch Event for Rare Bird, her newly published and not-yet-released memoir of loss and love, September 12 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall.
Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Pre-orders for Rare Bird are now being accepted at Grapevine.

“I wish I had nothing to say on the matter of loss, but I do. Because one day I encouraged my two kids to go and play in the rain, and only one came home...”
—Anna Whiston-Donaldson

Men’s Steak Out

Monday, September 15, 7-8:30pm, Great Hall
Cost: $20 in advance, $25 at the door (includes steak dinner & program). $10 in advance, $15 at the door for first-time guests or those in transition.

“Stepping into the Unknown” with special guest, Frank Finelli, Managing Director, Carlyle Group

To register: phil.kratovil@viennapres.org

Bridgepoint Luncheon with Charles Mann, Redskin player and founder of the Good Samaritan Foundation.

Friday, September 19
12-1:15pm
Maggiano’s Tysons II

Cost: $25; $35 at the door ($10 less for 1st-time guests or those in transition)
Register by Wednesday, September 17, at viennapres.org/events

Children’s Concert
Saturday, September 20
10:30am, Sanctuary

Justin Roberts & The Not Ready For Naptime Players

Cost: $10/person, ($15 at the door)
$40/family; under 2yrs old FREE.
Check out Justin’s website to see what you’re in for: justinrobertsmusic.com

Register and buy tickets at viennapres.org/events
Learn

Disciple I — The Story in Depth: One of the most effective and formative classes ever taught at VPC! This 34-week class starts Tuesday, September 16, 7-9pm. Class leader: Barbara Greig. Contact Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

Growing Your Soul: In its eighth year at VPC! A nine-month small group experience of communion and spiritual formation. Application and assessment are required. Visit viennapres.org/GYS for info.

Men’s Group: Monday Nights, 7-8:30pm, Great Hall. Pizza, drinks, popcorn, and fellowship. Large and small group discussions Led by Pete James, Ed Dawkins, and Phil Kratovil.

Women’s Groups: Connect your story to God’s story Monday Nights, 7-8:30pm and Tuesday Mornings, 9:30-11:30am. Childcare is available on Tuesday mornings with prior registration.

Join us for The Daniel Plan, a 12-week series for a healthier life. The Daniel Plan is centered on five essentials: faith, food, fitness, focus, and friends. Evening class begins Thursday, September 18, 7:30pm, Morning class begins September 19, 9:30am. Materials available at Grapevine Books or at the first class. Contact Susan Kenney to register: skenney201@gmail.com or 703.319.0830.

Presbyterian Women’s Circles: Are you seeking a deeper connection with other women of our church? Join a Circle! VPC has 7 circles which meet once a month at various times and places during the week for fellowship and Bible study. This year’s study is on 2 Corinthians. Please contact Linda Kemple at 703.222.0752 or linda.kemple@verizon.net with questions or to get plugged in!

I Still Do: a one-day marriage event that will strengthen your marriage and rekindle the romance, October 4, Verizon Center. Engaging speakers, musicians and worship leaders provide a fun and lively day designed to give couples encouragement to continue to invest in marriage and live life as a team. To register for seating with our VPC group and a savings of $20/ticket, please contact Beth Webster by September 22 at: r_bwebster@verizon.net. For further information or questions, go to www.istilldo.com or talk to Beth, Julie Knight or Karen Covell.

Care

GriefShare: Fall session begins Sunday, September 7, 6-7:30pm. Support for those grieving the death of a loved one. Brochures available in the narthex and the Gathering Space, or contact GriefShare@viennapres.org.

Passages: For those going through separation or divorce. Fall session begins Tuesday, September 16, 7-9pm. Contact passages@viennapres.org.

Christian Cancer Companions: Contact Rita Lockwood at 703.573.6168.

Widows’ Dinner Group: 3rd Monday each month. Location picked by the group each month. Contact Betty Little at 703.281.4118 for additional information.

Widows’ and Widowers’ Luncheons: 3rd Saturday each month. Restaurant picked by the group each month. Contact Linda Waters, coordinator: 703.860.8685 for additional information.

NewSpring: Hope for the sexually abused. Contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116.


Renewing Prayer Training Class: 13-week training class begins Tuesday, September 9, 7-9pm. Cost of workbook: $21. Requirements: commit to attend all classes, complete homework assignments, and maintain strict confidentiality. For more information about Renewing Prayer, please contact Chris Shenefiel at cshen@gracewalk.net or visit viennapres.org/ministries/careprayer/prayer_ministry.
Sunday Mornings at VPC

Children’s Ministries Volunteer Opportunities

2014/2015 School Year:
Sunday Preschool Lead Teacher & Assistants • Sunday Greeters • Youth Club Advisors

Contact Karen Covell at 703.938.9050 x125 or karen.covell@viennapres.org or Daryl Wright at 703.938.9050 x126 or daryl.wright@viennapres.org

To volunteer for the 2½ year-old Sunday school or if interested in a paid position:
Childcare to help on 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month,
please contact Valerie Clark at valerie.clark@viennapres.org

Student Ministries Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday evening small group leaders (MOST needed)

Sunday Morning:
Underground greeters, Friendship team assistants,
breakfast set-up helpers (30 minutes), media center organizer (monthly, flexible).

Make a difference in a teen’s life and see the difference it makes in yours!

VPC-U on Sunday Morning

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

ESOL Bible Classes: Room 307, 11am. Begins Sunday, September 7. For more information, contact Roger Beltz at roger.beltz@viennapres.org.

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

300 Level Beyond Basics: Room 205, 9:30am. Please join us for a cup of coffee and fellowship in to discuss C.S. Lewis’s, The Great Divorce. Allen McCarley and Jon Lochhaas are leading the discussion of this acclaimed book and its famous author.
Contact: Kate Lund is the class coordinator.

Partners With Christ: Parlor, 9:30am. Begins September 7. Discussion of the sermon series: The Story by Randy Frazee. Learn, discuss, and apply how God’s story in the Bible intersects with the story of your life. No need to have attended worship before class. Newcomers always welcome. Questions? Mark Richards, mark.richards52@verizon.net

Apprentices: Room 205, 11am. We welcome you to join us! We will study Life of the Beloved by Henri Nouwen this fall.
Contact: Elaine Ryan, isaiah122elaine@aol.com

Children’s Room Assignments - Summer Schedule

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Student Ministries (Middle School/High School—Lower Level): will resume with Sunday school and Youth Groups beginning Sunday, September 7. We look forward to seeing old friends and making new friends!
Summer Worship Crossword

ACROSS:
5. What this class can give you and your finances
11. The name of the closing song
6. The name of the bookstore at VPC
2. VPC Mission Partner that supports local people in need
10. Students Ministries location (or basement)
8. Children Ministries location (or 3rd floor)

DOWN:
9. Where the I Still Do seminar will be held
4. Where Charles Mann will speak on September 19
3. The performance SWATT will attend
1. Coffee House coming in September
7. Young Adult Community

Vienna Presbyterian Church
124 Park Street NE, Vienna, VA 22180 - 703.938.9050

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
Transitional Children’s Ministries Leaders Karen Covell; 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
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What We Believe:
Jesus is Lord.
Scripture is our authority.
Everyone is called to discipleship.

Our Mission:
Becoming like Christ Together for the World.

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

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