

Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 12, 2021
The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 116:1-9

- ¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"
⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
⁶ The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
⁹ I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

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: "All Glory Be to God on High"

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Jim Cochran, *Organ*

* Call to Worship

Come away from dullness and complacency.

Wake up! God is calling us to listen and learn.

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Our waywardness separates us from God.

Then, when we call on God, we hear no answer.

We gather to renew our relationship with God.

We seek enlightenment and the revival of our souls.

Let us worship God.

1. There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet,
Near to the heart of God. *Refrain*

3. There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God. *Refrain*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all worlds, we confess our arrogance in turning away from the knowledge you offer and the relationship with us that you desire. We make light of your commandments and scoff at discipline and boundaries as if they did not apply to us. Our tongues reveal our ignorance before the vastness of your truth. The words we speak in error spread poison that cannot be contained. Our waywardness is destroying us. Our complacency before evil, within us and all around, threatens life itself. O God, we cry out for forgiveness. 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

James 3:1-12

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no

mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: “It is Well with My Soul”

Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

arr. Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

"When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say "It is well with my soul." My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought – not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, O my soul! And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll. The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul."

The Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "We Will Stand as Strong Tall Towers"

Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

*This piece was commissioned as a tribute to all youth
affected by the American tragedy on September 11, 2001.*

In the presence of our enemies, here and now in God we trust. 'Mid the threats to our security, we believe our cause is just. Though the danger takes our breath away, melts our laughing eyes to tears, As God's people we will never be overcome by hate and fear. We will stand as strong tall towers, side by side, hand in hand. We can face whatever stalks us in this country, in our land. With the flag and cross before us, we have hope for days to come, when our lives return to normal and the peace again is won. Terror hides and seeks, attacking us; evil causes us to cower. God will be our fortress, hiding place, our defense against any power. As we soar, unbound on eagle's wings, we will find our strength restored; With resolve, united once again, trusting in the sovereign Lord.

*** Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

From "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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 #415 "Come, Labor On"**

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| 1. Come, labor on.
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain.
While all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today." | 3. Come, labor on.
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here;
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill
God's righteous will. |
| 2. Come, labor on.
Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
To young and old the gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours to swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh. | 4. Come, labor on.
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
"Well done, well done!" |

*** Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz

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: "The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God"

Benedetto Marcello
(1686-1739)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.



The flowers on the Chancel are donated in thanksgiving for the many years of service given by Fred and Karen Schulz to Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. We hope you will join us in Fellowship Hall after the service to celebrate with coffee and cake.



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
Molly Godley, *Liturgist for virtual worship*
Riley Mikes, *Youth Liturgist for Sunday worship*
Dr. James Cochran, *Director of Music*, playing the
Richard & 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*
Julie Carver, *Soprano for Sunday worship*

The Chancel Choir, *for Sunday worship*
Amber Grider, *Piano for Sunday worship*
Devon Grider, *Acolyte for Sunday worship*
Family Greeters: The Vayda Family
Greeters: Dixie Bibb and Priscilla Kutler
Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro
(*Head Ushers*), Joe Trees, Bob Miller, Sue & Bill Van
Fossen, Dianne Westerlund
Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita and
Jim Hart

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

September 19: 17th Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

Sermon Series: Doers of the Word



"Love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37



VPC NEWS

"DO ALL THINGS WITH LOVE" FALL EDUCATION KICK OFF IS TODAY!!

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, time and treasure 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.* May we "overflow" with God's love. This is an exciting opportunity to create new ways to connect and build community in these times. We will gently encourage our church family and community to participate as they are comfortable, by adding more ways to do so in meaningful, safe and healthy ways, over the course of our fall education campaign. We will continue to "Do All Things With Love." We are also looking for ministry leaders to share teaching opportunities. Today is family-led worship and we begin a new season of Sunday school classes. We invite children, whose parents are comfortable, to gather up front for the Children's Moment. After we sing "Jesus Loves Me" together, children and youth ages PreK-3 through High School are invited to study, serve, pray and play together during Sunday school. Nursery Ministry is also available for infants and toddlers through PreK-2, beginning at 9:45 a.m. with Ms. Abby in Room 3.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Pastor Rob, along with the Membership Team will meet with all who are interested in becoming a member of VPC. Join us for lunch and informal discussion after the church service on October 10th. Please call the church office to let us know you will be attending. 239 547-5410

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, email Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org.

"ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING" DONATIONS TO HELP COMMUNITIES ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY CRISES



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

AND CATASTROPHIC EVENTS: 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-PDA 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 is currently responding to victims of Hurricane Ida, North Carolina Flooding, Tennessee Flooding and the earthquake in Haiti.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 9am - 12pm.

Boy Scout Troop 274 will be in the West Parking Lot at Vanderbilt for a Car Wash! The troop is accepting donations for their car wash services to help pay for supplies for one of their Scout's Eagle Service Project at Wiggins State Park. Please bring your car and support our Scout troop.



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

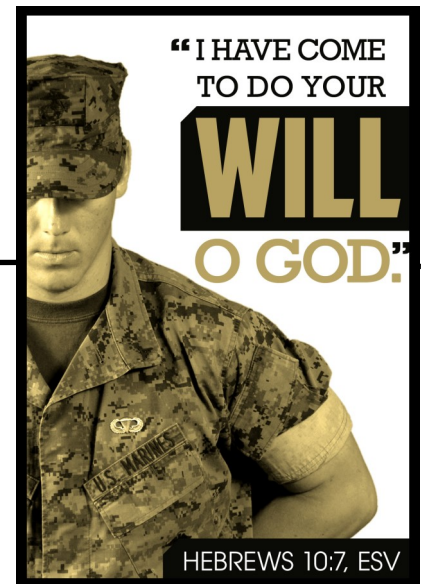
USMC
Okinawa, Japan

Hadley Vadyak

USNA Class of 2020

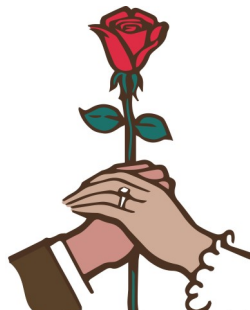
EM Xzavier Whitaker

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



Happy Anniversary!

Claudia & Scott
Cunningham 9/12



Happy Birthday!

Paul Rowley	9/12
*Jonas Rockhold	9/14
*Peggy Paulsen	9/17
Marie Walton	9/17

*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!



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	Jonathan Orr
Adriana Caruso	Domenico Paglia
Kit Chamberlain	Susan Peters
Dick Clark	Leah Ray
Dick Creviston	Marjorie Renth
Ron Davis	Twila Rowe
Gretchen Davison	Lynne Schneider
Emma Fisler	Ron Seiling
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Deborah Smith
Jim Fligg	Liz Nowry Smith
Eileen Folliard	Harold Soule
Ali Frimpter	Lynne Soule
Pattie Fruth	Susan Taffe
Fred Guttshall	Lake Walton
Erin Heintz	The Weeks Family
Phil Jacobus	
Sandra Johnson	
Judy Malone	
Marcia Dee Newman	



Dear Lord, As we say farewell to our loved ones, **Fred and Karen Schulz**, we entrust them into your care. We pray for happiness and joy to be ahead of them, for wisdom and guidance to be beside them, and for grace and truth to be behind them, pushing them onwards into your goodness. We know that you will always love and protect them, wherever they go. Amen. **Auf Wiedersehen!**

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
May the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Keep in touch with Fred & Karen Schulz:

c/o Renada & Guy Martin
365 Hillbilly Hollow
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

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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