



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 25, 2020

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 90

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³ You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

¹³ Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!



MATTHEW 22:37

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: "Trumpet Tune in D Major"

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)

Call to Worship

We gather together to hear stories of faith and courage.

Listen for the ways God has acted among us.

Our ancestors in the faith listened for God's word.

They dared to believe God's promises.

Many felt God's love in knowing Jesus.

They experienced a new relationship with neighbors.

We have come seeking community centered in Christ.

We want to feel God's presence as we worship.

Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is our God"

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

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| 1. A mighty fortress is our God. A bulwark never failing; Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal. | 4. That word above all earthy powers, No thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth; Let goods and kindred go. This mortal life also; The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever. |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we have missed your signs and wonders because we are so busy creating our own. Those around us who pretend to be your prophets offer little to which we aspire. Yet, we would pray with the psalmist, "Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so we may rejoice and be glad all our days." Where is the meaning we have missed in all our striving? Does Jesus hold the key when he says, "Love God with all your being," and "Love your neighbor as yourself"? O God, we long to make sense out of life. Help us to follow your way. Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

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

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Solo: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Chris Tomlin & Louis Giglio

(b. 1972) (b. 1958)

Prayer for Illumination**The New Testament Reading**

Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? ⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Message

"The Truth About God"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering**Offertory:** "Andante in G Minor"Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Tommaso Albinoni

(1671-1751)

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

Now we go out with courage, entrusted with the gospel.

We carry good news of God's love to our neighbors.

We will be gentle with others as God is gentle with us.

We offer tender care in the spirit of Jesus.

Alleluia.

Amen.

Benediction Response:

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Copyright 1955 by Jan-Lee Music. Renewed 1983. Used by permission.)

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: "Trumpet Voluntary in D Major"

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Jeremiah Clarke

(1674-1707)

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*

Jerry Grandey, *Liturgist*

Drake De Baun, *Christian Education Intern*

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.*

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet*

Matthew Sonneborn earned a B.M. degree from the New England Conservatory. Matt is in his 25th year as Principal Trumpet with the Naples Philharmonic. He has been a frequent soloist with the orchestra and with the Naples Philharmonic Brass Quintet. During the summers Sonneborn performs on occasion at the Grand Teton Music Festival, with the Baltimore Symphony and with the Colorado Music Festival. He has played under the direction of Leonard Bernstein, Seiji Ozawa, André Previn, Simon Rattle and Leonard Slatkin.

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Ushers: Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Doug Dunn, Jim Hawkins, Harley Ruppert, Joe Trees, Bill Van Fossen and Becky Wheat.

Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita

Scripture Passages for the following week:
November 1—All Saints' Day—22nd Sunday After Pentecost
First Reading: Revelations 7:9-17
Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12



VPC NEWS

IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

This new worship opportunity continues today 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 25, 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. The final day of the series is on Wednesday, October 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 28 go to: <https://pts.zoom.usj/98689345918pwd=Rk1MeEg1b2N5Qy9yd1NoREhNUW9KQT09>
Passcode: 086047

DON’T FORGET ABOUT THE VIRTUAL CONCERTS!

All the virtual concerts are available for your listening pleasure. Look under the Sermon Library at www.vpcnaples.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE VLC:

Most Fridays during drop-off (8:15-9am) and pick-up (12:15-1pm) a trio of musicians are playing for the children and parents as they go through the car line. These musicians are made up of the per-service wind players from the Naples Philharmonic who have been out of work since March. They do not know when they will be back at work and are struggling to find places to perform. Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church created a “Help Musicians Now” fund that is underwriting these pop-up performances

to help the musicians and to spread some joy in our community. If you would like to help underwrite this effort go to www.trinitybythecove.com—click on “donate” and pull down to “Help Musicians Now.” If you have any questions or would like to know the schedule of performances, please email Michele Byrd at mbyrd@vpcnaples.org.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE COVID-19 RELIEF FUND:

We have raised \$52,886 to help those most affected by the pandemic. Thus far, we have disbursed \$46,440 to local charities to help with housing and hunger. Thank you for your overwhelming kindness.

“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”

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!

***Many Thanks!* THE BLOOD DRIVE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**

Last Sunday, October 18 we held a Community Blood Drive and had 28 Donors Registered, 26 Units Collected and 78 Lives Saved! Thank you to all the donors! Save the date for our next blood drive—December 20, 2020!



PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

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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| Ann Gillis | 10/25 |
| *Devon Grider | 10/25 |
| Chuck Henry | 10/25 |
| Leslie Loughran | 10/25 |
| Jeremy Barber | 10/26 |
| Jason Heimberger | 10/26 |
| Ashley Lowe | 10/26 |
| Merle James Wylie | 10/26 |
| Shelby Gallo | 10/27 |
| *John Roth | 10/27 |
| Gregory Hudson | 10/28 |
| *Todd Truax | 10/28 |
| Everett Rowe | 10/29 |
| *Evangeline Mikes | 10/31 |



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.

***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!



PRAYER CONCERNS

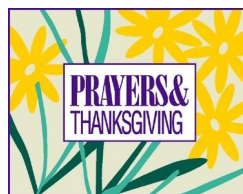
Please continue to hold in prayer our church family and friends facing illness, injury and hardship. If you have any joys and/or concerns, let us know as they are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. If you are hospitalized, please let the facility know you are a member or friend 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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| The Annunziata Family | The family of Linda Fitzhugh | Domenico Paglia |
| David Barrientos | Tom Freehan | Christopher Parent |
| Edna Benton | Ali Frimpter | Harry Patchell |
| Mary Brown and Family | Lynn Fischer | The Power Family |
| The Byrnes & Goldblatt Families | Gary Gorran | Carol Rodkey |
| Lilia Cagua | Jake Hellihan | Twila Rowe |
| Adriana Caruso | Paul Heroy | Metty Ryan |
| The family of Virginia Chandley | Kay Hurley | Robin Ryan |
| Mason Colby | Inspired Living at Bonita Springs | Eleanor & Gary Shepherd |
| Dick Creviston | Jack | Jim & Patty Shields |
| Vicky Crosby | Michael Jeskey | Deborah Smith |
| Margaret Degler | Sandra Johnson | Liz Nowry Smith |
| Dan Dorty | Bob Kassing | Scott A. Smith |
| David Elliott | LaDonna Lass | Alan Swailes |
| Joan Elliott | Judy Malone | The Waskey Family |
| Asia Rial Elsbree | Millicent Marshall | Kathy Whitcroft |
| Jim Fligg | Marilyn McKee | Will & Heather & Family |
| | Don Neer | Connie Wilson |
| | Matt Nulph | Diana Woodward |
| | Bonnie Olson | |
| | Cassidy Otto & Family | |

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.

Congratulations to Joyce Geary on the birth of her first great-granddaughter, Zafira Marie Ordanas 10/21/20

Parents: Caden Ordanas and Bella Toner



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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