

Vanderbilt
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Be Doers of the Word...

September 26, 2021

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 124

¹ If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say—

² if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

³ then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

⁴ then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

⁵ then over us would have gone the raging waters.

⁶ Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

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: "Diademata"

Harold Rutz
(b. 1930)

* Call to Worship

Come, all who are weary and oppressed.

God offers relief and enlists our mutual helpfulness.

God hears our prayers and answers us.

God equips us to be helpful to one another.

Come together to sing songs of praise to God.

Give thanks for God's wondrous deeds.

God's glory abides in this place of worship.

God's presence and help are real.

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn #151 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

DIADEMATA

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

3. Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All-powerful God, we confess our devious ways. Even when prayers for others are on our lips we seek ways to secure our own advantages. We put our trust in things we can accumulate rather than aligning ourselves with your will and way. Our behavior creates enemies and multiplies divisions among your people. Then we want you on our side against those who are different from us. We confuse our preferences with your intentions. O God, we need healing, but we are afraid to lose the illusions of control that are so much a part of us. We fear the very changes that would give us integrity. 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

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 5:13-20

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-50

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴² "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹ "For everyone will be salted with fire ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series: *Doers of the Word*: "Living a Life of Prayer"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Solo: "O Lord, Most Holy"

Franz Abt

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1819-1885)

O Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O loving Savior Thee would we be praising with joyful lips:
For Thou hast redeemed us, by Thy grace and mercy. Teach us to know Thee, Teach us to love Thee, make us to follow after holiness; So in temptation And in the hour of sadness We shall find comfort and help in Thee. Guide us O loving Savior, So in the hour of sadness We shall find comfort and help in Thee. 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.

* Affirmation of Faith (unison)

From "A Brief Statement of Faith"

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 # 408 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

GERMANY

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| 1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man. | 3. From tender childhood's helplessness,
From human grief and burdened toil,
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
Thy heart has never known recoil. |
| 4. The cup of water given for Thee
Still holds the freshness of Thy grace;
Yet long these multitudes to see
The sweet compassion of Thy face. | |

* Commission and Blessing

*We are called to care in an uncaring world.
We are commissioned as lovers among the indifferent.*
**As Christians, we cannot be apathetic.
The people we encounter are brothers and sisters.**
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: "Solemn March"

William Edmondstoune Duncan
(1866-1920)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.



The flowers on the Chancel are donated in honor of loved ones by an anonymous donor.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

October 3:

19th Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Job: 1:1, 2:1-10

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

Sermon Series: Walking with Job

"A Time for Testing"



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*

Bill Payne, *Liturgist for virtual worship*

Jerry Grandey, *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: Priscilla Kutler & Lois Ann Folliard

Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro

(*Head Ushers*), Bill & Geri Payne, Lin & Ron Addaman, Barb McElwaine, Gwen Salyer

Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita and Jim Hart

VPC NEWS



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

"DO ALL THINGS WITH LOVE": 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.

TROOP 274 would like to thank Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church for supporting our car wash on Saturday. We had a steady stream of cars all morning with generous people donating \$627 for the purchase of supplies to repaint the inside and outside of the bathhouse at Wiggins Pass. With the completion of that project we will soon have another Eagle Scout. Thank you for supporting us.



OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

COLLIER HARVEST (FEED 5000): On Monday, September 27, VPC volunteers are needed to help pack 150 bags of groceries at the Collier Harvest Warehouse, 4451 Mercantile Avenue, Naples. This packing event is for the families of needy students who attend Golden Gate, East Naples, and Immokalee Middle Schools. The VPC Feed 5000 Program supports Collier Harvest which assists low income families and Collier County homeless with food at no cost. If you have an hour to volunteer and are looking for a way to make a significant difference in our community, please contact Cherie Baines at ctfl.baines@gmail.com. Volunteers must be at least 15 years of age and able to lift up to 20lbs. To donate to Collier Harvest which feeds the hungry of Collier County, please make out your check to VPC and put Collier Harvest on the memo line. Thank you!



WEEKEND POWER PACK PROGRAM: On Tuesday, October 19, 2021, VPC volunteers are needed to pack 160 bags of food for homeless children or those living at poverty level as part of the Weekend Power Pack Program. The "power packs" will be assembled in Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am. Packing takes approximately one hour. Weekly, students in the program, receive a bag containing two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, and four snacks. The school guidance counselor puts the "power pack" in their backpack before leaving school for the weekend. Please contact Cherie Baines at ctfl.baines@gmail.com or 239-776-5652 for more information or to volunteer. To donate, please make the check to VPC and write "Powerpack" on the memo line. Thank you!



