

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.

October 11, 2020
19th Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 106:1-5

¹ Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise?

³ Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

⁴ Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;
help me when you deliver them;

⁵ that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: "Echo Fantasy"

Gerhardus Scronx
(17th Century)

Call to Worship

Come away from the valleys of misplaced loyalty.

Come, seeking to meet the God of all worlds.

We have come to praise God and give thanks.

We believe God's steadfast love endures forever.

God continues to deliver us in times of distress.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

We rejoice that God is near and available to us.

We hear God welcoming us to this time of prayer.

Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

Refrain

**4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory.**

Refrain

A Moment for Reflection

Today we want to focus on our responsibilities to foster racial justice, end to poverty and equal rights for all. What am I doing to work on racial justice, poverty and equal rights?

-a time for reflection and prayer-

Moment for Children

Heather Mikes

**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.**

Offering

Offertory: “Laudate Dominum”

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Jacques Berthier
(1923-1994)

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.

Paul's First Letter to the Christians at Corinth

Chapter 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Witness of Luke

Chapter 5:1-11

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they

caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Message

"Are You Willing to Hear God's Call to You?" The Rev. Melana Scruggs

Blessing

The Rev. Melana Scruggs

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: "Allegro in C Major"

William Boyce
(1711-1779)

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Melana Scruggs, General Presbyter of the Peace River Presbytery, Guest Preacher

The Rev. Melana Scruggs is the newly installed General Presbyter of the Peach River Presbytery, as of November 14, 2019. She was born and raised a Presbyterian and attended King High School in Tampa. Rev. Scruggs went to University of Florida, studied at Columbia Theological Seminary, and was ordained in 1987. Melana lived and studied in Scotland, served at First Presbyterian (Enid, OK), Faith Presbyterian (Melrose, FL), First Presbyterian (Aurora, MO) and Crane Presbyterian (Crane, MO). Most recently she was the Stated Clerk and Governance Presbyter in the John Calvin Presbytery. She has attended the General Assembly as a commissioner beginning in 2008 and has been to every one since as Mid-Council Staff. Scruggs is married to Bert Simmons and has two adult children - Erin and Shannon.

The Rev. Dr. Louis S. Thompson, Parish Associate and Liturgist

Heather Mikes, Interim Director of Christian Education

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

Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita





Scripture Passages for the following week:
October 18, 2020—20th Sunday After Pentecost
First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23
Second Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

VPC NEWS

UPDATE - SESSION HIGHLIGHTS REGARDING IN-PERSON WORSHIP:

The Session met on Saturday, September 26, 2020 and has approved the tentative addition of an in-person worship opportunity. This new worship opportunity begins on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 10:00 am.

It is not intended to replace our ongoing virtual worship. Individuals in our community who are not feeling well or are included in other at-risk categories are asked to stay home and worship virtually. The Session will continue to assess current data and trends leading up to the weekend of October 18 and will make a final determination for services at that time. A conclusive announcement will be made during the week of October 11. All of us are anxious to reconnect as an in-person community again but your safety is paramount. An in-depth email was sent out with full details. Call us (597-5410), or contact us by 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, October 11, from 11—11:30am, join the meeting to connect with 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!

THIS WEEK! ZOOM LUNCH WITH YOUR PASTOR: All VPC members and friends are invited to join Pastor Rob for lunch every Tuesday (starting October 13, 2020) at noon for “Zoom Lunch with Your Pastor.” There is no agenda for this 60 minute lunch gathering. I simply want to see your smiling faces and visit a while during our lunch break. To register, call the church office (597-5410) or email Michele Byrd at mbyrd@vpcnaples.org.



Lunch With the Pastor

THIS WEEK! WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR ROB:



Begins Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm (Open to all): Gather for Bible Study on Wednesday evenings with all who wish to attend. We will gather using Zoom meeting for a casual discussion of the Scripture passage to be examined during worship on the following week. To register, call the church office (597-5410) or email Michele Byrd at mbyrd@vpcnaples.org. The link will be provided to you via email.

