

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 4, 2020

Worldwide Communion Sunday



Psalm 19:7-10

*⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: "Aria"

Andrew Snedeker, *Oboe*

Astor Piazzolla
(1921-1992)

Call to Celebration

*Summoned by love,
Beckoned by grace,
Invited to find rest.
Called to receive hope.
Welcomed into peace,
Ushered into silence,
Gentled into awe,
Blessed with joy.*

Prayer of Adoration

Eternal God, our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, we have gathered in this time and at this place to worship you. In your time you created all things, and wove into their fabric a yearning for fulfillment in you. It is this yearning within us which has pulled us here this morning. Take these moments, O Lord of time and space, and complete them in us, through your Holy Spirit. May our labor bring forth a new creation in you. This is your hour, Jesus, the Messiah, as we make the most of each precious moment. For in you we have gathered and in your name we pray. Amen

As members of "the priesthood of all believers" we take time for reflection on how we have carried out our priesthood.

1. Lord, we have come at Your own invitation,
Chosen by You, to be counted Your friends;
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication,
Ours a commitment we know never ends.
2. Here at Your table, confirm our intention,
Give it Your seal of forgiveness and grace;
Teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in Your kingdom, whatever our place.
3. When, at Your table, each time of returning,
Vows are renewed and our courage restored:
May we increasingly glory in learning
All that it means to accept You as Lord.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

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.**

Prayer of Illumination

Reading from the First Covenant (OT)

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12,20

¹ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹² Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reading from the Second Covenant (NT)

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴ Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Solo: "Domine Deus" from *Gloria*

Antonio Vivaldi

Michele Byrd, *Soprano* and Andrew Snedeker, *Oboe*

(1678-1741)

Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

Homily

"Resurrection Power"

The Rev. Dr. Louis S. Thompson

Offering

Offertory: "Eat This Bread"

Jacques Berthier

Michele Byrd, *Soprano* and Andrew Snedeker, *Oboe*

(1923-1994)

Prayers of the People

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Statement of Faith

From the 1984 Book of Confession

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion:

We give you thanks, Jesus, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Commission and Blessing

*As we go from this sacred encounter with our loving God, may we throw our arms around a friend that brings us a feeling of warmth and sense of being loved-
When children run in front of us laughing, playing-
When the air is fresh and clean, perhaps after a time of rain-
When a long-worked on project is successfully completed-
When we can articulate what we believe, and when our hearts burn within us with the love of God-
It is at moments like that, when joy begins to fill our heart and gratitude wells up with us,
that we know we are guided by your Spirit of love. Amen.*

Congregational Response:

“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!

Postlude: “Allegro”

Andrew Snedeker, *Oboe*

Benedetto Marcello
(1686-1739)

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Louis S. Thompson, *Parish Associate*

Heather Mikes, *Interim Director of Christian Education*

Suzanne Zelinka, *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.*

Andrew Snedeker, *oboe*

Andrew Snedeker, Co-Principal Oboe of the Naples Philharmonic, earned his B.M. degree from the Conservatory at Baldwin-Wallace College and his M.M. degree from the Ohio State University. Snedeker has performed with the Pro Musica Chamber Orchestra of Columbus, Ohio, the Miami Opera and the Royal Ballet of London, England. With pianist James Cochran and harpist Dickie Fleisher, he produced the compact disc *The Enchanting Oboe*. Snedeker has been a member of the Naples Philharmonic since 1989.

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita



Scripture Passages for the following week:

October 11, 2020—19th Sunday After Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Louis S. Thompson, *Parish Associate*

Rev. Melana Scruggs, General Presbyter,

Peace River Presbytery, *Guest Preacher*

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Second Reading: Luke 5:1-11

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 on Monday 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 4, 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 (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.

