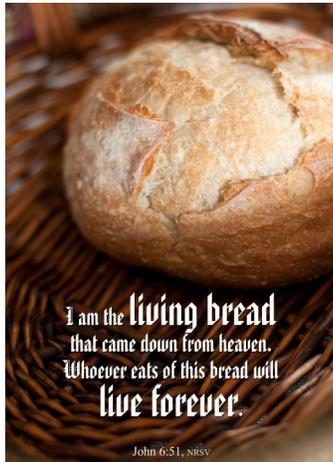


Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



August 15, 2021

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

A Prayer in Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, we pray for your blessings on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: "Adagio" in D Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

* Call to Worship

We are called to faithfulness, as God is faithful.

We are people of the covenant, gathered to please God.

Holy and awesome is God's name.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

Come, then, as wise and faithful people.

Come as a beloved community of the redeemed.

We are amazed that God remembers us.

We reach out to the God who cares for us.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

O STORE GUD

1. **O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;**
Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

2. **When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:**
Refrain

3. **And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;**
Refrain

4. **When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!**
Refrain

A Prayer for Reflection

As disciples of Jesus, we are sometimes forgetful of our responsibilities in building the Kingdom of God. For a few moments let us reflect upon our commitment to Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church and The Kingdom of God. Let us pray silently.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Rejoice in the judgments of God that are ever tempered with mercy. God understands our weaknesses and is acquainted with our needs. The Grace of God is sufficient to cover our forgetfulness. When we recognize our weakness, God can strengthen us. When we accept the reign of love among us, we are empowered to be the Church, reaching out to a sick and troubled world. Amen.

Response: "Kyrie eleison"

John Merbecke

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Moment for Children: Blessing of the School Year and Teacher Commissioning

Heather Mikes

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.**

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you have to say to us. Amen.

A Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 145:10-20a

- ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.
¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.
¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.
¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
¹⁶ You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.
²⁰ The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

This is the Witness of the Psalmist.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God"

T. Tertius Noble

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1867-1953)

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed, unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you. Amen.

A Reading of the Christian Scriptures

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the Witness of the Writer of Ephesians.

Thanks be to God.

Response: "Celtic Alleluia"

Traditional

Homily

"Children of the Light"

The Rev. Dr. Louis S. Thompson

*** Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

From a Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus , the love of God, and the communion of God's Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching the Good News to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken- hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the Gospel. We believe in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

arr. Richard Erickson

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

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: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

LAUDA ANIMA

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.
3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*** Commission and Blessing**

The grace and mercy of God go with you today.

God will keep covenant with you now and forever.

We accept the living bread that came from heaven.

We will walk with Christ through life's valleys.

Alleluia.

Amen.

Benediction Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Copyright 1955 by Jan-Lee Music. Renewed 1983. Used by permission.)

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: "Prelude" in D Major

Johann Caspar Ferdinand Fischer
(1656-1746)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

The flowers on the
chancel are donated
in loving memory of
my husband, Scott,
by Joan Elliott.



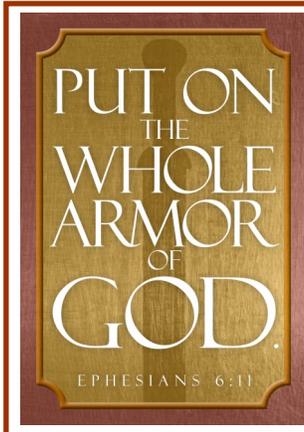
The flowers on the
chancel are donated by
Linda & Lee Burwinkel
thanking God for fourteen
wonderful years together
and so many blessings.



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Louis S. Thompson, Parish Associate
Molly Godley, Liturgist for virtual worship
Riley Mikes, Youth 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
Drake DeBaun, Christian Education Intern

Michele Byrd, Soprano for virtual worship
Reed Riashi, Pianist & Acolyte for Sunday worship
The Chancel Choir, for Sunday worship
Greeters: Dixie Bibb and Carol Schwiars
Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro (*Head Ushers*), Jean Hahm, Bill & Sue Van Fossen, Karen Chappler, Geri & Bill Payne
Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita and Jim Hart



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

August 22:

13th Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading:

Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel Reading:

John 6:56-69

VPC NEWS



ARE YOU LOOKING TO HONOR A LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION? If you answered yes, please consider sponsoring the Chancel flowers for a service. We have many open dates in August, September and October. If you are interested, call the office (597-5410) or email Barbara Bonavita at bbonavita@vpcnaples.org.

PLEASE JOIN US! WE NEED YOUR HELP! JOIN THE PARISH LIFE MINISTRY

TEAM: The mission of the **Parish Life Ministry Team** is to organize and facilitate events that bring our church together in food, fun and fellowship. We seek to assist other ministry teams to provide fellowship events, provide ongoing coordination of weekly Sunday Fellowship, maintain kitchen organization, table coverings and decorations for Fellowship Hall, and plan and organize two Parish Life Events each year. **You can help!** We need volunteers to bring treats, help serve at Fellowship hour, and help clean-up after events. For more information or to volunteer, contact Pat Rose patrose@me.com or 239-325-8187.