JESUS CHRIST AND THE 'DIVIDING WALL': RACE AND GOD'S MISSION:

W. Don McClure Lectures and World Mission Initiative's
Month of Mission Series

*Jesus Christ and the
'Dividing Wall':
Race and God's Mission*



October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2020

Looking for tools to engage in a deeper conversation with others on how racial injustice and racism at home impact God's mission in the world? Join others for a free online conversation on "Race and God's mission" organized by the World Mission Initiative and Continuing Education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. This is a four-part series live streaming on Wednesday evenings October 14, 21, and 28 at 7:30 p.m. (ET) with nationally recognized speakers leading the conversation. Learn more by visiting the website www.pts.edu/wmi-conference.

To join the presentation on October 14 go to:

<https://pts.zoom.us/j/98689345918pwd=Rk1MeEg1b2N5Qy9yd1NoREhNUW9KQT09> Passcode: 086047

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH IS THE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:

From 9am—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, eat a meal and be well hydrated with water. Call the church to reserve your spot—597-5410.



WANT TO GIVE SOMETHING FUN TO THE PRESCHOOL? Our fun Family Dinner Nights are on hold. These special evenings organized by the Parent Team each month have been awesome opportunities to socialize with our preschool family, while fundraising for the school. Due to COVID, our restaurant partners currently need our support, so if you are looking for somewhere to grab-and-go or order out, please think of them. In the meantime, we are trying a new tool this year. Our VLC Teaching Team has an Amazon Wish List. If you feel called to give, we welcome you to scroll through the list from time-to-time. We will be adding/deleting and changing this list throughout the year based on projects and need. Some items are for each classroom and some are for the entire school to enjoy. No purchase is required. The list will be available all year. If you do decide to purchase and you'd like to select a specific classroom, please indicate it in the gift option. Shipments can go directly to Mrs. Elmer at the school. Contact Jackie Elmer or Heather Mikes for questions. Thank you for supporting VLC!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/K4FZ12S8T5AL?ref=wl_share

WE HAVE ALMOST MET OUR GOAL:

We are only about \$2,500 away from meeting the challenge grant to the COVID-19 Relief Fund. Please consider helping us help others in need. To date, we have received \$51,284 to the fund and have disbursed \$46,440 to local charities to help with housing and hunger. Thank you in advance for your gift!

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR BLESSINGS WITH PINECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

VPC has generously donated back to school supplies and monetary gifts for teachers, staff, students and families at Pinecrest Elementary School in Immokalee. The link to order supplies will remain active. Please visit the Amazon Wish list at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ILXQTCIUMP6T?ref=wl_share and select items to purchase. Choose to ship them directly to Pinecrest Elementary School (NOT to VPC).



In everything
give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

VPC STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP:



Know someone in need? Maybe you? Maybe a family member, friend or neighbor? Needs can be short-term or long-term...we want to help and are still available in these COVID-19 times! Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers that are a phone call or email away to walk beside you, listen and provide ongoing support. We currently have 15 active Stephen Ministers at VPC, some with care receivers and others waiting to help when called. Call for yourself or someone in need. To get started, call our Stephen Leader Referrals Coordinators: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847 (dsherman249@gmail.com) or Kay Beernink at 239-238-1526 (leskaybee@aol.com).

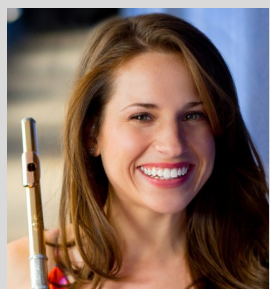
SHINE—THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS:

Looking for more information about Medicare? SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) has a full schedule for the month of October. All meetings are virtual via Zoom. Please refer to the Epistle for a link to the full list of monthly activities.



ARE YOU READING YOUR EMAILS?

