



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 29, 2021

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 15

¹ O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

² Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;

³ who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

⁴ in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the LORD;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

⁵ who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Be
Doers
of the
Word...

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: Piano Solo: "Love Remembered"

Janet Johnson Lilliefors
(1950 – 2021)

Inscription: The title simply means that we love, we lose, but we remember.

For you, Jim, in memory of your father. May 1998

Played this morning in memory of the composer, Janet Lilliefors, who died August 17, 2021.

Rest in Peace.

* Call to Worship

Every perfect gift comes to us from God.

God's image is a part of each one of us.

God's grace has been poured into our lives.

Wisdom and understanding are offered to us.

Who will dwell on God's holy hill?

Those who walk uprightly and speak the truth.

We will honor God by honoring our neighbors.

We will act toward them as we wish to be treated.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy heath and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration.

2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under
His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all
that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we admit that all is not well with us. We are easily angered and slow to forgive. We speak without listening and pretend to listen without really hearing. Our tongues become weapons rather than instruments of healing. We are more critical than helpful toward the poor in our midst. Hidden in our hearts are the attitudes that produce avarice, deceit, and violation of our promises to you and to one another. Turn us around so we can accept your forgiveness and learn to love ourselves as you want us to be, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri

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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.

Prayer for Illumination

The First Reading

James 1:17-27

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." ¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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Message: Sermon Series: *Doers of the Word*: "Anger Management"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Solo: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love, Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in You. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope, Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, In giving of ourselves that we receive, And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*** Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

Psalm 15

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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: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"**

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| <p>1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, arch-angels, angel's choirs,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> | <p>3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>2. O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> | <p>4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> |

*** Commission and Blessing**

God's Word transforms all who hear and heed it.

God blesses those who are doers of the Word.

God anoints us with the oil of gladness.

Our hearts overflow with God's good gifts.

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: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

arr. Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
Karen Chappler, Liturgist for virtual worship
Sue Van Fossen, 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
The Chancel Choir, for Sunday worship
Greeters: Ruth Felipe and Carol Schwiers
Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro (Head Ushers), Steve & Priscilla Kutler, Bill & Sue Van Fossen, Bill & Geri Payne, Molly Godley
Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita and Jim Hart



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

September 5:
15th Sunday After Pentecost
First Reading: James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37
Sermon Series: Doers of the Word

VPC NEWS

FALL EDUCATION KICK OFF IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH!

"Do all things with love" 1 Corinthians 16:14. Did you know there are approximately 538 instances of the word "**love**" in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible? Our fall kick off is for all God's children, as we invite you to care, share, love, give and serve others. *What is God calling you to? He is calling us all to action. He has given us all gifts, talents, resources and time and He is calling us all to bless others. We encourage you to answer the call as you are able - in our church and in our community.* Join us for another family-led worship service at 10:00 a.m. Children and youth, PreK-3 through high school, will be invited to Sunday School immediately following the Children's Moment. Nursery Ministry will be available for infants and toddlers through PreK-2, beginning at 9:45 a.m. We are also looking for ministry leaders to share teaching opportunities.



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 September and October. If you are interested, call the office (597-5410) or email Barbara Bonavita at 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 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/ 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.

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!

Tim Grove	8/29
Eleanor Sarina Hoppner	8/29
Sumera Yousaf	8/29
Barbara McElwaine	8/30
*Pete Schwiars	8/30
*Janet Kassing	8/31
*Beth Lee	8/31
Addison Acx	9/1
Avery Acx	9/1
Chong Devine	9/1
*Joan Elliott	9/1
Nancy Guthy	9/1
Wayne Rockenbach	9/1
Mark McElwaine	9/2
Nancy Ruppert	9/3
*Jack Ufheil	9/3
Linda Addaman	9/4
Jane Repp	9/4



Happy Birthday!

*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!

Don & Jan Fern	8/29
Becca & Steve Acx	8/31
Beth & Will McDonough	8/31
Michele & Rich Yovanovich	8/31
Clark & Kathryn Leaming	9/1
Jo & Rick Miles	9/2
Geri & Bill Payne	9/4



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.

The Biere Family	Domenico Paglia
Adriana Caruso	Susan Peters
Kit Chamberlain	Leah Ray
Dick Clark	Marjorie Renth
Molly Cochran	Twila Rowe
Ron Davis	The Sackett Family
Gretchen Davison	on the death of Ralph
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Lynne Schneider
Jim Fligg	Fred Schulz
Jim Folliard	The Schwindt Family
Pattie Fruth	Ron Seiling
Fred Guttschall	Deborah Smith
Erin Heintz	Liz Nowry Smith
Phil Jacobus	Harold Soule
Sandra Johnson	Lynne Soule
Judy Malone	Susan Taffe
Elaine Nale	Lake Walton
Marcia Dee Newman	Ray Waters
Jonathan Orr	The Weeks Family

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Fred Biere** on August 24, 2021. Fred was a member of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church for over twenty years. In late 2020, he moved to Wisconsin to be close to his family. We will let you know if a memorial service is planned. Please keep his family in your prayers.*



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).



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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