

Vanderbilt
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Be Doers of the Word...

September 19, 2021

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

² but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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.

Children are important members of our faith community and are welcome in worship. Nursery ministry is also available. Please ask an usher if assistance is needed. As a courtesy to others, please 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: "Prelude on the Autumn Hymn, SARUM"

Wilbur Held
(1914-2015)

* Call to Worship

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Happy are those who find delight in God's law.

God is always nearer than our next breath.

We gather to become more aware of that presence.

Put your trust in God as you prepare to serve.

Learn to be peaceable, gentle, and merciful.

We seek to do good and not harm all our days.

We would open our hands to the poor and needy.

Let us worship God.

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| <p>1. God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.</p> | <p>3. Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.</p> |
| <p>5. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore.
Serving Thee whom we adore.</p> | |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, God, for our complacent attitudes and self-serving comforts. We do not relish the thought of sacrificing for some larger good we cannot see, for people with whom we find it difficult to identify. We compare ourselves favorably against many who seem less attuned to your purposes than we, forgetting that our true standard is Christ Jesus. We ask you to take from us all the bitterness, envy, and anger that stands in the way of your reign. May all we ask of you be for the common good of all your children. 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

We invite children to gather up front for a special children's message. After we sing "Jesus Loves Me," children and youth ages PreK-3 through High School may go study, serve, pray and play together during Sunday school.

**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 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:1} Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "All My Hope on God is Founded"

Herbert Howells

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1892-1983)

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew, me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own. God's great goodness e'er endureth, deep his wisdom passing thought: splendor, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of nought. Evermore from his store newborn worlds rise and adore. Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "The Lord is My Light" (Psalm 27)

Frances Allitsen

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1848-1912)

The Lord is my light and my salvation, Whom, then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, Of whom then shall I be afraid? Though an host of men were laid against me, Yet shall not my heart be afraid; And though there rose up war against me, Yet will I put my trust in Him. For in the time of trouble. He shall hide me in His tabernacle. Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me. And set me up upon a rock of stone.

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.

* Affirmation of Faith (unison)

From "A Brief Statement of Faith"

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching 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 brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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 #422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

BEACH SPRING

1. God, whose giving knows no ending,
From Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.
2. Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne.
3. Treasure too You have entrusted,
Gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving You by loving all.

* Commission and Blessing

God is watching over you and caring for you.

In God's hands, your hearts are being purified.

We put our trust in the God who loves us.

Our strength and dignity find renewal in 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: "Toccata in C Major"

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

The flowers on the Chancel are
donated to the Glory of God from
Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

September 26:

18th Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: James 5:13-20

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

Sermon Series: Doers of the Word



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*

Mary Lynn Myers, *Liturgist for virtual worship*

Karen Chappler, *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*

The Chancel Choir, *for Sunday worship*

Greeters: Jan Fern and Priscilla Kutler

Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro

(*Head Ushers*), Jerry Warnken, Nancy Guthy, Joyce
& Bill Dersch, Jane Repp and Becky Wheat

Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita and
Jim Hart

VPC NEWS

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**. Childcare will be provided. Please call the church office to let us know you will be attending. 239-597-5410



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING THE CHANCEL FLOWERS: It is a beautiful way to share your love with the church and your family. We have many dates available in September and October! Call Barbara Bonavita at 239-597-5410.



"DO ALL THINGS WITH LOVE": Last week, we kicked off our Fall Education Campaign with a new season of Sunday school classes happening every Sunday during the 10am Worship service for children and youth ages PreK-3 through High School. Nursery Ministry is also available for infants and toddlers (birth through PreK-2). This is an exciting opportunity for all God's children to grow in faith, create new ways to connect and build community. We will gently encourage our church family and community to participate in ministry and mission as they are comfortable, by adding more opportunities to do so in meaningful, safe and healthy ways. We will continue to "Do All Things With Love." Please keep your eyes, ears and hearts open. *Ephphatha.*



WHAT'S UP WITH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: We're going to light up the night with children and youth groups Wednesdays, beginning October 6th! Join us for a brief parent illumination at 5:30pm and then head over to Pastor Rob's Adult Bible Study at 6pm in



Harp Hall. If you enjoy praise and worship through song, stay for Adult Choir rehearsal every Wednesday at 7pm with Dr. Jim in Cochran Music Hall.