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 offering 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.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

ANNOUNCING STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING AT VPC IN JANUARY 2022: Our Stephen Leaders are ready to launch a new Stephen Minister training class in January 2022. Jill Peterson, the Stephen Leader in charge of training, says: "You'll learn, have a lot of fun, and experience real spiritual growth. I'm excited about finding out who God will bring together in our next training class." So, Who Are Stephen Ministers? Stephen Ministers are congregation members equipped and commissioned for caring ministry. They come from many different backgrounds, ages, and walks of life, but all have one important thing in common: a heart for bringing Christ's healing love to hurting people. In short, Stephen Ministers are people like you—caring Christians who want to make a difference in the lives of those going through difficult times. Talk to a Stephen Leader/Minister to explore the role and keep your eye on the bulletin for ongoing Stephen Ministry Information. Stephen Leaders at VPC are Kay Beernink, Cherry Jacobus, Carolyn Magarro, Jill Peterson, Twila Rowe and Jon White. Stephen Ministers are Sue Davis, Judy Jacobs, Sandra Johnson, Jean Lee, Roberta McMaster, Karen Negri, Eliza Nevin, Geri Payne and Pat Peters.



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

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. 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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND

	August	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$ 183,008 *	\$ 904,640	\$1,363,000
Expenses	\$ 95,868	\$ 785,836	\$1,363,000
* Includes Cares Forgiveness	\$ 125,700		
Deo Mortgage Balance 8/31/2021	\$ 340,007		



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 Afghanistan
(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

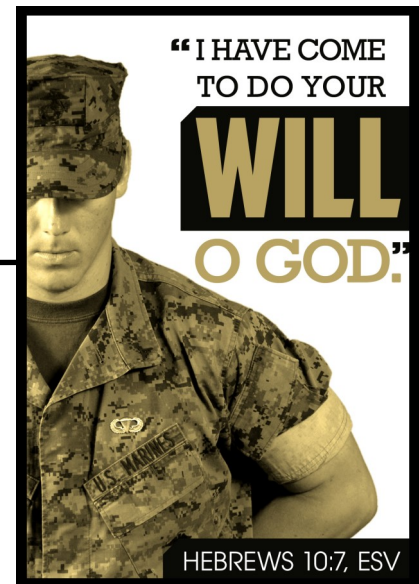
USMC
Okinawa, Japan

Hadley Vadyak

USNA Class of 2020

EM Xzavier Whitaker

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



Happy Birthday!

*Peggy Landon	9/26
*Stanley Leonard	9/26
Ann Lienemann	9/26
Lou Grady	9/27
Rachel Heimberger	9/27
*Jackson Bell	9/28
Max Gould	9/28
*Laura Marzano	9/28
*Mac McDonald	9/28
Carol Wood	9/28
Jack Asinger	9/29
*Pat Rose	9/30
*Mary Thompson	9/30
Margaret Mackie	10/02

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary!

Mary Ann & Bill Koppelkam	9/27
Barbara & Joe Feddern	9/28
Nancy & Ron Guthy	9/28
Alexander & Julianne Hobbs	9/28
Dennis & Jean Hahm	9/30

***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!

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.

Cynthia Arnold	Betty Karnes
Diane Byrnes	Judy Malone
Adriana Caruso	Marcia Dee Newman
Kit Chamberlain	Jonathan Orr
Dick Clark	Domenico Paglia
Dick Creviston	Susan Peters
Ron Davis	Leah Ray
Gretchen Davison	Marjorie Renth
Bob Diederich	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
Bee Getman	Susan Taffe
Fred Guttshall	The Thompson & Mazzola
Phil Jacobus	Families
Sandra Johnson	Lake Walton



*Lord help me to live simply,
To give my life and all I am into your hands.
Help me to unclutter my closet,
For I have too much stuff that takes me away
From your presence.
Help me to unclutter my calendar,
For I am often too busy to focus my attention on you.
Help me to unclutter my mind,
For I have too many unguided thoughts
That distract me from your instructions.
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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