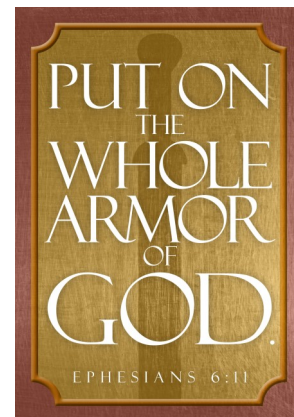




August 22, 2021  
**The Thirteenth Sunday**  
**After Pentecost**

**Psalm 34:15-22**

- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.  
<sup>16</sup> The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.  
<sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.  
<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.  
<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.  
<sup>20</sup> He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.  
<sup>21</sup> Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.  
<sup>22</sup> The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.



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:** "Andante in F Major"

George Frederick Handel  
(1685-1759)

**\* Call to Worship**

*With profound happiness, we welcome one another.*

*How good it is to approach the courts of our God!*

**Happy are those who live in God's house!**

**Singing our praise to God fills us with joy!**

*Here we welcome both friend and stranger.*

*All peoples of the earth are God's children.*

**We greet one another by name in Jesus' name.**

**Together we extol the name of our God.**

*Let us worship God.*

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| <p>1. <b>O for a thousand tongues to sing<br/>My dear Redeemer's praise,<br/>The glories of my God and King,<br/>The triumphs of God's grace!</b></p> <p>2. <b>Jesus, the name that charms our fears,<br/>That bids our sorrows cease;<br/>'Tis music in the sinner's ears,<br/>'Tis life, and health, and peace.</b></p> | <p>3. <b>Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,<br/>And sets the prisoner free;<br/>Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,<br/>Christ's blood availed for me.</b></p> <p>4. <b>My gracious Master and my God,<br/>Assist me to proclaim,<br/>To spread though all the earth abroad<br/>The honors of Thy name.</b></p> |
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### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Alert us now, eternal Spirit, to your presence among us in this place. Together, we confess that we have been busy with so many things that we have often forgotten you. We have made little gods out of buildings and furnishings and programs. Sometimes our pet beliefs and interpretations have been all-consuming as we do battle to correct others and presume to defend you. We have forgotten that your love is stronger than any force on earth. Forgive our mistrust of its power, and draw us back into the company of disciples who are learning and growing in love. 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.**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

## The First Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Solo:** "The Lone, Wild Bird"

Traditional Folksong

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight.

And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in Thy hand, the sea's dark deep and far-off land.

## The Gospel Reading

John 6:56-69

<sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup> He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup> And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." <sup>66</sup> Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Solo:** "Every time I feel the Spirit"

arr. Mark Hayes

(b. 1953)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Upon the mountain my Lord spoke. Out of His mouth came fire and smoke.  
Down in the valley on my knees, I ask my Lord, "Have mercy, please."  
There ain't but one train on this track. It runs to heaven and runs right back.  
Saint Peter waiting at the gate, says, "Come on, sinner, don't be late."

**\* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

Psalms 84:9-12

**Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

**Offering**

**\* Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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.**

**\* Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"**

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| <p>1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;<br/>Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.<br/>Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,<br/>And make me love Thee as I ought to love.</p>                    | <p>3. Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;<br/>Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,<br/>To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;<br/>Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.</p> |
| <p>2. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;<br/>All, all Thine own; soul, heart, and strength, and mind?<br/>I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling,<br/>O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!</p> | <p>4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,<br/>One holy passion filling all my frame;<br/>The baptism of the heaven descended Dove,<br/>My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.</p>        |

**\* Commission and Blessing**

*Take a prayerful spirit into your everyday world.  
God will listen and respond to your prayers.*  
**We pray for all God's saints engaged in ministry.  
All of us are ambassadors for Jesus Christ.**  
*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:** "Allegro in C Major"

William Boyce  
(1711-1779)

*Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.*

The flowers on  
the chancel are  
donated in  
loving memory  
of Carolyn  
Wasson Hall by  
Tim Hall.



