Hearts of Stone
Matthew 5:31-32

The Good Life

The Sermon on the Mount
Sermon Series
Matthew 5-7

February 14, 2016
Lent is a time of preparation for Easter—a time to reflect on how we are not fully living into God’s vision of who we can be. So some Christians give up, or “fast” a certain vice, or something that they consider a temptation for this time in preparation of the celebration of Jesus rising again on Easter Sunday.

Why forty days?
The number forty appears many times in the Bible:

- 40 days Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments from God.
- 40 days and nights Elijah spent walking to Mount Horeb.
- 40 days and nights God sent rain in the great flood of Noah.
- 40 years the Hebrew people wandered in the desert while traveling to the Promised Land.
- And especially the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by the devil. Jesus did not cave in to the temptation!

40 days is also the amount of time that most experts believe it takes to form a new habit.

What bad habits could you to replace with good habits that would draw you closer to God?

What do you do instead of Prayer, study, serving others?

Could God be asking you to give that up for 40 days to make room for a new habit?

Am I taking part and if I am, how? Prayer. Fasting. Serving others.

There are many ways to take part in lent. See the classes listed throughout this bulletin, or at viennapres.org/group-finder. Join a class and meet with other Christians, take part in your own spiritual journey. Or help our community to grow in Christ’s love. Easter baskets for HomeStretch, Hypothermia Shelter, Anti-Human Trafficking Initiative or Veterans Outreach just to name a few. All of the supported mission’s teams are listed on our website at viennapres.org/missions.

Connect with Jesus. Strengthen your faith.
Serve & Grow

Lenten Prayer Challenge

Rethink Your Idea of Prayer!
An Evening of Dinner and Creative Prayer for All Ages

Sunday, February 28
Dinner: 6-7 pm
Prayer Challenge Options:
5-6 pm or 7-8 pm
Everything begins in the Great Hall...

Let your curiosity soar and experience Christ in a new way as you dive in to this unique adventure! There will be interactive prayer stations for adults, teens, and children as young as preschool – come with your family, individually, or with your small group. Don’t miss out on the great fun, food, and fellowship with our congregation!

Please contribute to the potluck with a nut-free dish for 8-10 people.
Last name A-M – side dish.
Last name N-Z – main dish.
VPC is providing the dessert and beverages.

Note for young parents: childcare will be available for babies and young children per advance request to childcare@viennapres.org

Blood Drive

Sunday, February 21
7:30am-1:30pm
Great Hall

Questions? Contact Bryan Troutman at btroutman@cox.net
Walk-ins welcome. Or to schedule a donation, contact inova.org/donateblood sponsor code 0130.

get involved.

Would you be interested in a 10-day trip to Ireland? If there is sufficient interest, CenterPoint could include a 10-day-only option as part of the May 11, 2016, Discovery Journey to Ireland. For information and details, send an email this week to: centerpoint@viennapres.org

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.

Many more opportunities at viennapres.org/serve-at-vpc
February 14, 2016
Children are welcome in the service!
Wiggles, giggles, and whimpers are expected. Worship folders for kids are available just outside the sanctuary. Childcare and Sunday school class schedules are located at the Welcome and Connect Tables.

During the 9:30am service:
1st-3rd graders in Bridges, Gateways, and Power-Up are dismissed to their teachers after the Children’s Message:
Children with yellow and blue wristbands, line up in the center aisle.
Children with green and purple wristbands, line up in the outer aisles.
Those who wish to attend but have not yet registered and received wristbands, please take your child to the lobby for registration.

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 offertory. And visit the Connect Table in the lobby after the service!

Worship
8:00 & 9:30am

Your Grace Is Enough
Maher

Better Is One Day
Redman

Prayer of Confession
& Assurance of Pardon
David Jordan-Haas

10,000 Reasons
Redman

Junior Choir released for rehearsal. (9:30)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (8:00)

Children’s Message (9:30)
Maddie Schmidt

Offering

Scripture
Matthew 5:31-32

Sermon
Hearts of Stone
Peter James

By Faith
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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.
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“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” reminds us that Jesus seeks us when we are strangers, while we are wandering — literally fleeing — from the fold of God. “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

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Prelude

Responsive Reading of Psalm 145: 10-12

Leader: All You have made will praise You, O Lord.

People: Your saints will extol You.

Leader: They will tell of the glory of Your kingdom

People: And speak of Your might,

Leader: So that all men may know of Your mighty acts

People: And the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, #464

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

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Welcome

Offering

To Know the Love of God

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Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Matthew 5:31-32

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, #356

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Prayers
TODAY

Coffee Hour & Breakfast Snacks in the Great Hall in-between services!

Just in at Grapevine: Adele Calhoun’s new edition of Spiritual Disciplines Handbook, which includes a number of other disciplines not included in her first edition—Blessing Others/Encouragement, Listening Prayer, Forgiveness, and more!

Sunday school classes available for children and adults. Visit the Connect Table for all the details!

CenterPoint: “Retirement: Faith, Family, Friends” begins tonight, 6:30-8:30, Room 322/323. Learn about the good and not-so-good experiences of retirement from real-life retirees from VPC. Give your loved ones a Valentine by learning about and reviewing your retirement goals and objectives! Visit viennapres.org/group-finder

GriefShare begins Tonight, 6pm, room 203/204. If you are grieving the death of a family member or friend, come find understanding and support. Brochures are in the narthex and the Gathering Space.

THIS WEEK

Praise and Prayer—Five Wednesday Evenings of Lent: Beginning February 17, 7:30pm, Chapel. The season of Lent is a wonderful time to set aside additional time to be with God and seek renewal for ourselves and our church. These informal gatherings will be led by Work in Progress. Come join us to see how the Holy Spirit will work in and through us as we sing, pray, and listen! Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Psalm 85:6

Widows and Widowers Luncheon: February 20, noon. We will meet at Famous Dave’s, 2910 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton; 703.281.3800. Point of contact: Linda Waters, 703.860.8685.

LOOKING FORWARD

DivorceCare/Passages begins Tuesday, February 23, 7pm, Room 324. If you are going through separation or divorce, come find support. More info at viennapres.org/passages

LOOKING FOR HELP?

Hypothermia Week Re-Cap

Our 1st of two Hypothermia Weeks ended this morning. Enjoy some quick stats of the week!

Volunteer hours 925
Casseroles 72
Guests 140
Volunteer shifts filled 320
# people donated goods over 75

Look for sign-ups coming soon for the next Hypothermia Week March 13-19.

Giving Update:

The beginning of a new year is a great time to get organized and simplify your life. One way you can do this is to simplify your giving by setting up automatic recurring gifts for your regular tax-deductible donations to VPC. This is a weekly, monthly or quarterly transfer from your bank account or credit card directly to VPC. You can easily and securely set up recurring gifts through VPC’s website. In the top right of our homepage click MY VPC. Log into your account, or if you do not already have an account, you may create a login at this time. From the scroll-down menu under Giving, click My Scheduled Gift, and then click Add New Gift and complete the information. We sincerely thank you for your generous gifts to VPC and for helping us maintain budget stability with your automatic recurring gifts. Because of your generosity, VPC as a community of believers can continue its mission to become like Christ together for the world.

Having issues? Contact Nina Graves at Nina.Graves@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x133

2016 donations may be made at viennapres.org/online-giving
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