



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 10, 2020

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 31: 1-5

*In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.
Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me,
O LORD, faithful God.*

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."

John 14:1 NRSV

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: Sonata in E Minor for Flute, BWV 1034
III. Andante

Blair Francis, Flute

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Call to Worship

Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God.

Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.

God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress.

Christ leads us and guides us every day.

Then let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet.

Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.

We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life.

We are here to ask and to receive and to serve.

Prayer of Confession

We confess that sometimes we have covered our ears so we cannot hear your word of judgment, holy God. We seek to isolate ourselves from a world in pain. We become enemies and persecutors of Christ, who identified with poor, needy, and oppressed people. We reject the One you sent as the way, the truth, and the life. We do not pray, as Jesus prayed, trusting that you hear and respond. O God, deliver us from ourselves. Amen.

Moment for Children

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

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1. "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

The New Testament Reading:**Acts 7:55-60**

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Solo: "Simple Song" from Mass

Michele Byrd, Soprano & Blair Francis, Flute

Leonard Bernstein
(1918-1990)**Prayer for Illumination****The Gospel Reading:****John 14:1-14**

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Message

"Extravagant Promise"

Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering**Offertory:** "Sonata II in G Minor for Flute"II. Bourée
III. MenuetG. F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Blair Francis, Flute

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Commission and Blessing

*Christ has gone ahead to prepare a place for us.
Following in Christ's way, we know fullness of life.*

We believe God dwells in us and among us.

God's mighty acts are revealed through us.

Alleluia!

Amen!

Benediction Response:

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, children all are we; Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace, eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude: "Rondeau" from *Sinfonies de Fanfares*

J. J. Mouret
(1682-1738)

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Dr. James Cochran, Director of Music, playing the *Richard and Patricia Fors Organ to the Glory of God and in honor of James Cochran, Organist.*

Blair Francis, Flute

Blair Francis is a South Carolina native and has been playing the flute since age 11. Prior to joining the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, she performed as a substitute with the New York Philharmonic. She has also performed with the Austin Symphony Orchestra, Oregon Symphony Orchestra, New World Symphony, Augusta Symphony Orchestra (GA) and the Palmetto Opera Orchestra (SC). Blair was selected as a prizewinning finalist in the Young Artist Competitions of the Florida Flute Association and the South Carolina Flute Society and was chosen as a winner of the National Flute Association Masterclass Performers Competition. She has also been a winner of the University of Texas at Austin and the University of South Carolina concerto competitions. She holds a Master of Music degree from The University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of South Carolina, where she graduated *summa cum laude* and received the Presser Scholar Award.

Michele Byrd, Soprano

Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita & Dave Curtiss

**Scripture Passages for the following week:
May 17, 2020—The Sixth Sunday of Easter
New Testament Reading: Acts 17:22-31
Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21**



VPC NEWS

The VPC Session met on April 27, 2020 and decided to extend the suspension of our public worship gatherings, activities, and programming until **May 17, 2020**. The staff, Session and Worship, Music and Liturgical Arts Ministry Team will be formulating a plan for keeping you safe when we are able to hold public worship services again. We will maintain proper social distancing protocols and come up with a system for contact-free services. As soon as we have a plan, we will let you know. During this time, VPC will continue to record our weekly services of worship and post them to the Sermon Library, found on our website (www.vpcnaples.org). Sermons and other video materials, such as Pastor Rob's Daily Psalm Reading, are also available on the VPC Facebook page. Instead of coming into the church, please call us (597-5410) or email Barbara Bonavita (bbonavita@vpcnaples.org), Lisa Lloyd (llloyd@vpcnaples.org) or Michele Byrd (mbyrd@vpcnaples.org) if you need assistance of any kind. The Session will meet on Monday, May 18, 2020, to decide how best to proceed at VPC. Please keep them in your prayers.

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND—At the April 27th meeting, the Session established the “COVID-19 Relief Fund” at VPC. We will promote our current mission partners who are working to relieve food insecurities and housing/utility expenses as a result of the current COVID-19 health crisis. The Mission Ministry Team will allocate the proceeds of this fund to assist those in urgent need. Mission partners include, but are not limited to, Café of Life, HELPS Outreach, Collier Harvest, and Mision Peniel. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please indicate “COVID-19 Relief fund” in the memo.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING! The ministry of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church will continue during these difficult times. Measures are being taken to reduce expenses where we are able to do so. This is typically a time period when we are building reserves to offset the reduced income of the leaner summer months. The Session would like to thank you for your generous contributions! We encourage you to mail your contributions to the church or consider giving online at our website. The “GIVE” button is found on the main page of our web site.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, May 31, 2020 from 8am—12pm. **DONORS MUST PRE-ARRANGE FOR AN ARRIVAL TIME TO DONATE:** pre-registering & adhering to an arrival time will allow for proper social distancing. Donors must: have their temperature taken upon arrival, adhere to social distancing rules, wear a face mask or facial covering, bring photo ID and eat a meal & be well hydrated with water.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

STRESSED? FEELING DOWN? NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?: Stephen Ministers don’t just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you’re feeling down, lonely, stressed, or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It’s free. It’s confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life! Find out more by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847 (dsherman249@gmail.com) or Jill Peterson at 239-597-7440 (petersji72@gmail.com).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: April 2020:

	April	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$ 114,722	\$ 551,241	\$ 541,200
Expenses	\$ 83,323	\$ 377,956	\$ 380,600
Deo Mortgage Balance	4/30/2020	\$ 1,728,264	



Happy Anniversary!

Larissa & David Gibson 5/11
 Marian & Bill Cattrell 5/12
 Elle & Gary Shepherd 5/16



Happy Birthday!

