



February 7, 2021

Fifth 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.



Psalms 147 1-11, 20c

- ¹ Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
- ² The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- ³ He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴ He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
- ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
- ⁶ The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.
- ⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.
- ⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.
- ⁹ He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.
- ¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
- ¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- ²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "Shall We Gather at the River"

Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

Call to Worship

Worship God, who is from everlasting to everlasting!

The God of creation does not faint or grow weary.

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How expansive is God's understanding of us!

Sing to God with great thanksgiving.

Praise God with the best you have to offer.

We lift up our eyes to see God's wonders.

We open our ears to receive God's message.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

FINEST WHEAT

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

Refrain:

You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your family, Lord.
We follow and rejoice.

Refrain

2. With joyful lips we sing to You
Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heavenly food.

Refrain

3. Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord?

Refrain

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Who are we to claim equality with you, Ruler of all worlds? Yet we try to order you around when it is we who should be taking orders. At times, we act as if we can get along without you. In our church, we often pretend that we don't need other congregations. We hoard the gospel as if it were our possession, and thus we do not follow its mandates. We bend your law to our own whims and then excuse our disobedience. Forgive us, God. We are not worthy to carry the name of Christ. Restore us to yourself, we pray. 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

Isaiah 40:27-31

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "O Taste and See"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"Take Time to Pray"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "Lord, to Thee do I Lift My Soul"

Antonio Vivaldi

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1678-1741)

Lord, to Thee do I lift my soul for comfort,

For Thou, O Lord, art kind and Thy mercy is great.

Give ear to my prayer, O Lord, my God, Ponder the voice of my desires,

In time of trouble I call upon Thee. Lord give ear to my prayer.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Loving and Gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

Commission and Blessing

Go out to serve. Someone needs you today.

What you have to give will be helpful to someone.

We pray God will open our eyes to needs around us.

We will look for ways to be helpful.

Alleluia!

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

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

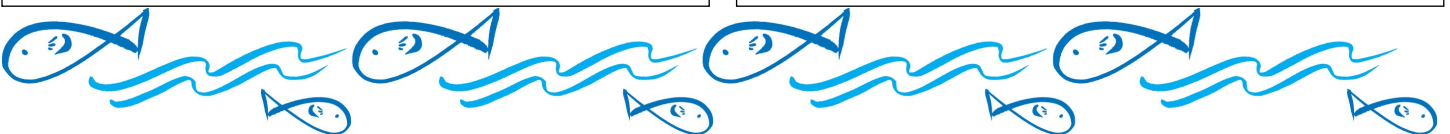
Postlude: "Prelude in Classic Style"

Gordon Young
(1919-1998)

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
Jim Muir, *Liturgist for virtual worship*
Rev. Louis S. Thompson, *Parish Associate & 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.

Michele Byrd, *Soprano for virtual worship*
David Curtiss, *Baritone for Sunday worship*
Greeters: Priscilla & Steve Kutler
Ushers: Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Jean Rawson, Rebecca Beavers, Nellie Cummins, Molly Godley, and Rebecca Wheat
Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita





SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

February 14: Transfiguration of the Lord

Psalm: 50:1-6

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL SERVICE:

Prepare for the season of Lent by joining our Virtual Worship Service on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. You will receive an email on the 17th with the link to watch the service or you can go directly to our website, www.vpcnaples.org and look under the Sermon Library. On Sunday, February 14, following the 10 am in-person worship service, you will have the opportunity to pick up a cup with communion and individual ashes for your use for the Ash Wednesday service. If you cannot come on the 14th, we will have cups available, by the front desk, during office hours (9am-4pm), on Monday, 2/15, and Tuesday, 2/16. Call the office (597-5410) with any questions.



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:

If you would like to honor a loved one or celebrate a special event, consider donating the flowers that adorn our sanctuary during worship. We have many dates available. Call or email Barbara Bonavita for more information (597-5410 or bbonavita@vpcnaples.org).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

ZOOM IN FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

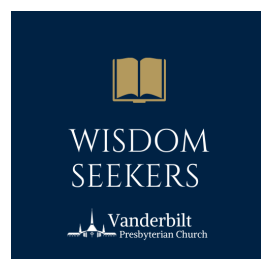
This Sunday morning, from 11—11:30am, join the meeting to connect with your fellow church members. The **Meeting ID is: 896 7928 1614** and the **password is 4Wp4kK**. We hope to see you there!

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.

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.**



Monday, February 15 at 1:30pm—VPC BOOK CLUB will meet again by Zoom to discuss “*Rules of Civility*” by Amor Towles. As usual, please email PEGGY LANDON at mlandon711@gmail.com if you are planning to join the discussion. A link to join the Zoom meeting will be sent out few days before with a reminder. If you do not receive the link, please email Peggy or call 239-594-0847 and leave a message.

WHOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY EVENT:



Neuroplasticity & Brain Health—Friday, February 12, 2021 at 10AM— via Zoom featuring, Dr. Joseph Bandeira, MD. Neuroplasticity is the ability of neural networks in the brain to change through growth and reorganization. Neuroplasticity explains how the human brain is able to adapt, master new skills, store memories and information and even recover after a traumatic brain injury. Join the Health Team as we hear from Dr. Bandeira just how this happens and what we ourselves can do for healthy brain aging.

Meeting ID: 897 6635 0951—Passcode: 477410

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89766350951?pwd=VGhtUXhyR3hsOU5COHlvOUFBN21Kdz09>.

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!



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!

COLLIER HARVEST/FEED 5000:

On February 15, 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 in our community. The fare includes dry and canned goods. 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 to volunteer. To donate please make your check out to VPC and in the memo line put Collier Harvest. 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 February 18, and March 18. Volunteers can drop the fruit off at the park or stay to help serve it. To learn more contact Eliza Nevin at elizanevin@comcast.net. To donate please make your check out to VPC and in the memo line put Café of Life Thank you!

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. 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: 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)

MAJ Allen Fujinaka

US Army
(LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)

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



Happy Birthday!

Julie Carver	2/7
*P.J. Mahoney	2/7
Amanda Schilling	2/7
Douglas Wilson	2/8
Nicholas Barkley	2/10
Jean Suci	2/10
*Jim Cochran	2/11

Sonja Cookson	2/11
Susanne Pender	2/11
Ernie Sartorius	2/11
*Walter Lee	2/12
*Mason Colby	2/13

***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!

Kevin & Odamis Houston	2/7
Jack & Rosemary Ufheil	2/8
Eleanor & Hans Hoppner	2/9
Buck & Vicki Evans	2/11



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.



Joyce Bibb	The Otto Family
Bayne Carew	Domenico Paglia
Adriana Caruso	The Parker Family
Dan Dorthy	Lynne Schneider
Frank Duggan	Fred Schulz
Jeffrey Elliott	Carol Schwiars
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Ron Sieling
Jim Fligg	Deborah Smith
Pattie Fruth	Liz Nowry Smith
Quinten Hawkins	Patricia Smith
Inspired Living at Bonita Springs	Ann West
Sandra Johnson	The Yeomans Family
Dennis Jones	
Karen	
Judy Malone	
Millicent Marshall	
Mary Jo McMaster	
Don Neer	
Emily Orr	



We are saddened to report the death of Mary Alice Rue. Mary Alice joined the Church Triumphant on January 29, 2021 at the age of 92. Mary Alice was a faithful member of Vanderbilt for over eighteen years. Arrangements will be private, for family only. Please keep her family in your prayers.

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. 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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