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/3ILXQTCIU6T?ref=wl_share





HELPS OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE! On Sunday, August 15, the Helps Outreach truck will be at VPC to collect the food which has been donated and all that we bring to our church on that day. Thank you, fellow VPC members, for your continued support of the Helps Outreach food drive! Through your generosity, a considerable bounty of food was collected in July to feed the hungry of Naples! Would you please continue to support their work by donating nonperishable food to fill their pantry? There is a collection box at VPC near the reception desk where we can place food such as canned tuna, chicken, salmon, beans, fruit, boxes of pasta, cereal, rice, jars of peanut butter, or spaghetti sauce. Your kindness in supporting this food drive at VPC has greatly assisted Helps Outreach to meet the needs of the hungry among the neediest in our community!

WEEKEND POWER PACK PROGRAM: Volunteers are Needed! On Tuesday, August 24, at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall, the VPC Mission Team needs volunteers to pack 240 “power packs” for the children in the Weekend Power Pack Program. This outreach provides weekend food for 40 - 45 Collier County school-aged children who are hungry and homeless or living in poverty. Thank you, VPC Congregation and Friends, for your generous support of the Weekend Power Pack Program! In May, the Mission Team asked for donations to fund WPP for the 2021-2022 school year. Your response has been thoroughly heartwarming! I realize that packing 240 bags sounds like a considerable task, but we organize an assembly line, and it moves along pretty quickly! Please contact Cherie Baines (ctfl.baines@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more information. Your help is very much needed and appreciated! To donate, make your check to VPC and put “Power Pack” in the memo line.



COLLIER HARVEST/FEED 5000: On Monday, August 23, at 5:30 pm, our VPC Mission Team needs volunteers to help Collier Harvest Pack 150 bags of groceries for the families of needy students from Golden Gate, East Naples, and Immokalee Middle Schools. We will pack at the CH warehouse, 4451 Mercantile Avenue. Collier Harvest is Feed 5000 in action! This is such an uplifting way to give back to the community and the event usually lasts only one hour! Please send an email to Cherie Baines (ctfl.baines@gmail.com) if you are available to volunteer! To donate to Collier Harvest/Feed 5000, please make your check out to VPC and put Collier Harvest on the memo line.



TODAY! SAVE A LIFE....WALK IN TO DONATE FOR THE BLOOD DRIVE: The Bloodmobile is here today. The blood bank is in need of all blood types—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

	June	YTD	Budget	July	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$ 63,644	\$ 662,004	\$1,363,000	\$ 59,628	\$ 721,632	\$1,363,000
Expenses	\$108,776	\$ 574,329	\$1,363,000	\$ 115,639	\$ 689,968	\$1,363,000
Deo Mortgage Balance 6/30/2021		\$ 463,184		7/31/2021	\$ 461,598	

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)



Happy Birthday!

Greta Corcoran	8/15
Shirley Daugherty	8/15
John Pender	8/15
Valerie Tomsic	8/15
Sue Van Fossen	8/15
Rose Wendler	8/15
Rowena Spencer	8/16
Brett Franklin	8/17
Kathy Goodchild	8/17
*John Paalman	8/17
Betty Karnes	8/18
Sue Davis	8/19
*Thomas Hurley	8/19
*Mari-Bea Warnken	8/19
Chuck Holley	8/20
Hazel Jaklitch	8/20
*Carter Mikes	8/20
Barbara Elliott	8/21



***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!

Jim & Marlene Everson	8/17
Dan & Sally Meeuwesen	8/17
Linda & Lee Burwinkel	8/18
Kay & Thomas Hurley	8/19
Sharon & Tom Messmore	8/19
Daniel & Dianne Westerlund	8/20
Bruce & Roberta Hobbs	8/21

Congratulations

To our new Birthday Club Members!

Dick Danke: June 9
Rev. Rob Marrow: June 21
Beth Marrow: August 5



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.

Adriana Caruso	Leah Ray
Molly Cochran	Marjorie Renth
Ron Davis	Twila Rowe
Gretchen Davison	Lynne Schneider
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Don Schulte and Family
Jim Fligg	Fred Schulz
Jim Folliard	Ron Seiling
Ali Frimpter	Deborah Smith
Pattie Fruth	Liz Nowry Smith
Connie Hawkins	Susan Taffe
Erin Henitz	Lake Walton
Sandra Johnson	Ray Waters
Fran Lauriat	Rev. B.J. Weber
Judy Malone	The Weeks Family
Rachel Marrow	Jayce Wood Van-Horn & Chris and Jessica
Elaine Nale	
Marcia Dee Newman	
Jonathan Orr	
Domenico Paglia	



Dear Lord,

*Thank you for the gift of education in every form.
As our children prepare to start a new year,
may **confidence** be their foundation,
may **grace** be their guide,
and may **hope** be their compass toward a bright
future. We pray they would have eyes to see the
needs of those around them and a heart to love
well. May they face each day with positivity
knowing that no matter what comes their way,
they don't have to face it alone.
In Jesus' name. Amen.*

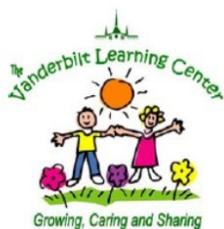
VPC MISSION

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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