

Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Psalm 98

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

² The LORD has made known his victory;

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: "Fugue in D Minor"

Pierre Du Mage
(ca. 1676 – 1751)

Call to Worship

Come all who are born of God.

Abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

We come in response to the one who calls us friends.

We are here in obedience to Christ's command.

Sing a new song to God who does marvelous things.

Obey God's commandments which are not burdensome.

We clap our hands and sing for joy.

We live by faith that conquers the world.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: "Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

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

1. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ,
our King;
Heirs of salvation,
Trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's
praises we sing.

2. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ,
our King;
One with His rising,
Freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's
praises we sing.

3. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ,
our King;
Born of the Spirit,
We are God's children,
Joyfully now
praises we sing.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, we confess to you our unloving thoughts and deeds. We live by standards that we bend and break in our own favor, while ignoring the commandments you have given. We find it hard to love everyone, for so many act in unloving ways. It is easier to treat people as things than to listen for their needs. We withhold ourselves rather than offer our lives, even for our friends. We hoard the gifts you entrust to us instead of letting them bear fruit for you. Cleanse us from these destructive ways, freeing us to love as you have loved us, we pray in Jesus' name. 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.

First Scripture Reading

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "If Ye Love Me"

Thomas Tallis
(1505-1585)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"The First and the Last Word is Love"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "I Give to you a New Commandment"

Peter Nardone
(b. 1965)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

I give to you a new commandment, a new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you. Amen.

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

Friends of Christ, carry God's love into the world.

You have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

May the Holy Spirit inspire our words.

May God's love in Christ empower our deeds.

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: "Plein Jeu in D Minor"

Du Mage

Please remain seated until the end of the Postlude.



The flowers on the chancel are donated in loving memory of Ethel Burlingham Lea & Charlene Muir, our Mothers, by Sally & Jim Muir.
and
in loving memory of Bill Faude by his Family.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
Susie Hilton, *Liturgist for virtual worship*
Molly Godley, *Liturgist for Sunday worship*
Dr. James Cochran, *Director of Music*, playing the
Richard and Patricia Fors Organ given to the
glory of God and in honor of James Cochran,
Organist.
Heather Mikes, *Director of Christian Education*

Michele Byrd, *Soprano for virtual worship*
Sherry Hardgrove, *Soprano for Sunday worship*
Greeters: Priscilla & Steve Kutler
Ushers: Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin
(*Head Ushers*), Steve & Priscilla Kutler, Sue & Bill
Van Fossen, Joe Trees, Doug Dunn, Jean Rawson
Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

May 16: Seventh Sunday of Easter
First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19

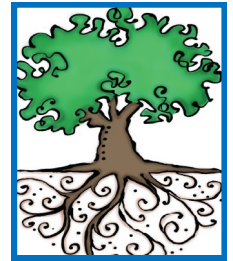


VPC NEWS

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. If your plans change before 3pm on Friday, please call and let us know.

REMEMBER...WE ARE ROOTED IN FAITH AND GROUNDED IN LOVE!

Please help us to follow the mandates for safe worship at VPC. As a reminder, we continue to follow the recommendations of the CDC, including wearing masks and maintaining a 3-foot social distance between family units. As always, you may watch the worship service anytime via our website. Each person has a different level of comfort when it comes to gathering together as the Body of Christ. We are doing everything we can to make sure that all our members are comfortable and feel supported and loved.



REMINDERS: As we continue to follow safety guidelines for our in-person worship services, *please* remember to take your bulletins home, *please* take anything that you bring into the sanctuary (water bottles, purses, tissues, etc.) and at the end of the service, *please* wait to be dismissed by the ushers. We are trying to be mindful of everyone's safety, so remember we are rooted in faith and grounded in love.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Congregational Nominating Committee has called a meeting of the congregation on **May 16, 2021** for the purpose of electing a Deacon to fill an unexpired term. The meeting will be held live, in-person in the Sanctuary at 11 am immediately following the 10 am service.

