



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.
- 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.

A Prayer to Honor Veterans

“God, please let every veteran of our nation’s armed forces feel truly and appropriately honored by the attention and appreciation of their fellow citizens. Let no one feel forgotten or neglected. Let every man and woman, young or old, feel the deep and enduring gratitude of our nation and its inhabitants. Amen”



*Veterans, we thank you
for your service.*

November 15, 2020
24th Sunday After Pentecost



The Parable of the Talents

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

William Steffe (1830-1890)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano* and Colin Gerlach, *Violin* arr. Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

Call to Worship

Lift up your eyes, seeking to know your God.

Attune your spirit to the One in whom we dwell.

God’s love surrounds us here today.

God calls us to be children of light.

Faithfulness gives us a sense of greater abundance.

Doing justice adds to our sense of worth and dignity.

We are here to build up one another.

May our worship encourage each of us today.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA

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

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.
2. O Savior, whose almighty word
The wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.
3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease,
And gave, for fierce confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.
4. O Trinity of love and power,
All travelers guard in danger’s hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe’er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We are reluctant to face your judgment, all-knowing God. We know we have not fully invested the talents you have entrusted to us. We hide them and hoard them, retreating into a false sense of security. We live in the nighttime of self-protection rather than in the light of full participation in loving, faithful service. We seek to escape your wrath by shrinking from life rather than investing ourselves in the tasks to which you call us. Have mercy on us, O God. We want to be children of the day—your day. Help us! Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

Henry Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

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

Psalm 123:1-4

¹ To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
² As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.
³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
⁴ Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Solo:** "Candler"Colin Gerlach, *Violin*Traditional Scottish Tune
arr. Betty Pursley**Prayer for Illumination****The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be

given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"The Flowing River of Grace"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "The Quiet Heart"

John Ness Beck

Michele Byrd, *Soprano* and Colin Gerlach, *Violin*

(1930-1987)

The quiet heart Knows the pace of kindness. The quiet heart Measures love in gentleness. The quiet heart Sees beauty in reality.

The quiet heart Survives in understanding. The quiet heart Waits in yearning patience To find the mind of God.

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

As another week unfolds, continue to look up.

Dare to invest yourself for the sake of others.

God will go with us to uplift our spirits.

We will pass on to others the encouragement God gives.

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: "Allegro" from Concerto in A Minor, Op 3, No. 6

Antonio Vivaldi

Colin Gerlach, *Violin*

(1678-1741)

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz, Parish Associate and Liturgist
for Thursday recording

Mary Lynn Myers, Liturgist for Sunday worship

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.*

Colin Gerlach, violin

Michele Byrd, Soprano

Greeters: Priscilla & Steve Kutler

Ushers: Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Karen Chappler, Tim Hall, Joe Trees, Bill Van Fossen, Sue Van Fossen, Becky Wheat

After Church Goodies: Jan Fern, Priscilla Kutler, Geri Payne, Jill & June Peterson

Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita

Scripture Passages for the following week:
November 22—Christ the King Sunday
First Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46



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.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

If you are looking for a church home in Naples and would like to find out more about Vanderbilt? We would love to tell you about our church and learn more about you. If you have any questions or would like to learn about membership options at VPC, please contact the church office (597-5410). Pastor Rob would love to talk with you!!



November Virtual Concert November 2020

Dickie Fleisher
and
Kayo Ishimaru-Fleisher, *Harp*



Kayo Ishimaru serves as principal harpist with Grant Park Symphony Orchestra since 1991, also enjoying her 31st season as principal harpist with the Jacksonville Symphony orchestra. A native of Osaka, Japan, Ms. Ishimaru began her musical studies on piano at age three, and transferred to harp at age ten. She continued her formal study at Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music. With a scholarship from the French

government, she studied at the renowned Paris Conservatory, where she was awarded the coveted Premier Prix.

Dickie Fleisher, principal harp in Naples Philharmonic since 1983, began studying the harp at the age of 10. His first teacher was his grandmother, Nettie Druzinsky, who was the accompanist for fan dancer Sally Rand. After graduating from the University of Miami, Fleisher joined the Naples Philharmonic and the Miami City Ballet orchestra. He is the son of pianist Leon Fleisher and nephew of Edward Druzinsky, former principal harpist with The Chicago Symphony. Fleisher's two sisters are harpists in Miami and Washington.

Ms. Ishimaru has written extensive duo harp arrangements with her husband Dickie Fleisher, and together they gave recitals in US, Europe and Japan. They also enjoy collecting harps, one of which is a prized harp that belonged to Harpo Marx and was featured in his movies.

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!

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.

ZOOM IN FOR 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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE VLC:

Most Fridays during drop-off (8-8:45am) 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.

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

We have raised \$56,211 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).

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. 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)

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!

Kathe Hall	11/15
Ben Hood	11/15
*Mary Giles	11/17
Dan Meeuwse	11/17
Janet Minch	11/17
*Linda Swihart	11/17
*Pete Rodino	11/20
*Wayne Firestone	11/21
Ruth Forsythe	11/21
Jake Jackson	11/21
*Tom Maish	11/21



***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!

Shirley Schwindt	11/15
Bruce & Heidi Stryker	11/18



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.

The Annunziata Family	Jake Hellihan	Domenico Paglia
David Barrientos	Charlie Henningsen	Christopher Parent
Edna Benton	Paul Heroy	Harry Patchell
Mary Brown and Family	Chloe Bell Indelicato	The Power Family
The Byrnes & Goldblatt Families	Inspired Living at Bonita Springs	Carol Rodkey
Lilia Cagua	Jack	Metty Ryan
Natalie Cantey	Michael Jeskey	Robin Ryan
Adriana Caruso	Sandra Johnson	Carol Schweirs
Mason Colby	Jonathan	Eleanor & Gary Shepherd
Pat Colby	Dennis Jones	Jim & Patty Shields
Pat Counts	Bob Kassing	Deborah Smith
Vicky Crosby	Brooke Kirchner	Liz Nowry Smith
Margaret Degler	LaDonna Lass	Scott A. Smith
Dan Dorty	Judy Malone	Arlene Sniffen
David Elliott	Millicent Marshall	Alan Swailes
Jim Fligg	Marilyn McKee	The Tetlak Family
Tom Freehan	Don Neer	The Waskey Family
Ali Frimpter	The Nelson & Sletto Families	Kathy Whitcroft
Gary Gorran	Matt Nulph	Will & Heather & Family
	Bonnie Olson	Connie Wilson
	Cassidy Otto & Family	Diana Woodward

Prayers for the earth and the people on the earth.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. 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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