Renewal for Life
Matthew 6:25-33

The Good Life
The Sermon on the Mount
Sermon Series
Matthew 5-7

January 31, 2016
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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.

VPC partners with Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH) to work with the Haitian community to improve healthcare, education, and community development. Since 2010, VPC has contributed over $135,000, plus $11,578 from children’s Sunday school; travelled to Haiti in 20+ mission trips; and spent countless hours collecting supplies for educational and medical trips. Interested in helping? Summer mission trip interest meeting, February 7, 12:15pm, Great Hall.

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

Prelude
The Church’s One Foundation
Cathedral Brass
Pethel

Welcome
Charles Geschiere

Fanfare and Concertato on “Holy, Holy, Holy”
Dykes/Paige

Apostles’ Creed
Crown Him With Many Crowns
arr. Brad Henderson

Junior Choir dismissed to rehearsal (9:30)

Children’s Blessing (9:30)

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon
Soul on Fire
Third Day

God Sighting—Haiti Video

Offering
One Faith, One Hope, One Lord
Courtney

Doxology

Scripture
Matthew 6:25-33

Sermon
Renewal for Life
Peter James

The Church’s One Foundation, #442
AURELIA

At 11:00—Congregational Meeting

Benediction

Postlude
Thine Is the Glory
Cathedral Brass
Villanueva

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.
TODAY

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

Stop by Grapevine Bookstore 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!

Reel Spirituality Class: 9:30, parlor; 11am, rooms 203/204. Taught by Pastor Glenda Simpkins Hoffman

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

Today, 12:15pm, Great Hall. Learn more about VPC and what membership can mean to you. Register for this free event at viennapres.org/join-vpc

Preschool Registration:

Due to all the snow cancellations, VPC Preschool has moved our new families registration lottery deadline to Wednesday, February 3, noon.

LOOKING FORWARD

CenterPoint—“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

Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference: register at familylife.com or 1-800-FL-TODAY. Next conference 2/12-14. Contact Julie Knight with questions at B_JKnight@msn.com

CenterPoint Journey to Ireland, May 11-27. **Stop by the information table outside of the Great Hall today!** Learn more and reserve your space! CenterPoint Regional Religious Studies combines study with travel to provide a first-hand exploration of the religious heritage and history of a specific country or region to promote a better understanding of Christian history. Learn more at viennapres.org/news

LOOKING FOR HELP?

Looking Forward in 2016

In today’s sermon, I’m speaking about 2016 as a year for renewal in our church. Why this focus on renewal? It’s really rather simple. I need renewal. You need renewal. We all need renewal.

“Restore us, again, God our Savior… Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you” (Psalm 85.4, 6)

Scripture testifies how much God’s people need renewal. Most books in the Bible communicate God’s Word to us. The Psalms, however, are distinctive in expressing our words to God. The Psalmist prays, “Restore us, again, God our Savior… Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you” (Psalm 85.4, 6).

I invite you to join Session and staff as we determine where God is calling us into this season of renewal. I’ll be talking today about three ways you can join this renewal effort:

Pray for renewal. Prayer is the primary means by which God renews people. We cannot manipulate or coerce God into giving us renewal. Yet Scripture recounts how God works cooperatively with human desire.

Practice the Spiritual Disciplines. We want to become as intentional about spiritual growth as we would an exercise regimen or a business plan. Let’s daily and weekly attend to our core mission of “Becoming like Christ Together for the World.”

Participate in a process of helping VPC discern the kind of church God wants us to become. Paul writes in Philippians, “And this is my prayer, that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight so that you may be able to discern what is best…” (1.9). Where is God calling us to marshal our resources to meet human need?

We’ll be praying for renewal this year. We’ll be preaching about renewal. We’ll be asking you to help us discern the kind of church God wants for us. Join us in making Jesus’ words a reality for our church: “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given us” (Mt. 6.33). Amen! May it be so, Lord.