We hope that you are able to stay informed about what is happening at VPC through our weekly emails. You should be receiving an email each Friday from Pastor Rob (Weekly Epistle), Saturday—the Education Ministry Minute, and Sunday with a reminder to watch the virtual worship service. If you have questions, please let us know. We are always here to help! We want you to feel connected to VPC!



October Virtual Concert

October 10, 2020

Jessie Greenbaum Goebel, *Viola*

Blair Francis Paponiu, *Flute*

Radu Paponiu, *Violin*

James Cochran, *Piano*



The next concert will feature musicians from the Naples Philharmonic. Violist Jessie Greenbaum Goebel will play music of Bach as well as the famous Meditation from Thais, and Kol Nidre by Max Bruch. Jim plays the haunting Jerusalem, City of Gold on the piano. Recently wed Blair Francis and Radu Paponiu, will enchant you with duets from the Magic Flute and works of Behr and Doppler.



Even though we cannot enjoy the concerts in person, you can still delight in the beauty of music performed in our sanctuary.

All concerts will be online for your listening and viewing pleasure.

Go to www.vpcnaples.org and go to the Sermon Library to find all the concerts!



FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: September 2020:



| | September | YTD | Budget |
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| Operating Income | \$ 34,617 | \$1,019,149 | \$911,200 |
| Expenses | \$ 97,259 | \$819,151 | \$897,200 |
| Deo Mortgage Balance | 9/30/2020 | \$1,698,576 | |

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 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 & Roberta McMaster's
granddaughter's husband)



Happy Birthday!

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| Diana Amato | 10/11 |
| *Jo-Ann Degelmann | 10/11 |
| *Louise Eliot | 10/11 |
| *Stan Swihart | 10/11 |
| Don Corcoran | 10/12 |
| Gary Karnes | 10/12 |
| *Riley Mikes | 10/12 |
| *Ann Windley | 10/15 |
| Gary Shepherd | 10/16 |
| *Craig Grider | 10/17 |
| *Charlie Henningsen | 10/17 |
| Lynn Rosser | 10/17 |

***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 Team uses the interest income from the Birthday Club exclusively for Youth Activities! Please consider becoming a member of the Birthday Club. Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!



Happy Anniversary!

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| Yari & Abraham Figueroa | 10/17 |
| Lake & Marie Walton | 10/17 |



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our church family 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 friend of 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.

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| David Barrientos | Inspired Living at |
| Edna Benton | Bonita Springs |
| Mary Brown and family | Jack |
| Lilia Cagua | Michael Jeskey |
| Adriana Caruso | Sandra Johnson |
| The family of | Bob Kassing |
| Virginia Chandley | LaDonna Lass |
| Dick Creviston | Judy Malone |
| Vicky Crosby | Marilyn McKee |
| Margaret Degler | Don Neer |
| Dan Dorty | Matt Nulph |
| David Elliott | Bonnie Olson |
| Asia Rial Elsbree | Cassidy Otto & Family |
| Jim Fligg | Domenico Paglia |
| The family of | Christopher Parent |
| Linda Fitzhugh | Harry Patchell |
| Tom Freehan | The Power Family |
| Ali Frimpter | Carol Rodkey |
| Gary Gorran | Twila Rowe |
| Jake Hellihan | Metty Ryan |
| Kay Hurley | Robin Ryan |
| | Eleanor & Gary |
| | Shepherd |

Jim & Patty Shields
Deborah Smith
Liz Nowry Smith
Scott A. Smith
Alan Swailes
The Waskey Family
Kathy Whitcroft
Will & Heather & Family
Connie Wilson
Diana Woodward

It is with sadness that we share with you the death of VPC members, Virginia Chandley and Linda Fitzhugh. Please keep their families in your prayers. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed by the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Continue to pray for all who live in times of uncertainty and unrest, those suffering from the Covid-19 pandemic, those unemployed, and all in our country experiencing racial discourse and political division. Pray for people dealing with the effects of all the natural disasters occurring in the world. Pray for our church which provides comfort during these unprecedented times. Especially pray for peace and unity throughout the world. Amen.



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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