



# Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Psalm 128

<sup>1</sup> Happy is everyone who fears the LORD,  
who walks in his ways.

<sup>2</sup> You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;  
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

<sup>3</sup> Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table.

<sup>4</sup> Thus shall the man be blessed  
who fears the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD bless you from Zion.  
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

<sup>6</sup> May you see your children's children.  
Peace be upon Israel!



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Announcements

**Prelude:** Concerto No. 2 for Violin and Piano in E Major  
Allegro

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

Colin Gerlach, Violin

### Call to Worship

*Let us open ourselves continually to God's presence.*

*Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.*

**Surely the Spirit helps us in our weakness.**

**The Spirit searches our hearts and enlarges our prayers.**

*Who can separate us from the love of God?*

*Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?*

**Nothing can separate us from God's love.**

**We can face all things, knowing God's care.**

### Prayer of Confession

**You know us, God, better than we know ourselves. You know the ways we scheme and manipulate for our own advantage. You are aware of how often our deeds fail to match the faith we claim. Help us to face ourselves with honesty. Give us the will and courage to change our ways. We give thanks for Christ's intercession for us. We rejoice as the Spirit gives voice to all we cannot express. Save us, O God, that our lives might give expression to your reign. Amen.**

Hymn: Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

JESUS LOVES ME, THIS IS KNOW

**Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
 Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.  
 Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.  
 Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**The First Reading:****Romans 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Solo: "If God be for Us" *from* Messiah

Michele Byrd, Soprano &amp; Colin Gerlach, Violin

G.F. Handel  
(1685-1759)**Prayer for Illumination****The Gospel Reading:****Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." <sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." <sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, "Therefore

every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

**Message**

“The Kingdom of Heaven”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**Offering**

**Offertory:** “Amazing Grace”

Early American Melody  
arr. John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

Michele Byrd, Soprano & Colin Gerlach, Violin

**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**

*We are invited to make God’s realm our first priority.*

*Living as God intends is life’s greatest fulfillment.*

**May our mustard-seed faith grow strong.**

**We treasure god’s realm in our midst.**

*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 in D Major

Jean-Joseph Mouret  
(1682-1738)

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor**

**Heather Mikes, Interim Christian Education Director**

**Jim Muir, Liturgist**

**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.***

**Michele Byrd, Soprano**

**Colin Gerlach, Violin**

**Colin Gerlach**, has been a member of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra for 3 years and is the concertmaster of the Gulf Coast High School Chamber Orchestra. He has studied violin with Anton Sikuta for 8 years. Colin is a past member of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia and Youth Chorus. He is the Team Captain of the Gulf Coast High School JROTC Raiders male team and recently received his Eagle Scout rank.

**Soundboard Operator:** Victoria Bonavita



**Scripture Passages for the following week:**  
**August 2, 2020—18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 32:22-31**  
**Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21**

### VPC NEWS

**EXTENSION OF THE SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP**—The VPC Session is extending the suspension of our public worship gatherings, activities, and programming through and including today, Sunday, July 26, 2020. Since the conditions around this decision change quickly, this time frame will be discussed once again at tomorrow's meeting of the VPC Session. Instead of coming into the church, please call us (597-5410), email Barbara Bonavita (bbonavita@vpcnaples.org), Lisa Lloyd (llloyd@vpcnaples.org) or Michele Byrd (mbyrd@vpcnaples.org) if you need assistance of any kind.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

**ZOOM IN FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR**—This morning, Sunday, July 26 from 11—11:30am, Zoom in to see your fellow church members. The **Meeting ID is: 896 7928 1614** and the **password is 4Wp4kK**. Missing your church family? Zoom in to say HI! We hope to see you there!

**SUMMERTIME "VIRTUAL" CONCERTS AT VANDERBILT!** We are *thrilled* that so many of you have listened to our Summertime "Virtual" Concerts at Vanderbilt! We have enjoyed making music to share with you and your friends and family during this difficult time of distancing. We hope that you will continue to watch and encourage your friends to tune in as well. Our last concert will be available on August 1st and will feature Matthew Sonneborn, Trumpet, Glenn Basham, Violin and James Cochran, Piano. Watch the virtual concerts at [vpcnaples.org](http://vpcnaples.org)! Look under Sermon Library for the latest musical event!

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

**"PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER" DOESN'T WORK:** You've heard it time and time again: "Pull yourself together...Cheer up...Tough it out...It's not that bad." Perhaps people have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn't helped. You're still hurting. Things are coming apart. Here's the good news; You don't have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide support. To find out more about Stephen Ministry talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847 (dsherman249@gmail.com) or Jill Peterson at 239-597-7440 (petersji72@gmail.com).