Mary Hart 5/10
 Zach Woodring 5/10
 Victoria Franklin 5/11
 Karen Chappler 5/12
 Lane Raskauskas 5/12
 Aiden Bowman 5/13
 Steve Blad 5/14
 Jean Dugan 5/14
 Laura Piipponen 5/14
 *Mary Bender 5/15
 *Jim Shields 5/15
 Jay Truax 5/16

***Birthday Club Members**

Interested in joining the Club Birthday Club Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day! The VPC Endowment Board uses the interest income from the Birthday Club funds exclusively for Youth Activities! Please consider becoming a member of the Birthday Club! Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

Song of Songs 8:7

*Many waters cannot quench love;
 rivers cannot sweep it away.
 If one were to give
 all the wealth of one's
 house for love,
 it would be utterly scorned.*

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to hold in prayer our members and friends facing illness, injury and hardship. If you have any joys and/or concerns, let us know as they are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. If you are hospitalized, please let the facility know you are a member or a friend of the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church so they can let us know! Please notice that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for a period of 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be resubmitted.



Abigail
Jerry Alfieri
Annie
Edna Benton
Kathleen Bradford
Family of Carmen
Cassidy
Fernando Castillo
Ruth Cohen

Jim Davison
Dan Dorty
David Daugherty
Connie Dawson
Margaret Degler
Erin Falluca
Jim Fligg
Joseph Gagliano
Janel Geary
Gary Gorran
Tim Hall & Family
Barbara Hurst
Michael Jeskey
Sandra Johnson
Bob Kassing
Kristen
LaDonna Lass
Kristen Linfante
Judy Malone
Mark
Henry Miller
Carolyn Moore
Nate

Domenico Paglia
Christopher Parent
Rita Marrow
Mario Regoli
Carol Rodkey
Metty Ryan
Robin Ryan
Eleanor & Gary
Shepherd
Suzanne Waylonis
Laura Warnken
CC Waskey
Will & Heather &
Family

We are sorry to announce the death of Marsha Rust. Please keep her family in your prayers. We will let you know about a service at a later date.

For people in this country and throughout the world suffering and coping with the Coronavirus disease.

For Doctors, Nurses, and Medical Teams giving their best to provide care for those suffering in hospitals and other medical facilities.

For leaders in government (National, State, & Local) and throughout the world making tough decisions during this difficult time.

For our church and all churches providing comfort to all and leading us in new ways of worship and service to each other.

Please Pray for the men and women serving our country.

If you have a relative or friend in the military, please let the Church have their name/address. We think it is important to keep in contact with those who serve our country. Thank you.

ENSIGN Francis Alvares

US Navy, Pensacola, FL
(Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)

MSgt Kristopher Chesslo

USAF
(Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)

CPTN Sterling W. Dawley

US Navy, Pacific Fleet
(Loren & Debbie Dawley's son)

ENSIGN Wyatt R. Dawley

US Navy Intel
(Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)

LT Adam Endrelunas

US Navy
(Cherie & Dave Baines' son-in-law)

CPTN Allen Fujinaka

US Army
(LaVerne Perrollaz's grandson)

CPTN Jennifer Giles

USMC, Philippines
(Mary Giles' granddaughter)

CPTN Jeremy Giles

US Army Special Forces,
Ft. Bragg, NC
(Mary Giles' grandson)

LT Col. Jessica D. Grassetti

(Claudia Polzin's niece)

MAJ Robert Gruber, USMC

LT CDR Marjorie Gruber, US Navy
Camp Pendleton, CA
(Bob Gruber & Marion Johnson's son & daughter in law)

E-3 Jacob Guzman

US Army—USA
(Cesar Guzman's son)

Lt. Devon Hennessey

Just returned to Texas from Afganistan
(Toni Hubbard)

Christian Kurz

US Navy, USS Nitze
(Joyce Geary's great nephew)

LCDR Michelle Lea

US Navy
(Cherie & Dave Baines' daughter in law)

LT Kevin McCormick

US Army - USA
(Friend of Dick & Sharon Learn)

Austin Schwartz

USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA
(Patricia Schwartz's grandson)

MAJ Matthew Smith,

USMC, Kuwait
(Son of Linda Smith)

1st LT Andrew P. Vadyak

USMC
Okinawa, Japan

Hadley Vadyak

USNA Class of 2020

EM Xzavier Whitaker

US Navy (John & Roberts McMaster's granddaughter's husband)



VPC MISSION

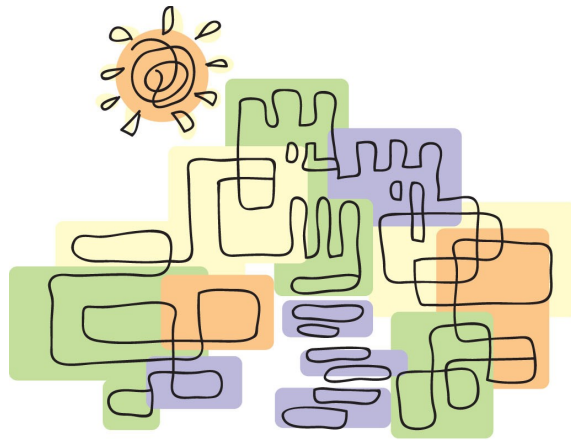
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To Proclaim the Gospel
To Glorify God in worship and deed
To Equip our congregation for ministry
To Serve others in Christ's name.

VPC VISION

A congregation...

...so grounded in scripture and sustained by prayer,
...so committed to spiritual growth and faithful discipleship,
...so inviting, welcoming and inclusive,
...so nurturing and healing,
...so mission-minded,
...so vibrant, energetic and open to opportunities to share the Gospel that lives are transformed by the love of Christ.



**“THE LORD IS
MY ROCK,
MY FORTRESS,
AND MY
DELIVERER....”**



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