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!

ARE YOU HEADED NORTH FOR THE SUMMER? If your plans include leaving Naples for the summer, please call or email the office to let us know so we can change your address (597-5410 or bbonavita@vpcnaples.org.) We are also collecting non-perishable food donations!

HELP US CELEBRATE GRADUATES! If you have a senior graduating from high school, college, grad school or beyond, we want to help mark these significant educational milestones. This includes grandchildren! Also, if you have a student moving up from preschool, kindergarten, fifth grade or eighth grade, we need to hear from you, too! Send us a picture and short paragraph, so we can honor them. Please email submissions to Drake DeBaun at ddebaun@vpcnaples.org by May 28.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

ZOOM LUNCH WITH YOUR PASTOR AND BIBLE STUDY: Join us for lunch or Bible Study....or both! Tuesday at noon, have lunch with Pastor Rob. Wednesday at 7pm is the Zoom Bible Study.



SUMMER STUDY INVITE: Friends in Faith is a caring group of women who support one another through study, prayer and friendship, as they explore God's word together. The group has concluded their Spring session and will resume on July 14 with a very special summer session. Meetings are held via Zoom on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month from 10:00-11:30am. All ladies are welcome to come read and discuss "Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament" by P. Lynn Miller. We will be ordering books for pick up in the church office. The cost is \$10. Please let us know if you are interested by contacting Barbara Bonavita at (239) 597-5410 or bbonavita@vpcnaples.org before May 24.

WISDOM SEEKERS: This book discussion group is rooted in faith and connected by friendship, as they explore current affairs through topical authors. The spring session concluded in April. However, each member of the group is currently reading a book of their choosing to bring to the table for review and discussion at a monthly lunch gathering this summer on June 2 and July 7. All are welcome. We understand many of us may have conflicts over the summer, so please feel free to join the group on an ad hoc basis. For more information email Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org.



WISDOM SEEKERS

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OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WITH MISSIONS

COLLIER HARVEST/FEED 5000: On **Monday, May 17, at 5:30 pm, Collier Harvest** (Feed 5000) will have the last packing event until August. Volunteers will pack 150 bags of food for the families of needy students at their warehouse at 4451 Mercantile Avenue. The fare includes dry and can goods. VPC has been participating in Collier Harvest packing events for years. The event usually lasts about an hour. Please send an email to Cherie Baines (ctfl.baines@gmail.com) if you are available to help!



WEEKEND POWER PACK: Donations are needed to support the Weekend Power Pack Program for the 2021-2022 school year. We are approximately \$2,000 short to fund this program (beginning in August). Weekend Power Pack provides 40 - 45 Collier County school-aged children who are homeless or those living in poverty with food on the weekends during the school year. VPC volunteers shop, transport, sort, and bag food for families in need. Please make checks payable to VPC and indicate "Weekend Power Pack" in the notes section of the check, or on the envelope if you donate cash. Contact Cherie Baines at (239-776-5652) to volunteer or for more information.



HELPS OUTREACH: Please donate nonperishable food to Helps Outreach by dropping it off at VPC or taking it to Helps Outreach, 2025 J & C Blvd. Especially needed are canned tuna, salmon, chicken, fruit, peanut butter, diapers, and women's hygiene products. Donations can be dropped off at Helps on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Also, volunteers are needed to help sort and arrange donated items, pick up furniture, and assist clients in the office. Contact Joe or Angie Valentini helpsoutreach@hotmail.com (239) 593-3226.



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 Coordinator: Kay Beernink at 239-238-1526 (leskaybee@aol.com).