Yours in Christ’s service,
Pete James
Becoming like Christ

In March and November, we enjoyed the teaching of Dr. Bruce Birch, one of our country’s leading Old Testament scholars, and Dean Emeritus at Wesley Theological Seminary. In March, he gave a fascinating presentation on the Old Testament in 2 Hours. Around 300 of us experienced his presentation over the weekend! His demonstration of how Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament scriptures deeply moved all who attended. Additionally, in November Dr. Birch shared Joseph: Beyond a Technicolor Dreamcoat. His theological reflection, teaching, and even singing, brought to life the story of Joseph.

Summer Fellowship: From June 21-September 6, VPC moved to a new summer schedule with two services and breakfast in-between. People came and stayed to chat! The synergy in the Great Hall was infused with a sense of community—conversations, laughter, music, kids running around, people of all ages and stages breaking bread together! Feedback was very positive: everyone enjoyed sharing food with each other and learning more about others at VPC. At the first breakfast, one man was overheard saying, “I’ve been coming to VPC for 30 years, and thought I knew everyone...until today!”
Breakfast attendance averaged 350 people per week.

For the World

In February 2015, VPC opened our doors to individuals from Fairfax County who were without shelter, and provided them with nourishment, fellowship, and a warm place to sleep. By all accounts, our Hypothermia Week was a great success. When the call went out for volunteers to help with this mission project, our community responded with generous serving hearts. Individuals, families, and small groups all came together to help welcome and serve the homeless in our community. Throughout the week, we offered Christian fellowship through Bible studies. One of our guests knew nothing about Jesus. Another guest encouraged him to attend a Bible study. The week ended, and our guest went on his way. However, God, through those Bible studies, had made an impact in his life. Our guest eventually found employment, a place to live and began attending VPC.
To volunteer for this year’s Hypothermia Events (two different weeks) please visit viennapres.org or contact Sue Hamblen at sue.hamblen@viennapres.org.
VPC’s proposed Ministry & Missions budget is $3,810,211. The totals shown below include program and staffing costs.

**Worship.** Sunday morning worship, special services and concerts. Includes audio-visual support, choir, and hand-bells. Total: $528,718.

**Spiritual Formation & Adult Ministries.** Home groups, adult Christian education, men’s and women’s ministries, Growing Your Soul groups, new member classes, Grapevine Bookstore, and the library. Total: $326,745.

**Family Ministries (Children’s Ministries, Student Ministries, and Marriage Ministry).** Children’s Ministries, Student Ministries, college outreach, and marriage ministry. Total: $469,466.

**Evangelism.** Bridgepoint Luncheons, Steak Out Dinners, Career Networking Nights, and outreach events.

**Congregational Care.** Deacon’s Fund, GriefShare, Stephen’s Ministries, SWATT, DivorceCare, weddings, funerals, home visits, and NewSpring. Total: $224,007.

**Missions and ESOL.** Local, National and International mission partners; the Hypothermia Shelter program; Summer Mission Projects; Veteran’s Initiatives; community outreach, and English for Speakers of Other Languages. Total: $725,449.

**Finance, Administration, Communications and Generosity.** Bookkeeping, scheduling, office administration, communication, safe church initiatives and human resources. Total: $657,641.

**Facilities.** Utilities, building & grounds maintenance, insurance and snow removal. Total: $598,031.

**Per capita.** Per capita is the amount paid by VPC to support the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. Total: $93,337.

**Building Debt.** Building Debt has its own budget separate from the Mission & Ministry budget. As of December 31, 2015, VPC remaining building debt was $2,702,770. Our expected minimum payments are approximately $580,000, of which about 83% will go toward principal.
Statistical Report of the Session 2015

### Membership Additions

- Certificate of Transfer: 29
- Profession of Faith: 41
- Re-Affirmation of Faith: 100

### Membership Losses

- Other: 3
- Deaths: 15
- Certificate of Transfer: 20

### 2015 Average Worship Attendance

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### Marriages

- Member: 5
- Non-Member: 11

### Baptisms

- Adults: 6
- Infants: 57

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