

Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 18, 2021
The Eighth Sunday
After Pentecost



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

Welcome to Vanderbilt! We rejoice that you are here to worship God with us. Please ask an usher if assistance is needed. As a courtesy to others, please remember to turn off cell phones during the service. The asterisk (*) in the bulletin indicates that the congregation is asked to stand as able. 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**.

Announcements

Prelude: "Ode to Joy"

Ludwig van Beethoven

Samantha Manring, *Clarinet*

(1770-1827)

"Goin' Home"

Antonín Dvořák

Reed Riashi, *Piano*

(1841-1904)

* Call to Worship

Come away and rest for a while.

Leave behind your busyness to be fully present to God.

We have come for relief from life's turmoil.

God gathers us as a shepherd gathers her sheep.

God's steadfast love surrounds us here.

We are reminded of God's enduring faithfulness.

This is God's house, and we are God's children.

God invites us to feel at home in this place.

Let us worship God.

* **Hymn:** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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| <p>1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
 Whose goodness faileth never;
 I nothing lack if I am His
 And He is mine forever.</p> <p>2. Where streams of living water flow
 My ransomed soul He leadeth,
 And where the verdant pastures grow,
 With food celestial feedeth.</p> <p>3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
 But yet in love He sought me,
 And on His shoulder gently laid,
 And home, rejoicing, brought me.</p> | <p>4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before to guide me.</p> <p>5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 Thy unction grace bestoweth;
 And O what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!</p> <p>6. And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever.</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all times and places, we confess that we have wandered after the false gods of this age. We have disobeyed your commandments, violated your covenant with us, and forsaken your ways. We have denied our need for you and mistreated those whom you have called us to love. We have become strangers and aliens, plagued by false values that squeeze life from our souls. Loving Parent, hear your penitent children, and let us come home, 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

Anthem: "This Little Light of Mine"

Traditional

Children & Youth Choir & Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! Don't let anyone blow it out!

Prayer for Illumination

The McDonough Family

The First Reading

Psalm 23:1-6

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**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 Gospel Reading

John 10:7-18

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "God is My Shepherd"

Dvořák

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

God is my Shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows, He leadeth me where quiet waters flow! My fainting soul doth He restore, And guideth me in the ways of peace To glorify His Name. And though in death's dark valley My steps must wander, My spirit shall not fear, For Thou art by me still; Thy rod and staff are with me, And they shall comfort me.

Message

"We Need a Shepherd Like That"

Rev. Dr. Winston Lawson

*** Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

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.

Offering

Offertory: "Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep"

Philip Ledger

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1937)

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, Keep thy lamb, in safety keep; Nothing can thy power withstand, None can pluck me from thy hand. I would praise thee every day, Gladly all thy will obey, Like thy blessed ones above Happy in thy precious love. Loving Shepherd, ever near, Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear; Suffer not my steps to stray From the straight and narrow way. Where thou leadest I would go, Walking in thy steps below, Till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

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.

* Hymn: "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

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1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
2. My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
4. My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

* Benediction

* 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: "Partita on Christ Our Lord Overcame Death"

Johann Gottfried Walther
(1684-1748)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.



The flowers on the Chancel are
donated in loving memory of
my sister, Joyce Behringer, on
her birthday, July 21st,
by Nancy Guthy.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Winston Lawson, *Guest Pastor*
Mary Lynn Myers, *Liturgist for virtual worship*
Riley Mikes, *Youth Liturgist for worship*
Suzanne Zelinka, *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*
Reed Riashi, Acolyte

Michele Byrd, *Soprano for virtual worship*
Chris Wood, *Tenor for Sunday worship*
Children & Youth Choir, *for worship*
The Chancel Choir, *for Sunday worship*
Family Greeters: The Klein Family
Greeters: Ruth Felipe and Jean Hahm
Ushers: Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Sue & Bill Van Fossen, Nancy Guthy, Joe Trees and Tim Hall
Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

July 25: 9th Sunday After Pentecost
First Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel Reading: John 6:1-21

Then Jesus took the loaves,
and when he had given thanks,
he distributed them to those
who were seated; so also the fish,
as much as they wanted.



VPC NEWS

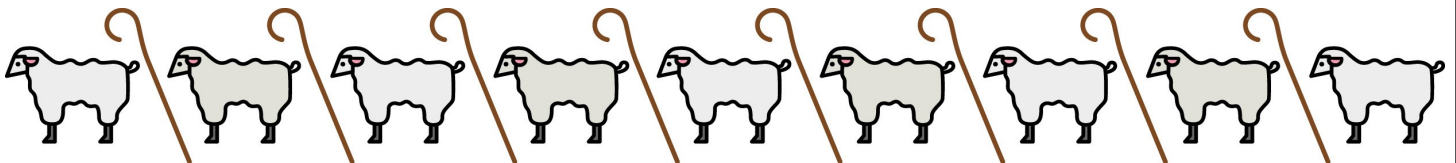
PASTOR ROB IS ON VACATION:

Pastor Rob is on vacation until July 19th. If you have any pastoral concerns, call the church office at 597-5410 or email Lisa Lloyd (llloyd@vpcnaples.org). Dr. Louis Thompson is available for pastoral needs while Rob is on a much deserved break.



