

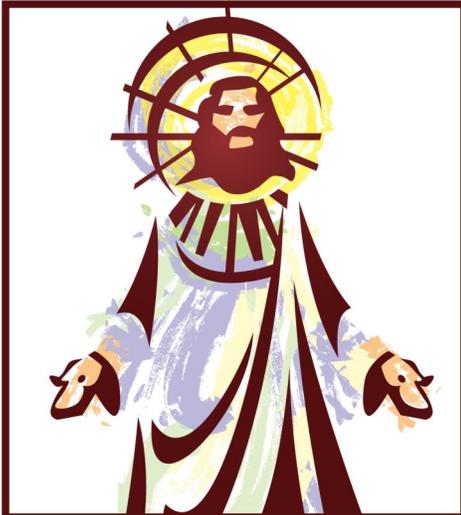


January 17, 2021

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

Psalm 139; 1-6, 13-18



“We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

JOHN 1:45, NRSV

- ¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end I am still with you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: Voluntary in C Major

Richard Peek
(1927-2005)

Call to Worship

God is calling. Do you not hear?

You are being called by name, for a purpose.

God, you have searched us and know us.

You discern our thoughts from far away.

Your words and your deeds are known to God.

You were known to God before you were born.

Your knowledge of us is more than we can understand.

Your thoughts embrace us amid all you have created.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

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

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| 1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer! | 2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer! | 3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge - Take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there. |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, our lives are an open book to you. Help us to recognize in ourselves what you have seen there. Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowledging our sin. Awaken in us a sorrow over the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. Create in us an earnest desire to change. O God, we are in touch with the pain we have caused and the pain within us. Because of your love and care, we can face and overcome the sins we here confess. 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 First Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹² "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³ "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and

make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷ But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "Kum Bah Ya"

David Curtiss, *Baritone*

arr. Patsy Ford Simms

(b. 1946)

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"It's Time to Follow Jesus"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "Diapason Movement"

William Boyce

(1711-1779)

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

Jesus said, "Follow me," so Philip followed.

Jesus says to us, "Follow me!" Will we follow?

We do not always know where Jesus will lead.

But we hear the call, and we intend to follow.

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: "Sent Forth with God's Blessing"

Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

*The flowers adorning the Chancel are donated in honor of
Steve and Priscilla Kutler's 58th Wedding Anniversary.*



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
Jim Muir, *Liturgist for virtual worship*
Molly Godley, *Liturgist for Sunday worship*
Heather Mikes, *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.

David Curtiss, *Baritone*
Greeters: Priscilla & Steve Kutler
Ushers: Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Jerry Warnken, Becky Wheat, Harley Ruppert, Nellie Cummins and Rebecca Beavers.
Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

January 24: Third Sunday After Epiphany

Old Testament: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Follow Me,
and I
will make you
become
fishers
of men.

Mark 1:17, NKJV

VPC NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Dr. Jonas & Christine Rockhold on the baptism of their daughter, Isabelle Rose, on Sunday, January 17, 2021.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

This 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 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.

CNC MEETING:

The Congregational Nominating Committee will have a Zoom meeting on Monday, January 18th at 7pm. If you need information about the meeting, please contact Dixie Bibb at: dixiebibb@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

ZOOM IN FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

This Sunday morning, 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!



VPC ZOOM PRAYER SERVICE FOR UNITY AND REMEMBRANCE:

You are invited to gather via Zoom at 5:20 pm on January 19, 2021 for a time of prayer. At 5:30 pm, we will pause to toll a bell as part of a national moment of unity and remembrance. We do this for those who have lost their lives to COVID-19 during the past year. This is planned as a time to honor those who have died, reflect on what has been one of the more challenging periods in the nation's history and renew our commitment to coming together as a nation.

ZOOM LUNCH WITH YOUR PASTOR AND BIBLE STUDY:

Tuesday at noon you can Zoom in and have lunch with Pastor Rob. Wednesday at 7pm is the Zoom Bible Study. Email Michele Byrd (mbyrd@vpcnaples.org) for the link to either meeting.

BOOK CLUB:

Happy New Year! We will meet on Zoom to discuss *The Only Woman in the Room*, by Marie Benedict, on Monday, January 18 at 1:30 pm. You can check out the discussion questions on line at Lit Lovers, Reading Group Guides, or Reading Group Choices. Please email Peggy Landon (mlandon711@gmail.com) to get the Zoom link.



