

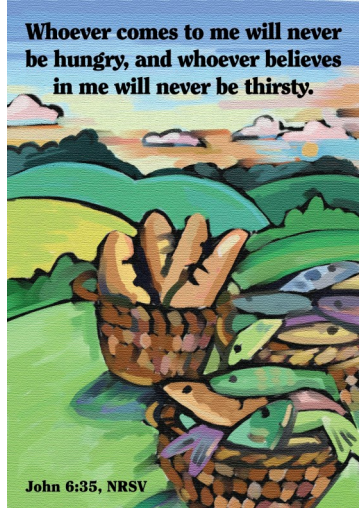
Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 8, 2021
**The Eleventh Sunday
After Pentecost**

Psalm 34:1-8

- ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
² My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
³ O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
⁵ Look to him, and be radiant; so your^[a] faces shall never be ashamed.
⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.
⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.



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: "Prayer"

Julius Chajes
(1910-1985)

* Call to Worship

*In all times and places, we can rely on God.
We can know steadfast love, here and now.*
We keep our morning watch together.
We will support one another as we seek to know God.
*Find hope in God's power to redeem us.
Give thanks for the new day God promises to us.*
Life's battles cannot destroy us.
The losses we suffer are not the last word.
Let us worship God.

• Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"

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1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

3. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Holy Spirit, how we have grieved you! How often our words have been bitter, filled with malice and anger. How easily have we uttered lies of pretension and self-protection. How readily we take for ourselves the rewards of another's labor! Forgive all that is false and evil within us and among us. Free us from the self-justifying excuses that keep us from reaching out to one another. We want to believe, to trust, to live as imitators of Jesus Christ. Help us, gracious God. 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.

Prayer for Illumination

The First Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"Imitators of God"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

* 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: "Panis Angelicus"

César Franck

Stephanie Lorenz, *Soprano*

(1822-1890)

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum dat panis coelicus figuris terminum.

O res mirabilis manducat dominum. Pauper, servus et humilis.

The angel's bread becomes the bread of men the heavenly bread ends all symbols.

Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish the poor, and humble servant.

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: "To God Be the Glory"**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O Come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.
2. Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see.
Refrain

*** Commission and Blessing**

The steadfast love of God goes with you.

The redeeming power of Christ sustains you.

We want to share the gifts of God with others.

We seek to build up the body of Christ.

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 Minor"

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
Suzanne Zelinka, Liturgist for virtual worship
Mary Lynn Myers, 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
Stephanie Lorenz, Soprano for virtual worship

The Chancel Choir, for Sunday worship
Greeters: Ruth Felipe and Carol Schwiars
Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro
(*Head Ushers*), Jean Hahm, Mary Thompson, Jerry
Warnken, Pat Rose, Molly Godley and Nancy
Guthy
Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita and
Jim Hart

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

August 15:
12th Sunday After Pentecost
First Reading:
Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel Reading:
John 6:51-58



VPC NEWS

BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND TEACHER COMMISSIONING: Join us for a Family-led worship service on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at **10:00 AM**. We will celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask God for blessings upon the children, the educators, and the families who support them. Following the First Reading, we invite children and youth of all ages to KidsMin activities in the courtyard and Fellowship Hall.



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

HELPS OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE! Thank you, fellow VPC members, for your continued support of the Helps Outreach food drive! 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 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 again be at VPC to collect the donated food. Helps Outreach is supported totally through the generous donations of community members. Volunteers are much needed, especially during the summer. If you have some time to volunteer, your help would be much appreciated. Please contact Joe or Angie Valentini at

HELPS OUTREACH

helpsoutreach@hotmail.com or call (239) 593- 3226. Cash donations are also very welcome. Make your check to VPC and put "Helps" in the memo line. Thank you for joining the VPC Mission Team in helping to feed the homeless and those in need!

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



WEEKEND POWER PACK PROGRAM:



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 this program, which provides weekend food for 40 - 45 Collier County school-aged children who are homeless or live in poverty. Your response has been thoroughly heartwarming! On Tuesday, August 24, the WPP Program needs volunteers to pack 240 bags of food for

the children in the program. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. Please contact Cherie Baines (ctfl.baines@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more information. To donate, make your check to VPC and put "Power Pack" in the memo line.

SAVE A LIFE.....SIGN UP FOR THE BLOOD DRIVE: Please consider donating blood! The Bloodmobile will be at Vanderbilt **NEXT 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

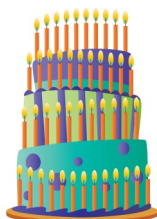
EM Xzavier Whitaker

US Navy (John & Roberta McMaster's
granddaughter's husband)



Happy Birthday!

Dana Riashi	8/9
Lance Waters	8/9
Linda Burwinkel	8/12
Chris Geiser	8/12
Linda Stewart	8/12
Elizabeth Todd	8/12
*Nancy Bell	8/13
*Tim Hall	8/13
Joanna Throckmorton	8/13
Joe Trees	8/13
Ohara Trees	8/13
*Bill Beynon	8/14



***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!

Brent & Erin Klein	8/9
Gerry & Lynn Greenblatt	8/10
Bruce & Chris Muddell	8/10
Barbara & Tom Sletto	8/10
James & Kay Winemiller	8/10
David & Millie Bos	8/12
Heather & John Monda	8/12



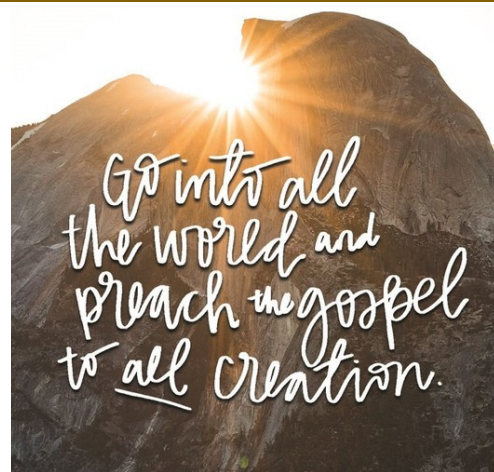
PRAYER CONCERNS

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.



Judy Malone
Elaine Nale
Marcia Dee Newman
Jonathan Orr
Domenico Paglia
Leah Ray
Marjorie Renth
Twila Rowe
Lynne Schneider
Don Schulte and Family
Fred Schulz
Ron Seiling
Deborah Smith
Liz Nowry Smith
Lake Walton
Ray Waters
Rev. B.J. Weber
Jayce Wood Van-Horn &
Chris and Jessica

Adriana Caruso
Ron Davis
Gretchen Davison
Jim & Wealtha Flick
Jim Fligg
Ali Frimpter
Pattie Fruth
Connie Hawkins
Sandra Johnson
Fran Lauriat



Dear Lord, help me to continuously be aware of all people around me every single day. Where there are people, there are needs. Give me Your eyes to see some of those needs and the wisdom to know how to help as well. Help me to be your hands and feet as I serve others right where I'm at. And allow them to see Your light in my life as I do work in your 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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