Prodigal Sons
Luke 15:11-32

Image created by Mikaela Sobolik, VPC Student Ministries

July 19, 2015
Did You Know?

There is a new hospitality opportunity coming to VPC!

Global Friends

In the Washington, D.C. area, we are blessed to have individuals and families come from all over the world to work, study, and live among us. Yet, many of these people are never invited into an American home while living here. Share your hospitality by becoming a Global Friend starting this fall.

Join us

Sign-up forms will be available from July to September in the narthex. These will help us to match partners based on common interests, ages of children, location, and so on.

Questions?
Contact Kathy Underhill 571.276.6022 or butifnot@aol.com

Parents are the primary influence in their kids’ lives. But research, experts, and statistics suggest that kids who have other influential adults in their lives have better odds at deep faith and success in life. Where can you best use the gifts God has given you to influence the next generation for Christ?

Motivated by safety
Preschool
Embrace their physical needs.

Motivated by acceptance
Middle School
Affirm their personal journey.

Motivated by fun
Elementary
Engage their interests.

Motivated by freedom
High School
Mobilize their potential.

Contact Michelle Rahal at michelle.rahal@viennapres.org for more information or to sign up today!

Training will be provided! Friendships are imminent! Hearts will be moved! Lives will be changed!
Follow along with the sermon:

Pastor Pete talks about parables in his sermon today. How does he describe a parable?

Are the Pharisees (religious leaders) more like the older brother or the younger brother? Why?

Are the tax collectors and the sinners more like the older brother or the younger brother? Why?

Who is the hero of the parable? Why is he the hero?

BONUS QUESTION: What is the name of the artist who painted the picture Pastor Pete used in his sermon?

Prayers for this week:

• For the students attending Children’s Missions Week and the impact they will have through several community organizations, including The Lamb Center and Stop Hunger Now
• Pray for how God is calling you to assist with Family Ministries this fall.

Challenge of the Week:

Jesus often used parables to teach. In today’s parable we see that we are ALL lost without God and that God goes to great lengths to show His love for lost people.

Think of someone who may be struggling or lost. Do a random act of kindness to encourage them and brighten their day! (Need ideas? Write an encouraging note, buy them a treat, do their chores for them, invite them over to play, say “hi” to someone you don’t normally talk to, smile at everyone you see, the possibilities are endless!)

Tweet a picture of your sketch to @ViennaPres or post to Vienna Presbyterian Church on Facebook.
Call to Worship
Holy Spirit

Let the Praises Ring

Prayer of Confession
& Assurance of Pardon
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Redeemed

Children’s Message & Dismissal to Class (Rising 1st-4th grades)

Minute for Witness
Kathy Underhill

Offering
The Prodigal
Reynolds

Scripture
Luke 15:11-32
Jesse Parker

Sermon
Prodigal Sons
Peter James

Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone

Benediction

Postlude

Please request large-print hymnals from ushers.
Assistive listening devices are available at the Welcome Table.
A hearing loop is installed under the rear balcony.
Please switch your hearing aid to T-coil.
Worship 10:45am

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Children are welcome in the service! Worship folders for kids are available just outside the sanctuary. Childcare and Sunday school classes are also available. Please sign up with one of our Family Ministries representatives in the lobby.

Sun Sun Sun

Today’s offering follows Psalm 91. The psalm ends with this message from God:

Psalm 91:14-16 The Message (MSG)
“If you’ll hold on to me for dear life,” says God, “I’ll get you out of any trouble. I’ll give you the best of care if you’ll only get to know and trust me. Call me and I’ll answer, be at your side in bad times; I’ll rescue you, then throw you a party. I’ll give you a long life, give you a long drink of salvation!”

Sun Sun Sun

The Connect Pad provides a way for you to connect with others at VPC, as well as to let church leaders know what they can do to support you. Please fill it out and pass it on during the offering. And visit the Connect Table in the lobby after the service!

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Prelude
Darrell Scott, organist

Apostles’ Creed
AUSTRIAN HYMN

At the Cross, vss. 1, 2

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

Fullness of Grace
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Children’s Message & Dismissal to Class (Rising 1st-4th grades)

Minute for Witness
Kathy Underhill

Offering
Psalm 91
Courtney

String Quartet and Amy Lochhaas, flute soloist

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
Luke 15:11-32
Thea Jeschke

Sermon
Prodigal Sons
Peter James

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less, #379, vss. 1, 3, 4

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TODAY

Breakfast! Come meet friends & share a meal in the Great Hall!

Stop by Grapevine Books for your beach books & VPC T-shirts!

THIS WEEK

Wednesday—Student Ministries meets in the Underground. Rising 7th–
grade through graduated seniors are welcome to come for worship, fellow-
ship, and games! 7-9pm.

Weekday Classes:
Monday Night Women’s Group: 7-8:30pm, room 324.
Tuesday Morning Women’s Group: 10-11:30am, parlor.
    Childcare available with reservation.
www.viennapres.org/study

LOOKING FORWARD

Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit 2015: Register now at
viennapres.org/GLS Extraordinary speakers from all walks of life will engage
and inspire us to become better leaders at home, at work, and in our community.
Sign up now!

Growing Your Soul: Starting in the fall, a nine-month small group experience
of communion and spiritual formation. Application and assessment are
required. Visit viennapres.org/GYS for all the details.

Renewing Prayer Ministry: Join this growing ministry at VPC. To learn more
about what Renewing Prayer is and how and why people benefit from it, contact
glenda.simpkinshoffman@viennapres.org

Christmas Traditions Discovery Journey: Join the VPC Christmas Traditions
Discovery Journey to Germany and Austria this December to learn about the
religious and cultural origins of traditions associated with our celebration of the
birth of the Christ Child. For information visit the information table by the book
store after the service or Viennapres.org/centerpoint

LOOKING FOR HELP?

GriefShare, DivorceCare/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.

Time in the Vine book
discussion on July 22, 7-9pm,
Grapevine Books. We will look
at Now That They Are Grown
by Ronald J. Greer.
Refreshments provided.

Bubble Soccer
July 25, 6:30-9pm
To register or for details, contact
intern Tommy at
tommy.neilson@viennapres.org
Cost: $20/player

VPC Preschool provides
a spiritual and developmental
education for children ages 2½
through 5. Several spaces are still
open for the 2015-16 school year.
Please email or call the preschool
office for more information.
preschool@viennapres.org
703.255.1419
El Salvador with Sports Outreach Institute

VPC’s Mission Director Sue Hamblen and her SMP participants had the opportunity to share God’s love with communities in need in El Salvador. While playing softball and touring neighborhoods, they were able to give their testimonies of God’s grace in their own lives and share God’s word with others.

A few excerpts from one participant’s travel blog:

“Yesterday was a long tough day for all of us. We started off the day visiting an orphanage for mentally and physically disabled children who have been abandoned by their parents early in their lives. We attended a mass and communion service with a group of the children and took a tour of their rooms, the clinic, and their special therapy areas to catch a glimpse of what they go through on a daily basis. Lastly we took some time to spoon feed some of the children lunch before we left.”

“Gathered around the breakfast table and after pancakes, Sue led us through our daily blessing this morning before we headed up the mountain to the soccer field and basketball courts to team up with some of Humberto’s ESOL students and their friends. Marvin from SOI led us through a few practice drills before the real soccer....sorry...fútbol match began.”

Can’t wait to see what’s next with our El Salvador connections? Contact Sue Hamblen to see how you can help! sue.hamblen@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x111