



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

WELCOME TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Just a few reminders as we gather together for in-person worship. The following guidelines have been established for the health and safety of our congregation:

- Bring an open heart, mind and spirit.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church.
- Masks are required and must cover your nose and mouth for the entire service.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet apart. Pews are marked to help.
- Please use the sliding glass doors at the porte-cochere for entry/exit.
- Ushers will seat you at the beginning of the service and dismiss by row following the postlude.
- There will be no congregational singing, however, you may join in the spoken responses with the liturgist.
- We use responsive or unison readings and prayers at different times. The leader will read the words in *italics*. The congregation reads the words in **bold print**.
- You are encouraged to take your bulletin home for reference. It contains a lot of information.
- The East and West wings are closed.
- Offering plates are in the Narthex. You may also donate online.
- Restrooms will be open however, please limit to 2 people at a time and keep the main doors propped open.



October 18, 2020

20th Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 99

¹ *The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² *The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.*

³ *Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!*

⁴ *Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.*

⁵ *Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!*

⁶ *Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.*

⁷ *He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.*

⁸ *O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.*

⁹ *Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.*



MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: Aria in F Major

G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Call to Worship

We are drawn to worship by a Reality unseen.

The One we call God is beyond human description.

God is more than we can ever imagine.

We sense God's presence as we meditate.

We are summoned by One who is just and merciful.

The Ruler of all worlds expects us to respond.

How amazing that God chooses us as messengers.

We know God is with us as we work for justice.

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

Please remain seated and enjoy as the soloist sings the hymn.

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| 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day. | 2. All Thy works with joy surround
Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee. | 3. Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life. |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Awesome God, how puny is our cleverness before the magnitude of your reality! How fleeting are our days measured against the far reaches of eternity! Yet we set our limited knowledge and restricted purposes against your will for us and presume to direct our own affairs and those of the whole world. O God, we are trapped in our pretensions. Turn us from our need for proof to extravagant praise. Turn us inside out so our self-interest becomes concern for all your neglected children. Suppress in us the sinful ways we find so difficult to manage on our own, that we may joyously render to you all that is already yours. Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

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.

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." ¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸ Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." ²¹ And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Solo: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Message

"A Matter of Joy "

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "He That is Down Need Fear No Fall" (*The Woodcutter's Song*)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1872-1958)

*He that is down need fear no fall; He that is low, no pride; He that is humble, ever shall Have God to be his Guide.
I am content with what I have, Little be it or much; And, Lord, contentment still I crave. Because thou savest such.
Fullness to such a burden is, That go on pilgrimage; Here little, and hereafter bliss, Is best from age to age.*

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 have gathered in community to worship God.

Now our service of praise continues in the world.

We have been equipped with the gospel message.

God empowers our outreach wherever we go.

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: Sortie

César Franck
(1822-1890)

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Mary Lynn Myers, 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

Ushers: We want to thank the following individuals for volunteering to usher during these uncertain times.

Rebecca Beavers, Karen Chappler, Nellie Cummins, Doug Dunn, Tim Hall, Jim Hawkins, Steve and Priscilla Kutler, Carolyn Magarro, George Morton, Terry Mountford, Jill Peterson, Jean Rawson, Harley Ruppert, Carol Schwiers, Joe Trees, Sue and Bill Van Fossen, Jerry Warnken and Rebecca Wheat.

Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita

Scripture Passages for the following week:

October 25, 2020—21st Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46



LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR heart
& WITH ALL YOUR soul
AND WITH ALL YOUR
mind.

MATTHEW 22:37

VPC NEWS

IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY—TODAY:

This new worship opportunity begins today, 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. You must sign up EACH week if you wish to attend. Call us (597-5410) if you need assistance of any kind.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

ZOOM IN FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR—This morning, Sunday, October 18, 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!

ZOOM LUNCH WITH YOUR PASTOR: All VPC members and friends are invited to join Pastor Rob for lunch every Tuesday 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR ROB:

Wednesdays—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:

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 series live streaming on Wednesday evenings October 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 21 go to: <https://pts.zoom.us/j/98689345918pwd=Rk1MeEg1b2N5Qy9yd1NoREhNUW9KQT09>
Passcode: 086047

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

TODAY—IS THE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:

From 9am—12pm. Walk-in donors MAY have a spot if you were unable to pre-register. 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. Thank you for helping save a life.

WANT TO GIVE SOMETHING FUN TO THE PRESCHOOL? 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. 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 \$51,584 to the fund and have disbursed \$46,440 to local charities to help with housing and hunger. Thank you in advance for your gift!



OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

VPC STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP:

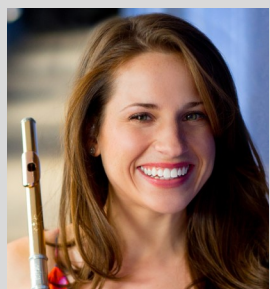


Know someone in need? Maybe you? Maybe a family member, friend or neighbor? Needs can be short-term or long-term...we want to help and are still available in these COVID-19 times! Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers that are a phone call or email away to walk beside you, listen and provide ongoing 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).



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
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!

*Judith Brown	10/18
Ron Davis	10/18
*Rod MacLeod	10/18
Marion Truax	10/18
Millie Bos	10/19
Michael Crosby	10/19
Sharon Doggett	10/19
John McMaster	10/23
Nancy Winemiller	10/24

***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!

Beth & Rob Marrow	10/21
Mary Ann & Ronald Kellogg	10/22
Herb & Peggy Paulsen	10/23
Farhat & Naseem Yousaf	10/23
Bill & Chloe Cornell	10/24
Peter DeBaun & Jill Peterson	10/24
Barbara & Chuck Henry	10/24



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.

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
Joan Elliott	Cassidy Otto & Family
Asia Rial Elsbree	Domenico Paglia
Jim Fligg	Christopher Parent
The family of	Harry Patchell
Linda Fitzhugh	The Power Family
Tom Freehan	Carol Rodkey
Ali Frimpter	Twila Rowe
Gary Gorran	Metty Ryan
Jake Hellihan	Robin Ryan
Kay Hurley	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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