When God Seems Absent

Ruth 1:1-17

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November 2, 2014
For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Habakkuk 2:3

Vision is the ability to see the future before it happens. Helen Keller once said, “The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.”

Our church has a promising future! Join us for worship on Sunday, November 23, as Pastor Pete explores God’s vision for our church.

VISION ’15 on 11.23.14

Family Mission Opportunity: Tuesday, November 4, 10-11:30am, 3rd floor. Parents and children (3 & up) will gather to assemble Christmas hygiene kits for Haiti. For more info or to register viennapres.org/events

Help stop hunger! Join the CROP Walk: Sunday, November 9, 1:30pm, Vienna Town Green. Registration begins at 1:15 or register online at www.viennacropwalk.org

Scarves for Ukraine: Knit scarves for orphans to be delivered for Christmas by New Hope International. Find all the info at viennapres.org/missions/volunteer/knitpurllove

Serve
Grow

Did you know?
The Deacon Agape Fund supports our local community by providing emergency assistance: food & gas gift cards, rent assistance, even medical assistance. This year alone, the fund has provided over $16,000 for those in need. For more information or to contribute to this community outreach, please contact Lee at lee.taylor@viennapres.org

Gleaning [glee-ning]
gather (leftover grain or other produce) after a harvest.

Grapevine’s Gleaning Table is filled with books and gifts, and YOU decide what they are worth! Stop by and pick up a bargain!
November 2, 2014

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Hal Hopson, composer and church musician, grew up in a large Christian family of 10 boys and 3 girls, where he learned to both work hard and play hard. He started playing piano for the little church their family attended when he was thirteen. Hal credits those early years in the church for his musical development as he learned to get away from the printed page and create hymn arrangements at an early age. The offertory He Is Mine was written with Romans 8 as its inspiration.

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Your Grace Is Enough

Unison Prayer of Confession                  David Jordan-Haas

Draw Me Close

Prayers of the People
& the Lord’s Prayer

God Sighting

Offering
He Is Mine

Doxology
& Prayer of Dedication

Scripture                                         Ruth 1:1-17

Sermon
When God Seems Absent

Communion
Communion Music

Power of the Cross

Benediction

Postlude

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.
Worship 9:30am

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My Worth Is Not in What I Own, written by Keith Getty and Graham Kendrick, strikes at the heart of our 21st century society and at the idols of materialism and status in our hearts.

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed. At the cross.

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Prelude

Everlasting God

What a Savior (Man of Sorrows)

Unison Prayer of Confession David Jordan-Haas

Children in Bridges and Gateways are dismissed.

God Sighting

Offering
Before the Throne of God Above

Scripture Ruth 1:1-17

Sermon Peter James
When God Seems Absent

Communion
My Worth Is Not in What I Own

By Faith

Benediction

Postlude

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Prelude
Darrell Scott, organist
Give Praise to the Lord, #257, vv. 1, 2, 4
Nicene Creed
David Jordan-Haas
How Firm a Foundation, #361, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5
Unison Prayer of Confession
Compassion Hymn
God Sighting
Offering
Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Doxology & Prayer of Dedication
Scripture
Ruth 1:1-17
Sermon
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Communion
O God Beyond All Praising
Exsultate Handbells
Lift High the Cross, #371, vv. 1 & 4
Benediction
Postlude

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Today's offertory is a collaboration between Tom Fettke and Linda Lee Johnson. Linda was a member in Tom's choir when Tom asked if she would attempt to write lyrics based on his favorite Psalm, Psalm 8. Linda's response was less than confident, but she gave it a try! Tom says of the outcome, "It is one of those things in life when you know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, you had nothing to do with it; you were only a tool in the hand of God to display His handiwork."

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TODAY

Coffee and Conversation: get yours in between services in the Great Hall.

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THIS WEEK

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Bridgepoint Luncheon: Friday, November 7, noon-1:15pm. Maggiano’s, Tysons II, Galleria. Special guest speaker Doug Hill will present “Forecasting Weather & Life in Times of Turbulence.” Registration and payment at viennapres.org/events

Weekday Classes:
Monday Night Men’s Group: 7-8:30pm, Great Hall, led by Pastor Pete and Phil Kratovil.
Monday Night Women’s Group: 7-8:30pm, room 324.
Thursday Morning Senior Adults: 9:30-11am, rooms 308/309
www.viennapres.org/study

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LOOKING FORWARD

Gala Fundraiser to support Community Coalition for Haiti: November 8, 5-10pm, at Physician’s Conference Center, Fairfax Inova Hospital. chcachi.org and click on Events for all the details.

SWATT (Seniors 55+) Potluck Luncheon: Wednesday, November 12. Bring a main dish or side to share. No reservations required; just come! Special guest Harry Strong, will talk of his travels with ocean sea turtles.

Advent Candle Volunteers Needed: to light candles during Sunday worship November 30—December 21. Please call Lee Taylor at 703.938.9050

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LOOKING FOR HELP?

GriefShare, Passages, Christian Cancer Companions, Widows’ Groups, NewSpring, Stephen Ministry, Renewing Prayer Ministry

Visit viennapres.org/care or contact David Jordan-Haas at 703.938.9050 x116.

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Student Ministries Fall Retreat: November 15-16. All 7th-12th graders. Register and see all the details at vpcstudents.org

Surviving the Holidays: Saturday, November 15, 10am-noon, room 203/204. Offering support and encouragement for those grieving the death of a loved one. Free program; donations accepted. Register at griefshare@viennapres.com

Would you like to work at VPC? Children’s Ministries needs an administrative assistant with strong organizational skills and a love for children. VPC Childcare is hiring qualified childcare workers. For additional information on either position, or to submit your cover letter and resume, email Michelle Lowell at michelle.lowell@viennapres.org
Children’s Childcare and Sunday School Room Assignments

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Registration available at viennapres.org/cmsignups

Middle and High School Sunday Youth Services

Lower Level: Light breakfast served, 9-9:30am; Sunday School, 9:30-10:30am.
Youth Groups: Middle School, 5-7pm; High School, 6:30-8:30pm. vpcstudents.org

Vienna Presbyterian Church
124 Park Street NE, Vienna, VA 22180
703.938.9050
Pastors:
Peter James, Glenda Simpkins Hoffman,
and David Jordan-Haas
Teaching Pastor, E. Stanley Ott
vpcstudents.org
Wish to talk about our worship services?
Contact Elder Michelle Rahal,
worshipfeedback@viennapres.org

Adults:
Try one of the Sunday AM classes:

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For class descriptions visit the Connect Table in the lobby or online at viennapres.org/study. For additional information on adult studies and small groups contact Shannon Jordan at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org

Bridge your weekday work life with your Sunday spiritual life.
Check out bridgepointconnections.org