OUR GUEST PREACHER for Sunday, July 18 will be The Rev. Dr. Winston Lawson from Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers. After completing Seminary training in Jamaica in 1967, Winston spent a year at the University of Winnipeg, Canada doing a yearlong internship for the World Student Christian

Federation, in preparation for becoming the General Secretary of Student Christian Movement in Jamaica. Since then, Winston did graduate studies at Pittsburgh seminary in PA, served the denomination at the General Assembly level, and churches in Atlanta, GA, Columbia, SC, Jackson, KY, and Tuscaloosa, AL. In 1992 Winston completed his Ph.D. in Social History at the University of the West Indies, in Kingston, JA. In 2001, Winston was called to the pastorate of Hillside Presbyterian Church in Decatur, GA, from which he retired after 14 years in 2014 to move to Lehigh Acres, where he served a one year Interim-ship at First Presbyterian, before becoming Parish Associate at Covenant, as an honorably retired minister in Peace River Presbytery, where he is now is a member of the Partnership Task Force on Cuba. Lawson has been married to Dr. Verona Lawson for 53 years, with whom he shares 2 grown children and 3 grandchildren.



OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

VPC BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING SUPPLIES FOR PINECREST ELEMENTARY:



Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is collecting school supplies for teachers, staff, students and families at Pinecrest Elementary School located in Immokalee, Florida. Immokalee is a rural farming community just forty miles from the resorts and beaches of Naples. Home to many immigrant and migrant families who work the fields and packing houses, Immokalee is a small community in Southwest Florida with good people that work hard and try to provide for their families. Please visit the Amazon Wish list at the link below and select items to purchase. Choose to ship them directly to Pinecrest Elementary School (NOT to VPC) between now and August 15. If you don't have access to Amazon shopping and would still like to help, you can also make a monetary contribution. Mail a check to VPC or go online to give www.vpcnaples.org. Please indicate "Pinecrest Elementary" in the memo area of your check or online in the Custom Section (page two). Thank you in advance for your gift to help others in need.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ILXQTCIUMP6T?ref=wl_share

PLEASE HELP HELPS OUTREACH FEED THE HUNGRY OF NAPLES! Donate non-perishable food to fill the pantry. There is a collection box in the VPC Office where we can donate food such as canned tuna, chicken, salmon, beans, fruit, boxes of pasta, cereal, rice, jars of peanut butter or spaghetti sauce. On Sunday, August 15 the Helps Outreach truck will be at VPC to collect this donated food. Helps Outreach provides food, clothing, furniture, books, household goods and Christian counseling to the homeless and those in need free of charge! Helps Outreach is supported totally through the generous donations of community members. Right now their food supply is dangerously low.

**HELPS
OUTREACH**

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

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

Please consider donating blood! The Bloodmobile will be at Vanderbilt on Sunday, August 15th from 9 am - 12 pm. Call the church to schedule a time 597-5410. Photo ID is required. Eat a meal before donating & be well hydrated. The blood bank is in need of all blood types—so please consider giving the gift of life!

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).



FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: May 2021:

	May	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$117,269	\$ 598,360	\$1,363,000
Expenses	\$ 89,499	\$ 465,426	\$1,363,000
Deo Mortgage Balance	5/30/2021	\$ 464,764	



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

Happy Birthday!

Jean Fletcher	7/18
Penny Jacob	7/18
Joyce Peters	7/18
*Pat Rogge	7/19
Sue Graves	7/20
Sally Meeuwesen	7/20
Barbara Dominguez	7/21
Ron Holappa	7/21
Richard Hood	7/21
*James Winemiller	7/22
Sharon Wylie	7/22
Jon White	7/23
*Michele Yovanovich	7/23
John Monda	7/24
Karen Negri	7/24
*Beverly Sunquist	7/24



***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!

George Cheatham & Jean Dugan	7/18
Wealtha & Jim Flick	7/20
Elizabeth & Oscar Lowe	7/24
Lynn & Shar Rosser	7/24



Happy
Anniversary!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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.



**HE WILL
FEED HIS
FLOCK
LIKE A
SHEPHERD.**

Adriana Caruso
Ron Davis
Gretchen Davison
Jim & Wealtha Flick
Jim Fligg
Ali Frimpter
Pattie Fruth
Connie Hawkins
Fran Lauriat
Judy Malone
Jonathan Orr
Domenico Paglia
Marjorie Renth
Twila Rowe
Frank Schmitt
Don Schulte and Family
Fred Schulz
Deborah Smith
Liz Nowry Smith
Lake Walton
Rev. B.J. Weber
Jayce Wood Van-Horn &
Chris and Jessica



**Our Hearts
go out to...**

*We are saddened to announce the death of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church member, **Jim Smith**. Jim passed away at the beginning of July and was a resident of Bentley Village. We will let you know if any memorial services are planned in the future.*

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Frank Schmitt** on July 14, 2021. Frank was a member of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church for over sixteen years. When a memorial service is planned, we will let you know all the details. Please keep his family in your prayers.*

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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