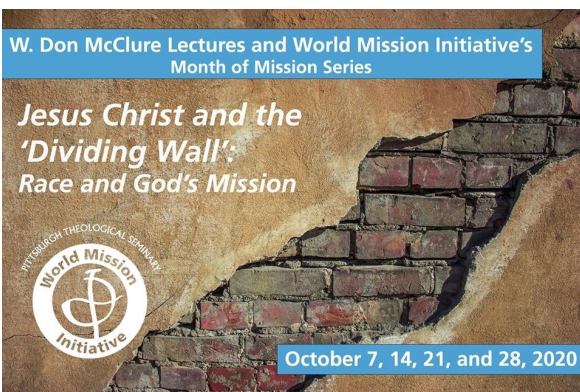


Lunch With the Pastor

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:

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 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 7:30 p.m. (ET) with nationally recognized speakers leading the conversation. You can register or learn more by visiting the website www.pts.edu/wmi-conference.

THE OCTOBER VIRTUAL CONCERT IS COMING SOON—SATURDAY OCTOBER 10!

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. Go to www.vpcnaples.org and look under Sermon Library.



OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, October 18, 2020 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.

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 \$50,934 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 more than \$1,500 in 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 for as long as anyone would like to provide them. Please visit the Amazon Wish list at

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ILXQTCIUMP6Tref_wl_share and select items to purchase. Choose to ship them directly to Pinecrest Elementary School (NOT to VPC).

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).



VIRTUAL COFFEE WITH VETS - PRESENTED BY AVOW:

Grab a cup of coffee and join us to share memories, experiences, and general conversation with other local veterans. Friday mornings 9:30am—10:30am. Join the conversation at: <https://bit.ly/3ksvAEl>. For more information, contact Mark Beland at 285-9300.



PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: August 2020:

	August	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$ 50,383	\$984,485	\$854,000
Expenses	\$ 87,071	\$721,892	\$795,800
Deo Mortgage Balance	8/31/2020	\$1,703,980	



*YOU will be
enriched in every
way to be
GENEROUS
in every way,
which ... will produce
Thanksgiving
to God.
2 Corinthians 9:11, ESV*

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. Grasseti
(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)

PRAY FOR OUR

MILITARY

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!

*Ruth Wade	10/3
Joyce Dersch	10/4
Karen Hill	10/4
Gregory Skrabonja	10/4
Chari Grove	10/5
*Finley Lee	10/5
Elizabeth Boutell	10/6
*Midge Wolgast	10/6
Bill Koppelkam	10/7
Rosemary Ufheil	10/7
Michael McDonough	10/8
Tom Teasdale	10/8
*Gloria Hagopian	10/10
Sherry Hardgrove	10/10
Jack Sheppard	10/10



Happy Anniversary!

Garry & Lois Pettegrove	10/3
Gregory & Laurin Skrabonja	10/6
Elaine & Tom Nale	10/7
Barbara & Russ Thomas	10/7

*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.

David Barrientos	Bob Kassing
Edna Benton	LaDonna Lass
Lilia Cagua	Judy Malone
Adriana Caruso	Marilyn McKee
Virginia Chandley	Don Neer
Dick Creviston	Matt Nulph
Vicky Crosby	Bonnie Olson
Margaret Degler	Cassidy Otto & Family
Dan Dorty	Domenico Paglia
Julie Eilers	Christopher Parent
David Elliott	Harry Patchell
Asia Rial Elsbree	The Power Family
Jim Fligg	Carol Rodkey
Tom Freehan	Twila Rowe
Ali Frimpter	Metty Ryan
Gary Gorran	Robin Ryan
Jake Hellihan	Eleanor & Gary
Kay Hurley	Shepherd
Inspired Living at Bonita Springs	Jim & Patty Shields
Jack	Deborah Smith
Michael Jeskey	Liz Nowry Smith
Sandra Johnson	Scott A. Smith
	Alan Swailes

The Waskey Family
Kathy Whitcroft
Will & Heather & Family
Connie Wilson

It is with sadness that we share with you the death of VPC affiliate member, Bill Faude, and Lucy Mikes, grandmother of Jason Mikes. 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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