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Thank you to all the mother's in our lives. You are **LOVED!**

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

1 Corinthians 13

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: March 2021:

	March	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$107,986	\$ 360,057	\$1,363,000
Expenses	\$ 74,072	\$ 282,377	\$1,363,000
Deo Mortgage Balance	3/31/2021	\$1,661,243	

You will be enriched
in every way to be
generous in every way.
which through us will
produce thanksgiving
to God.
2 Corinthians 9:11

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)

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)

PRAY FOR OUR

MILITARY

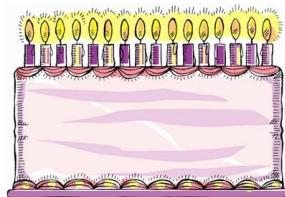


***Birthday Club Members**

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 Birthday!

*Leah Ray	5/9
Harley Ruppert	5/9
Mary Hart	5/10
Zach Woodring	5/10
Victoria Franklin	5/11
Karen Chappler	5/12
Lane Raskauskas	5/12
Aiden Bowman	5/13
Steve Blad	5/14
*Jean Dugan	5/14
Laura Piipponen	5/14
*Mary Bender	5/15
*Jim Shields	5/15



Celebrating
-WITH-
you

Happy Anniversary!

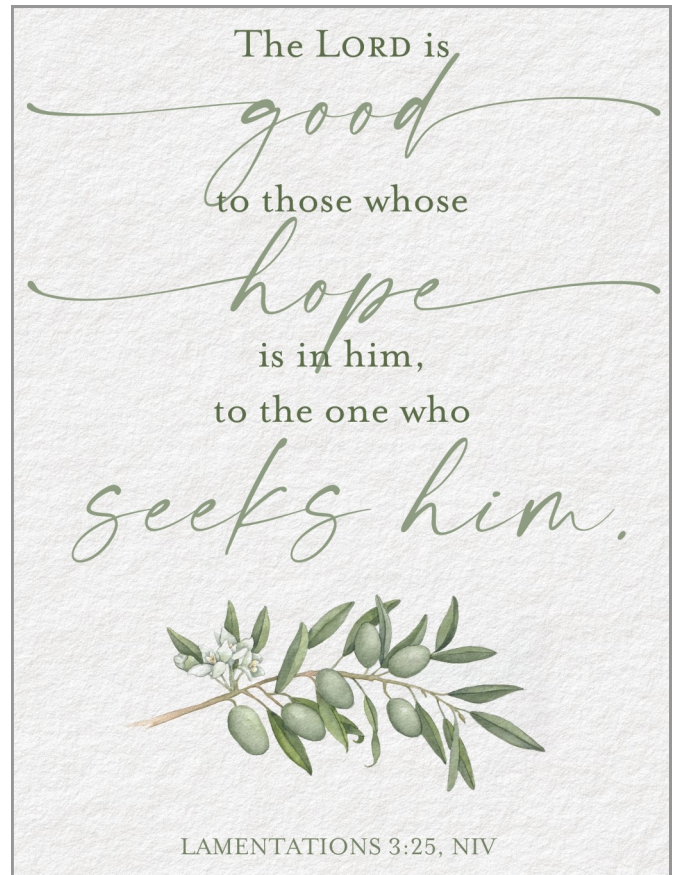
Larissa & David Gibson	5/11
Marian & Bill Cattrell	5/12



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.

Greta Birnbaum	Don Neer
Adriana Caruso	Emily Orr
Dick Creviston	Jonathan Orr
Gretchen Davison	Domenico Paglia
Dick Dahnke	Bruce Reyher
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Twila Rowe
Jim Fligg	Ernie Sartorius
Ali Frimpter	Frank Schmitt
The Frimpter Family	Carol Schwiers
Pattie Fruth	Sid Showalter
Lori Godwin	Ron Sieling
Donna Goldblatt	Deborah Smith
Richard Grunert	Liz Nowry Smith
Quinten Hawkins	John Spain
Kay Hurley	Alexandra Sze &
Inspired Living at	Baby Luca Ryan
Bonita Springs	Lake Walton
Sandra Johnson	
Larry MacDonald	
Judy Malone	
Joanna McNally	



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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