



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 5, 2021
The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

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: "Concerto in A Minor"

2. Adagio in D minor

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

* Call to Worship

Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship.

Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

This is a place where all belong.

This is a time when all are accountable to God.

Come to sing praises and put your trust in God.

Come to prepare yourself to serve in Christ's name.

We bring all our needs to God, our hope.

We want to share faith and hope with others.

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn:** "Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

MONKLAND

**1. Let us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord who is so kind:**

Refrain:

**For God's mercies shall endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**2. God, with all-commanding might,
Filled the new-made world with light: *Refrain***

**3. All things living God does feed,
With full measure meets their need: *Refrain***

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that our good intentions have gone astray. We favor the people who are like us and honor those we deem to be important. We dishonor the poor, write off those with whom we disagree, excuse our self-serving behavior, and sow injustice on every hand. It is so much easier to give advice than to do good. We would rather point fingers at others who are unfair than to give up our own advantages. O God, we plead for your forgiveness and for a depth of faith that will make a difference in us and in our world. 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 2:1-10, 14-17

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep

warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹ Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series: *Doers of the Word*: “Reconciliation Requires Action”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Solo: “Lord, Here am I”

Jay Althouse

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1951)

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey. Only direct me and I’ll find Thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me. What is my labor and where shall it be? Master, Thou callest and this I reply, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.” Lord, I will follow, if Thou will but lead. Only support me with grace in my need. Pardon whenever I turn from the right. Help me and bring me again to the light.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

* The Apostle's Creed

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.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

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| 1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways; Reclothe us in our rightful mind, In purer lives Thy service find, In deeper reverence, praise. | 3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above, Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee The silence of eternity, Interpreted by love! |
| 2. In simple trust like theirs who heard, Beside the Syrian sea, The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word Rise up and follow Thee. | 4. Drop Thy still dews of quietness, Till all our strivings cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our ordered lives confess The beauty of Thy peace. |

* Commission and Blessing

We are commissioned as carriers of love.

The attention we give to others is contagious.

We seek to honor all people by listening to them.

We want to provide practical help to those in need.

Alleluia.

Amen.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte

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.

Postlude: "Basse et Dessus de Trompette"

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
(1676 -1749)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

**The flowers on the chancel are donated in memory of my parents,
Jack and Evelyn Cameron by Jean Hahm.**



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*

The Rev. Louis S. Thompson, *Parish Associate and
Liturgist for virtual worship*

Susie Hilton, *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: Ruth Felipe and Carol Schwiars

Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro (*Head
Ushers*), Karen Chappler, Rebecca Beavers, Nellie
Cummins, Tim Hall, Bill & Mary Koppelkam

Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita and Jim
Hart

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

September 12: 16th Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: James 3:1-12 & Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon Series: Doers of the Word



VPC NEWS

FALL EDUCATION KICK OFF IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH!

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.





THANK YOU VPC for your awesome support of the Helps Outreach food drive, Collier Harvest Feed 5000 Program, and the Weekend Power Pack Program this summer! On Monday, August 23, VPC volunteers packed 150 bags of groceries for the families in need of students from East Naples, Golden Gate, and Immokalee Middle Schools. In Fellowship Hall, the next day, 240 “power Packs” were put together for children in the Weekend Power Pack Program who are either homeless or living in poverty. This feat was accomplished by 21 VPC congregants in under one hour! Thank you very much for your financial contributions and “hands-on” support! Your VPC Mission Team

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 HAITI and VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IDA:



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

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.

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.



THANKS FOR DONATING!

THANK YOU VANDERBILT for the very successful blood drive!
22 people registered
21 pints collected
63 lives saved!



IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY, the church office will be closed on Monday, September 6th. We will open on Tuesday, September 7th at 9am.

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND

| | June | YTD | Budget | July | YTD | Budget |
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| 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!

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| *Joseph Riashi | 9/5 |
| Mary Ann Kellogg | 9/6 |
| Irene McGee | 9/7 |
| Bob Gruber | 9/8 |
| Susan Hallin | 9/8 |
| Judy Istock | 9/8 |
| Karen Schulz | 9/8 |
| Suzanne Smith | 9/8 |
| *Bruce Stryker | 9/8 |
| *Al Starr | 9/9 |
| *Carol Holzinger | 9/9 |
| *Marsha Reed | 9/10 |
| *Debra Bevilacqua | 9/11 |
| Sherri Bratt | 9/11 |



*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!

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| John & Maveyn Millard | 9/5 |
| Barbara & Fred Minter | 9/7 |
| Don & Greta Corcoran | 9/9 |
| Gil & Lou Grady | 9/10 |
| John & Anna Maria Miles | 9/10 |

Congratulations

To our new Birthday Club Member!

Betty Karnes: August 18



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.

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



On Sunday, September 12, 2021 we will say farewell to **Fred & Karen Schulz**. They are moving to Georgia to be near family. We will celebrate their many years of service at the fellowship hour following church. If you wish to send a card to Fred and Karen, please send them to VPC. We will miss you!!

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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