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.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

SHINE PRESENTS "MEDICARE 101": On Friday, October 1, 2021 from 10am -12pm SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) will be at Vanderbilt to provide you with information to help you make an informed decision about your Medicare coverage and costs.



Area Agency on Aging

FOR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Join us, for free, unbiased, confidential counseling to Medicare beneficiaries, their caregivers and those soon to be eligible. For more information visit: www.aaaswfl.org or call 866-413-5337.

BE THE CHANGE! VPC and VLC are collecting change for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to



help **victims of Hurricane Ida, North Carolina Flooding, Tennessee Flooding and the earthquake in Haiti.** Look for the special "Coins For A Cause" container in the narthex on Sunday at the Kids & Families table or in your VLC classroom. You may also give by using the One Great Hour of Sharing donation envelopes at the offering table on Sundays or in the church office on weekdays. Please make donations via check payable to VPC and indicate OGHS-PDA in the memo.

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

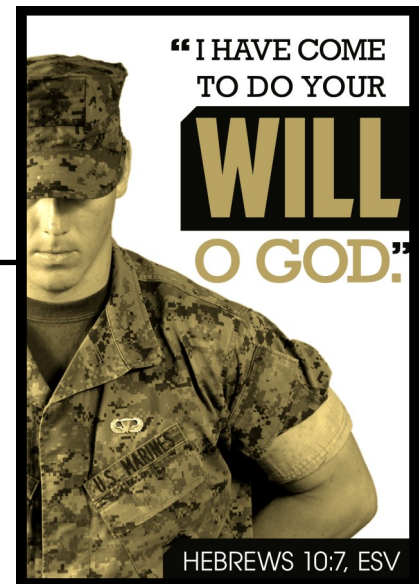
USMC
Okinawa, Japan

Hadley Vadyak

USNA Class of 2020

EM Xzavier Whitaker

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



Happy Birthday!

*Martha Fligg	9/19
*Christine Rockhold	9/19
Brooke Vayda	9/19
Sandra Johnson	9/20
*James Reed	9/20
Tammy Wilson	9/20
Steve Acx	9/21
Jack Byrne	9/21
Odamis Houston	9/21
John Millard	9/22
*Nena Beynon	9/24
Lillian Walker	9/24
Ayden Lefebvre	9/25



***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!

Merle & Sharon Wylie 9/22

Welcome Back!

If you are just returning to Naples or to church, we want to greet you by your name! If you have a name tag, please wear it on Sundays. If you need one, just let a Greeter or Usher know or call the office!

You are loved!



PRAYER CONCERNS

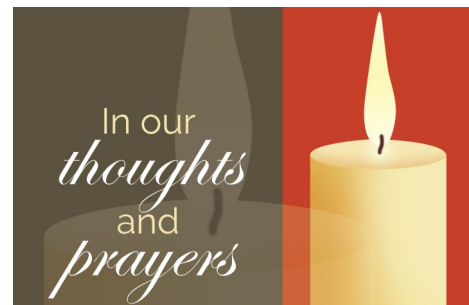
Please continue to hold in prayer our church family and friends facing illness, injury and hardship. If you have any joys and/or concerns, let us know. They are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. If you are hospitalized, please let the facility know you are a member or friend of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church so they can let us know! Please note that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for a period of 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be submitted.

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

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Wayne Edward Firestone** on September 11, 2021. Wayne and his wife, Linda, have been members of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church for over sixteen years. Please keep Linda and the Firestone family in your prayers.*

If you wish to send a note of sympathy, please mail it to:

Linda Firestone
2210 Franciscan Dr.
West Lafayette, IN 47906



Please keep Mary and Dr. Lou Thompson in your prayers on the death of Mary's brother, **Daniel Mazzola**, on September 10, 2021. A private memorial will be held on Sunday, September 19th in the Chapel.

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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