The Bless’ed Life

Matthew 5:1-12

The Good Life

The Sermon on the Mount
Sermon Series
Matthew 5-7

January 10, 2016
**Serve & Grow**

**Did You Know?**

Hypothermia Shelter Interest Meeting, Today! 12:15pm, Great Hall. Pizza provided.

Many hands are needed as we open our doors to serve as shelter for homeless men and women in our Northern Virginia area.

For two weeks—Feb 7–13 and March 13–19, we will house and feed people in the Great Hall who would otherwise have no shelter. This truly becomes their temporary home as we also entertain, encourage, and provide for them—as we share God’s love with them during our time together. Their stories will surprise you, from the professional concert pianist to the Air Force Lt. Col.

Come get to know our guests—you’ll be enriched by the experience!

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**Reel Spirituality.**

Sunday Mornings-9:30, parlor; & 11 am, rooms 203/204. Sundays, January 3 through February 28. Taught By Pastor Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

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**get involved.**

Join the Staff at VPC! Applications are being accepted for a 15-hour/week Finance Assistant. Job duties will include accounts receivable and teller operations. Contact Michelle Lowell at michelle.lowell@viennapres.org or go online to viennapres.org/join-the-staff

Join the Coffee Crew! Volunteers committed to fulfilling each cup of coffee (or tea) on Sunday mornings! Volunteer to setup at 8:30am or clean up at 10:45am. Not into coffee? How about help with snacks? Homemade (or look alike) goodies are wonderful to share in-between services. See the sign-up sheets at the snack table. Please consider being an active part of fellowship on Sundays. For more details, contact Gerri Webb—in the Great Hall each Sunday or give her a call at 703.281.7993.
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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.

Today we start our service singing “We Three Kings” to celebrate Epiphany. The name “Epiphany” comes from the Greek word Epiphania, meaning “to show, make known, or reveal.” The significance behind the visit of the Magi is the revelation of Christ as “Lord and King.” The Wise Men were the first Gentiles to publicly recognize the divinity of Jesus, by way of their offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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Worship
8:00am

Prelude
Darrell Scott, organist

We Three Kings

Apostles’ Creed
Stan Ott

He Shall Reign Forever More

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

What Grace Is Mine
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Prayers of the People

Offering
The Hands That First Held Mary’s Child

Scripture
Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon
The Bless’ed Life
Peter James

Days of Elijah

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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During the 9:30am service: 1st-3rd graders in Bridges, Gateways, and Power-Up are dismissed to their teachers after the Assurance of Pardon. 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.

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Forever Reign
Blessed Be Your Name
Scripture
Matthew 5:1-12

Junior Choir released for rehearsal.

Children’s Message
Kim Snyder

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon
Stan Ott

Offering
Lord, I Need You

Sermon
The Bless’ed Life
Peter James

Song of Reflection
Beatitudes

All the People Said Amen
Maher

Benediction

Postlude

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Our offertory today, “Set Me as a Seal,” comes from the words of Song of Solomon:

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the Lord.

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Worship 11:00am

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Prelude

Apostles’ Creed

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty, #482

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

What Grace Is Mine

Welcome

Offering

Set Me as a Seal

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

The Bless’ed Life

How Firm a Foundation, #361, vss. 1, 2, 4 & 5

Benediction

Postlude
TODAY

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

Stop by Grapevine for all your resources to keep up those New Year’s resolutions!

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

Joy Ringers Handbell (3rd-6th-grade) Choir meets at 2pm today in the sanctuary. Newcomers are welcome!

THIS WEEK

Women’s Groups: Mondays, 7-8:30pm, and Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30am (childcare available with advance registration). Secrets of Kingdom Living: Studies on the Beatitudes. Begins Monday, January 11, and Tuesday, January 12. Cost: $12. Please register to receive a book or childcare. For more information and to register, please contact Shannon at shannon.jordan@viennapres.org or 703.938.9050 x123.

VPC Preschool Registration for school year 2016-17 is open! Get all the details, tour dates, etc. at vpcpreschool.org

SWATT (55+ fellowship) Potluck Lunch, January 13, noon, Great Hall. Bring a dish to share and bring a friend to the monthly potluck lunch. RADM Kathleen L. Martin (Ret.), Former Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy, will be the guest speaker.

LOOKING FORWARD

Summer Mission Project Interest Meeting, January 24, 12:15pm, Great Hall. Hear from our mission partners about the exciting trips coming this summer!

Bridgepoint Luncheon: Friday, January 22, 12-1:15 p.m., Maggiano’s Little Italy, Tysons II, “Achieving Greatness In & Out Of The Office” with Marcus Sheridan, The Sales Lion. Details and registration at bridgepointconnections.org

CenterPoint—UPDATE: due to the Redskins success and possible Super Bowl run (yes! It could happen!) Retirement: Faith. Family. Friends will begin February 14, 6:30-8:30, Room 322/323. Learn more and talk with some real-life retirees! Visit viennapres.org/group-finder

LOOKING FOR HELP?


CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Classes begin Today, 11am-noon, Underground. Any students in 9th grade or above are invited to participate and learn what it means to follow Christ and what it means to become a member of VPC. Bring your Bibles! More information can be found at viennapres.org/confirmation

THE GREAT STEAK OUT!

Men’s Steak-Out, Monday, January 11.
“Defining the ‘Why’ of Your Life” with special guest Jeff Skeen.
Great Hall, 7pm. Register at Bridgepointconnections.org

Renewal Sunday

January 31, 2016
8:00, 9:30, & 11:00am
VPC’s leadership believes God is calling us into a season of renewal in 2016. Come as we discern what kind of church God wants us to become.

“Seek first God’s Kingdom”
Matthew 6.33

*some portions of the annual report will be incorporated in these services.
Update on Giving—Gifts from the Heart and more!

For four Sundays, Gifts of the Heart – Local and Global Market took place in the Great Hall to support our local and global charities. Through the generosity of our VPC congregation:

Locally: 290 families pledged & purchased new toys, children’s clothes, adult clothes, devotional books and Bibles, hats, gloves, and scarves for our local charities. In addition, $2,755.00 in gift cards (Walmart, Giant, Target, Kohl’s, Visa, Safeway) were also donated. All of these wonderful gifts were donated to the following local groups: Lamb Center, HomeStretch, CHO, Family Pass, NOVA HTI, Alternative House, Cunningham Elementary families, and Wounded Warriors. Thank you to the volunteers who donated 60 hours of their time to collecting and delivering these generous gifts. Due in part to Gifts from the Heart, CHO was able to assist 228 families (809 people, of which 386 are kids).

Globally through Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH): 4 trios of rabbits and 14 pregnant goats were donated to impoverished Haitian farm families; 6 annual scholarships will provide schooling, nutrition, and books to Haitian children; 19 Benefit Bowls will provide school children with hot, nutritious daily meals; numerous Creole Bibles were purchased to share the word with our Haitian brothers and sisters; funds raised by purchases of Haitian art and Hot Sauce will be used for healthcare and education for those in need.

Finance update:
On November 30, Pastor Pete James asked for prayerful consideration for your end-of-year giving and for $964,000.

Thank you for your outpouring of generosity! VPC received over $900,000 in contributions to continue the care and missions of our church.

With grateful hearts...we thank you!
2016 donations may be made at viennapres.org/online-giving