**UPDATE ON THE IMMOKALEE FAIR HOUSING ALLIANCE:** The Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance, Inc. is happy to announce that they received a "Yes" vote from the Collier County Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, July 2. This vote is an important step for final approval to build 128 decent, safe, hurricane-resistant rental units for low-income farmworker families in Immokalee. Housing has been the missing link for many years in assisting farmworker families to escape poverty and exploitation. Lower rents will free up needed money to buy food, clothing, medicines, and other necessities. The ripple effect will be economic growth and stability for the city of Immokalee. The IFHA goal is to build affordable, low-maintenance, well-managed housing with this neighborhood-model and have the dilapidated trailers some now call home condemned by the county. IFHA, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization and this project will be entirely funded by foundation grants, individual and organization donations. There will be no mortgage and IFHA will be exempt from paying real estate tax. You are a partner in this endeavor. Take a look at our website: [IFHA.info](http://IFHA.info). Any questions can be directed to Carleton Cleveland 203-247-9118 or Alan Pennick 941-735-1231.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: June 2020:**

	<b>June</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Operating Income	\$66,803	\$912,001*	\$647,300
Expenses	\$80,801	\$542,941	\$581,700
*Income includes \$208,500 from CARES Grant			
Deo Mortgage Balance	6/30/2020	\$1,716,838	

**COVID-19 RELIEF FUND**—To date, we have received \$33,249 (which includes the matching \$10,000 grant). We have disbursed \$31,540 to local charities. The funds are still coming in. Thank you for your generosity! Please indicate “COVID” in the memo area of your check or donate online.

**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)

**LTJG 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)



**Happy Birthday!**

- Courtney Lowe 7/26
- Donald Throckmorton 7/27
- Jeni Cormier 7/28
- Connie Lewis 7/28
- Stephanie DeVito 7/28
- \*Charla Henningsen 7/29
- \*Madge Bush 7/29
- Justin Gallo 7/30
- Scott Wollaston 7/31
- Cynthia Russell 7/31
- Jan Fern 8/01
- \*Gerald Lefebvre 8/01
- \*Marilyn McKee 8/01
- Gwen Salyer 8/01
- Tony Van Rooyen 8/01

**Happy Anniversary!**

- Karen & Joseph Negri 7/27
- Beth & David Lee 7/28
- Della & Jack Sheppard 7/29
- Karen & Fred Schulz 7/30



**\*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



## 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.

Edna Benton  
Family of Carmen  
Chloe Cornell  
Vicky Crosby  
Ron Davis  
Margaret Degler  
Dan Dorthy  
Julie Eilers  
Elpi & Family  
Asia Rial Elsbree  
Erin Falluca  
Jim Fligg  
Janel Geary  
Gary Gorran  
Jake Hellihan  
Inspired Living at  
Bonita Springs  
Michael Jeskey  
Sandra Johnson  
Bob Kassing  
Mary Koppelkam

LaDonna Lass  
Judy Malone  
Don Neer  
Matt Nulph  
Bonnie Olson  
Cassidy Otto & Family  
Domenico Paglia  
Christopher Parent  
Savanna Peters &  
Phoenix  
Marcia Piipponen  
The Power Family  
Leah Ray  
Carol Rodkey  
Twila Rowe

Metty Ryan  
Robin Ryan  
Sadie Ann  
Eleanor & Gary  
Shepherd  
Jim Shields  
Joy Skarka  
Liz Nowry Smith  
The Waskey Family  
Will & Heather &  
Family  
Connie Wilson

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.

That we will seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. That we will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.



## VPC MISSION

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live like Christ in a broken world.

- 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.



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## Summertime “Virtual” Concerts

Please plan to tune in to watch three special 45 minute concerts featuring Dr. James Cochran and other local musicians.

Enjoy the beauty of music in our lovely sanctuary.

Each concert will be available on the date of the concert beginning at 6 am.

It will be online for your listening and viewing pleasure thereafter.

Go to [vpcnaples.org](http://vpcnaples.org) and look in the **SERMON LIBRARY** or check it out on **Facebook**.



Available NOW!

June 13, 2020

Blair Francis, *Flute*  
Radu Paponiu, *Violin*



Available NOW!

July 1, 2020

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*  
Colin Gerlach, *Violin*  
Brice Gerlach, *Organ & Piano*



James Cochran,  
*Organ & Piano*



Coming Soon!

August 1, 2020

Glenn Basham, *Violin*  
Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*



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