WISDOM SEEKERS

Vanderbilt
Presbyterian Church

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE WISDOM SEEKERS!

This book discussion group is rooted in faith and connected by friendship, as they explore current affairs through topical authors. Participants will read "Our Time Is Now" by Stacey Abrams. Meetings resume via Zoom on January 20 and will continue on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 1:00pm until 2:00pm. **Zoom meeting ID: 840 1999 6652 Passcode: 837360.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

HELPS OUTREACH:

Helps Outreach, located at 2025 J & C Blvd. Naples, FL is a Christian based mission. Its focus is to provide assistance with basic needs to people in our community who cannot make it on their own on either a short or long term basis. Helps Outreach provides free food, clothing, furniture, household items and Christian ministry to all people. Donations can be dropped off Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM at their location. Volunteers to help sort and arrange donated items, pick up furniture, and assist clients in the office are always needed. To make a donation, please make checks payable to VPC and write Helps Outreach in the check memo line. All donations to Helps Outreach qualify as a tax deductible contribution under their 501(c)3 Public Charity Status. For additional information, or to volunteer contact Mission Team member Ruth Brinster at rbrinster@me.com visit www.helpsoutreachinc.org or contact Joe or Angie Valentini at helpsoutreach@hotmail.com or call: (239) 593-3226. Thank you!



CAFÉ OF LIFE:



VPC volunteers are invited to take part in a "Fruit Blessing" at Café of Life, Leitner Park, 26274 Nomad Drive, Bonita Springs at 9:30 am, on January 21, February 18, and March 18. Volunteers can drop the fruit off at the park or stay to help serve it. Please invite your friends to participate and to see for themselves how God can work through each one of us. Know that "surely the spirit of the Lord is in this place." To learn more about this beautiful volunteering opportunity, please contact Eliza Nevin at elizanevin@comcast.net

COLLIER HARVEST/FEED 5000:

On January 18, 2021, at 5:30 pm, Collier Harvest (Feed 5000) will have a packing event at their warehouse at 4451 Mercantile Avenue. Volunteers will pack 150 bags of food for the families of needy students from Golden Gate, East Naples, and Immokalee Middle Schools. The fare includes dry and canned goods. VPC has been participating in Collier Harvest packing events for years; it's such a great way to give back to the community! The event usually lasts about an hour. If you are available and would like to join us, please send an email to Cherie Baines (ctfl.baines@gmail.com) or call at 239-776-5652.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

VPC STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP:

Know someone in need? 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: November 2020:

| | November | YTD | Budget |
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| Operating Income | \$ 95,820 | \$1,176,634 | \$1,067,300 |
| Expenses | \$ 85,959 | \$1,006,262 | \$1,106,00 |
| Deo Mortgage Balance | 11/30/2020 | \$1,686,229 | |

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

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)

LCDR 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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| Helen Bechthold | 1/17 |
| Joe Doggett | 1/17 |
| John Weiss | 1/17 |
| Alexander Hobbs | 1/18 |
| Kay Hurley | 1/18 |
| *Dennis Smith | 1/18 |
| Annette Dietrich | 1/19 |
| Connor Smith | 1/19 |
| Lake Walton | 1/19 |
| *Carolyn Magarro | 1/20 |
| Sarah Smith | 1/20 |
| Melodie Esposito | 1/21 |
| *Jerry Warnken | 1/21 |

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| Connie Weiss | 1/21 |
| *Larissa Gibson | 1/22 |
| *Jim Muir | 1/22 |
| Elaine Nale | 1/22 |
| Drake DeBaun | 1/23 |
| Roman Monda | 1/23 |
| William Swenfurth | 1/23 |



Happy Anniversary!

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| Bud & Bee Getman | 1/18 |
| Priscilla & Steve Kutler | 1/19 |
| Michael & Nicole Smith | 1/19 |



*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.

Bayne Carew

Adriana Caruso

Dan Dorty

David Elliott

Jeffrey Elliott

Jim Fligg

Pattie Fruth

Quinten Hawkins

Inspired Living at Bonita Springs

Sandra Johnson

Dennis Jones

Judy Malone

Millicent Marshall

Mary Jo McMaster

Emily Orr

The Otto Family

Domenico Paglia

Lynne Schneider

Fred Schulz

Carol Schweirs

Deborah Smith

Liz Nowry Smith

The Yeomans Family

Former choir member, Bud

Meissner, passed away on

December 29th. Please keep

his wife, Judy, and his family

in your prayers.

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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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