## WORSHIP LEADERS

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow**, *Pastor*  
**Jerry Grandey**, *Liturgist for virtual worship*  
**Bill Payne**, *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.  
**Drake DeBaun**, *Christian Education Intern*

**Michele Byrd**, *Soprano for virtual worship*  
**The Chancel Choir**, *for Sunday worship*  
**Greeters:** Ruth Felipe and Carol Schwiars  
**Ushers:** Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro  
(*Head Ushers*), Rebecca Beavers, Nellie Cummins,  
Dianne Westerlund, Rebecca Wheat, and Joe Trees  
**Soundboard Operators:** Victoria Bonavita and  
Jim Hart



## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

**August 29:**

**14th Sunday After Pentecost**

**First Reading:** James 1:17-27

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 7:1-8; 14-15, 21-23

**Sermon Series:** Doers of the Word

## 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](mailto:bbonavita@vpcnaples.org).



## OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

**LET GOD'S LOVE "OVERFLOW" THROUGH YOU TO OTHERS!** We're beginning a new effort to create awareness and enlist support for the volunteer ministries of our church. It's called Overflow! Together, we'll be praying for an "overflow" of volunteers, helpers, opportunities, and most importantly, lives touched for Jesus. **We are specifically looking for Sunday school teachers and other small group leaders.** To find out more about this effort or to be part of the overflow by serving this year, email Heather Mikes at [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org) for more information!



**"ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING" DONATIONS TO HELP HAITI:** OGHS donation envelopes are located in the narthex on Sundays or in the church office on weekdays. Please make donations online at [www.vpcnaples.org/worship/give/](http://www.vpcnaples.org/worship/give/) or via check payable to VPC and indicate OGHS-Haiti in the memo. Your "One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) gifts share God's love with people experiencing need. OGHS gifts designated for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) support the PC(USA) ministry of disaster response and long-term disaster recovery to strengthen families and communities adversely impacted by disaster. PDA also engages in the ministry of assistance to immigrants and refugees. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has had long-standing partnerships in Haiti for decades. These meaningful relationships enable us to come alongside communities affected by disaster in the immediate aftermath, as well as support communities planning multi-year, long-term recovery projects. PDA is responding to the devastating 7.2 magnitude that struck Haiti the morning of August 14, 2021 that has resulted in the loss of more than 1,200 lives. Working closely with Presbyterian World Mission, our traditional partners on the ground and ACT Alliance, PDA is responding to emergency needs such as WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), emergency power generators, shelter, food, first aid and more.



**COLLIER HARVEST/FEED 5000:** On Monday, August 23, at 5:30 pm, our Mission Team needs volunteers to help Collier Harvest Pack 150 bags of groceries for the families of needy students. We will pack at the CH warehouse, 4451 Mercantile Avenue. Please send an email to Cherie Baines ([ctfl.baines@gmail.com](mailto:ctfl.baines@gmail.com)) if you are available to volunteer!



**WEEKEND POWER PACK PROGRAM:** Volunteers are Needed! On Tuesday, August 24, at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall, the Mission Team needs volunteers to pack 240 "power packs" for the children in the Weekend Power Pack Program. Please contact Cherie Baines ([ctfl.baines@gmail.com](mailto:ctfl.baines@gmail.com)) to volunteer.



## 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](mailto: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!**

Merle Wylie	8/22
Katie Desorcy	8/23
*Ann Hoffman	8/23
Ginny Dieken	8/24
*Lou Thompson	8/24
Cherry Jacobus	8/25
Gina Truax	8/25
Sebastian Aguilar	8/26



### **\*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!**

Bruce & Wendy Baker	8/23
Al & Jean Fletcher	8/23
Judy & Tom Maish	8/23
Bill & Judy Oehler	8/23
Charles & Nancy Thompson	8/23
Jackson & Nancy Bell	8/25
Finley & Jean Lee	8/26
Michael & Vicky Crosby	8/27
Jean & Dan Suci	8/27



## 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
Dick Clark	Marjorie Renth
Molly Cochran	Twila Rowe
Ron Davis	Lynne Schneider
Gretchen Davison	Don Schulte and Family
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Fred Schulz
Jim Fligg	The Schwindt Family
Jim Folliard	Ron Seiling
Pattie Fruth	Deborah Smith
Connie Hawkins	Liz Nowry Smith
Erin Heintz	Lynne Soule
Phil Jacobus	Susan Taffe
Sandra Johnson	Lake Walton
Judy Malone	Ray Waters
Elaine Nale	Rev. B.J. Weber
Marcia Dee Newman	The Weeks Family
Jonathan Orr	Jayce Wood Van-Horn
Domenico Paglia	& Chris and Jessica
Susan Peters	

We are saddened to announce the death of **Robert Schwindt** on August 16, 2021. Bob and his wife, Shirley, have been faithful members of Vanderbilt for over 22 years. Please keep Shirley and her family in your prayers. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. If you wish to send a note of condolence to Shirley, her address is:  
1001 Arbor Lake Dr. #1608  
Naples, FL 34110.



**Dear Lord,**

Be with Drake and Emma, as they move on from the old to the new. The joy, memories, and hardships of the last season of life are in the past. Help them to leave them there, Lord, and not carry them into this new season. Be with them as they begin anew, trusting in your unending love. 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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