



January 31, 2021

Fourth 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 111

¹ Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "Amazing Grace"

Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

Call to Worship

*Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised.
God's righteousness endures forever.*

We come together as a congregation of believers.

We give thanks to God with whole hearts.

Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom.

All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

Holy and awesome is God's name.

We call on God to empower our worship.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

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

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| 1. Praise ye the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration! | 2. Praise ye the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under
His wing, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth? | 3. Praise ye the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him. |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we have claimed to have more knowledge than we really possess. We have presumed to judge others on the basis of our limited understanding. We have grasped for freedom without taking full responsibility for our actions. Our witness is weak, and is directed primarily toward those with whom we prefer to associate. By our actions, some of our sisters and brothers are excluded, some are misled, and some are unjustly accused. If we have violated another's conscience, if we have caused someone to fall, we are deeply sorry. For failing to do all Christ expects of the church, we repent and seek your forgiveness. 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

Drake DeBaun

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

Deuteronomy 18:12-20

¹² For whoever does these things is abhorrent to the LORD; it is because of such abhorrent practices that the LORD your God is driving them out before you. ¹³ You must remain completely loyal to the LORD your God. ¹⁴ Although these nations that you are about to dispossess do give heed to soothsayers and diviners, as for you, the LORD your God does not permit you to do so.

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the

assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷ Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind"

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Traditional Scottish
arr. A.D. Miller (b. 1972)

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"Building Bridges"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "Pie Jesu" from Requiem

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Gabriel Fauré
(1845-1924)

*This piece is sung in memory of Patricia Fors.
Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant them eternal rest.*

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

God will supply us with words for our witness.

We will be led to offer others appropriate help.

All honor and majesty and glory be to God!

May we never stop praising God with our lives!

Alleluia!

Amen.

Benediction Response:

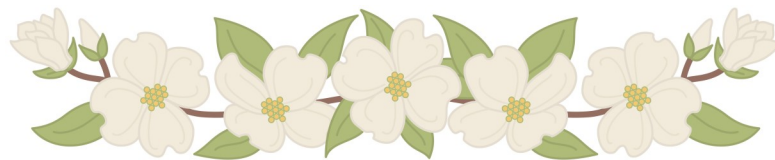
“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

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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: “Chaconne in D Minor”

Louis Couperin, le Grand
(1668-1733)



**The flowers on the chancel are donated in Celebration
of Sally Muir's birthday by her loving husband, Jim.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
Suzanne Zelinka, *Liturgist for virtual worship*
Sue Van Fossen, *Liturgist for Sunday worship*
Drake DeBaun, *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.

Michele Byrd, *Soprano for virtual worship*
David Curtiss, *Baritone for Sunday worship*
Greeters: Priscilla & Steve Kutler
Ushers: Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Sue Van Fossen, Bill Van Fossen, Karen Chappler, Tom Maish, and Harley Ruppert.
Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

February 7: Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:27-31

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39

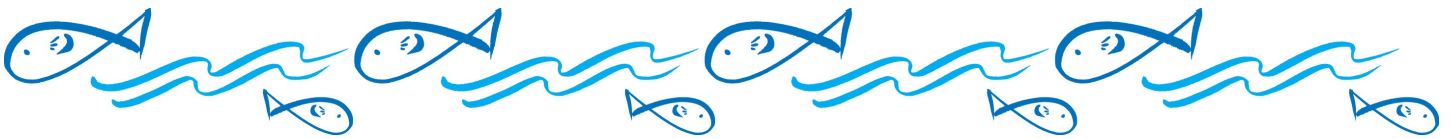
VPC NEWS

IN-PERSON WORSHIP:

As we continue to navigate our Sunday morning worship services, it is important that we have a good handle on the number of people planning to attend. Each week, emails are sent with instructions on how to register online, or you may always call the church office (597-5410) during the weekdays, to sign-up. It is important that you sign up **EACH** week if you plan to attend the in-person worship service. With the influx of seasonal residents and guests, we need to be sure that we are mindful of the number of people that are coming into the building. If your plans change before 3pm on Friday, please call and let us know to remove your name from the list. Thank you for your help. We want a healthy worship environment for everyone to be safe and enjoy the service.

INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

Pastor Rob invites you to learn more about being a Presbyterian and especially Vanderbilt (VPC). Join him for an informal exchange and information session via **ZOOM** on **Tuesday, February 23 at 7pm**. Please register by calling the church **597-5410**. We will send you the ZOOM link ahead of time.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

ZOOM IN FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

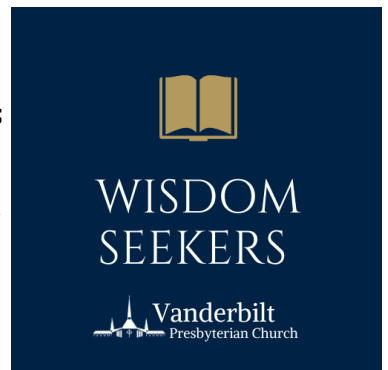
This Sunday morning, from 11—11:30am, join the meeting to connect with your fellow church members. The **Meeting ID is: 896 7928 1614** and the **password is 4Wp4kK**. Missing your church family? Zoom in to say HI! We hope to see you there!

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.

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 are via Zoom 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

SAVE A LIFE....SIGN UP FOR THE BLOOD DRIVE:

Sunday, February 14th from 9 am - 12 pm. Call the church to schedule a time: 597-5410. All FDA & CDC guidelines are being followed. Donors are required to bring & wear face masks. Photo ID is required. Eat a meal before donating & be well hydrated. Thank you for your donation!



WEEKEND POWER PACK



On Wednesday, February 3, 2021 *VPC volunteers are needed* to pack 120 bags of food for homeless children or those living at poverty level as part of the Weekend Power Pack Program. The bags are packed outside in the Baines' home courtyard, and everyone wears masks. The packing takes about an hour. Weekly, students in the program, receive a bag containing two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, and four snacks. The school guidance counselor puts the "power pack" in their backpack before leaving school for the weekend. Please contact Cherie Baines at ctfl.baines@gmail.com or 239-776-5652 for more information or to volunteer. To donate, please make the check to VPC and write "Powerpack" on the memo line. Thank you!

DON'T PASS YOUR CHANCE TO TACKLE HUNGER WITH US!

It's time for the Annual Souper Bowl of Caring! Each year, our youth work on a special service project collecting monetary contributions and canned food donations to tackle hunger! On Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, 2021, our youth will be collecting donations outside, under the porte-cochere following the 10:00 a.m. in-person worship service. If you worship with us virtually, you can mail checks to the church office indicating "Souper Bowl" in the memo or donate online at www.vpcnaples.org through February 28, 2021. Your generous gifts will offer care to those in our community struggling with food and housing insecurities. Please support their efforts in this worthy event!



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).

ARE YOU IN NEED OF SOME SUPPORT?

Avow offers many support groups for our community. They have offerings for adults and children. If you need more information, check the website www.avowcares.org. Also, the calendars were sent out in the most recent Epistle email.



FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: December 2020:

	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$1,308,364	\$1,219,000
Expenses	\$1,198,809	\$1,219,000
Deo Mortgage Balance	12/31/2020	\$1,677,940



In everything
give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB

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!

*Sally Muir	1/31
*Cindi Schock	1/31
Sheetal Yousaf	1/31
Pat Counts	2/1
Kaylee Smith	2/1
Meryl Berger	2/2
Dennis Lebo	2/2
Roberta McMaster	2/2
Don Neer	2/3

Donna Tutton	2/3
Ben Mitchell	2/4
Molly Cochran	2/6
*Sandy Erdman	2/6
*Elsie Fessler	2/6
Andrew Loughran	2/6
Nancy Ozard	2/6

***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!

James & Linda McDonald	2/4
Karen & Wayne Rockenbach	2/5
Shirley & David Daugherty	2/6



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	Mary Alice Rue
Adriana Caruso	Lynne Schneider
Dan Dorty	Fred Schulz
Jeffrey Elliott	Carol Schweirs
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Ron Sieling
Jim Fligg	Deborah Smith
Pattie Fruth	Liz Nowry Smith
Quinten Hawkins	The Yeomans Family
Inspired Living at Bonita Springs	
Sandra Johnson	
Dennis Jones	
Judy Malone	
Millicent Marshall	
Mary Jo McMaster	
Don Neer	
Emily Orr	
The Otto Family	
Domenico Paglia	
The Parker Family	

We are saddened to report the death of Louise Infanti. Louise passed away on January 20th at the age of 104. She was an affiliate member of Vanderbilt for the thirty-six years. Please keep her family in your prayers.

We are saddened to report the death of Patricia Fors. Pat joined the Church Triumphant on January 24, 2021. Pat and her late husband, Dick, were instrumental in the Deo Gloria project and the funding of the Lively Fulcher Organ. She served as an Usher, Deacon and Elder and gave selflessly of her time, treasure and talent to the church. Arrangements will be private, for family only. Please keep her family in your prayers. Memorial gifts in Pat's name can be made to Habitat for Humanity.

Please keep Joan Elliott in your prayers on the death of her son, David.



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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