



October 10, 2021  
**The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Psalm 22: 1-15**



<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?  
<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest. <sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
<sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.  
<sup>5</sup> To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.  
<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.  
<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;  
<sup>8</sup> "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"  
<sup>9</sup> Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.  
<sup>10</sup> On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.  
<sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.  
<sup>12</sup> Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
<sup>13</sup> they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.  
<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;  
<sup>15</sup> my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

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 and Fugue"

Johann Ludwig Krebs  
(1713-1780)

**\* Call to Worship**

*Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes.*

*Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.*

**Oh, that we knew where to find God!**

**We want to hear and understand God's Word.**

*The word of God is living and active.*

*It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.*

**We cannot hide from God who knows us.**

**God understands our thoughts and intentions.**

*Let us worship God.*

**\* Hymn #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"**

ASSURANCE

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| <p>1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!<br/>O what a foretaste of glory divine!<br/>Heir of salvation, purchase of God,<br/>Born of His Spirit washed in His blood.<br/><i>Refrain:</i><br/>This is my story, this is my song,<br/>Praising my Savior all the day long;<br/>This is my story, this is my song,<br/>Praising my Savior all the day long.</p> | <p>2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,<br/>Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;<br/>Angels, descending, bring from above<br/>Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.<br/><i>Refrain.</i></p> <p>3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,<br/>I in my Savior am happy and blest,<br/>Watching and waiting, looking above,<br/>Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.<br/><i>Refrain.</i></p> |
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**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, hear us if you can. Know that many times we feel forsaken and terrified more than supported and comforted. We cry out and hear no answers. We suffer and find no relief. We are tempted to blame you even though we are the ones who cut off communication. We complain in the midst of plenty and groan over imagined slights. When we feel mocked and scorned and despised, we turn inward with the hurt instead of opening ourselves to your healing touch. Have mercy on us, and help us in our time of need. 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

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

<sup>2</sup> “Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. <sup>3</sup> Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! <sup>4</sup> I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. <sup>5</sup> I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. <sup>6</sup> Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. <sup>7</sup> There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. <sup>8</sup> “If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; <sup>9</sup> on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. <sup>16</sup> God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; <sup>17</sup> If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Solo:** “If With All Your Hearts” from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1809-1847)

If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me. Thus saith our God.

Oh! That I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence.

### The Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup> As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup> He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” <sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Solo:** “Prayer of St. Francis”

Allen Pote

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1945)

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith. Where there's despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light. Where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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)**

(The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1)

Q: *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

A: **That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. 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 “Jesus Calls Us”**

GALILEE

1. Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth  
Saying, “Christian, follow me.”
2. Jesus calls us from the worship  
Of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
Saying, “Christian, love me more.”

3. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
“Christian, love me more than these.”
4. Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience,  
Serve and love thee best of all.

## \* Commission and Blessing

*The word of God will guide you in all truth.*

*It will assure you of God's saving grace.*

**With God, all things are possible.**

**From God, we seek to know eternal life here and now.**

*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: "Sortie for Jane"**

César Franck  
(1822-1890)

*Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.*



## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

**October 17:**

**21st Sunday After Pentecost**

**First Reading: Job: 38:1-7 (34-41)**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45**

**Sermon Series: Walking with Job**

**"Awestruck By God"**



## WORSHIP LEADERS

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow**, *Pastor*  
**Bill Payne**, *Virtual worship Liturgist*  
**Mary Lynn Myers**, *Sunday worship Liturgist*  
**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*  
**Julie Carver**, *Pianist for Sunday worship*  
**Greeters:** Priscilla Kutler & Carol Schwiars  
**Ushers:** Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro  
(*Head Ushers*), Jerry Warnken, Gwen Salyer, Tim  
Hall, Dianne Westerlund, and Bob Miller  
**Soundboard Operators:** Victoria Bonavita and  
Jim Hart

## VPC NEWS

**NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON:** The new member luncheon is **today** following worship. We will meet in Harp Hall. If you are participating, follow members of the Membership Team, who will be wearing **blue VPC shirts**.





**WHAT'S UP WITH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS?** We're going to light up the night with children and youth groups for students PreK-3 through High School on **Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm**. Meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 for dinner. Parents are invited to join Pastor Rob's Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm in Harp Hall and/or adult choir rehearsal with Dr. Jim at 7:00pm. Please let us know if you need nursery care during this time. Questions? Please contact Heather Mikes, [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org). We hope to see you Sundays at 10:00am for Worship at VPC! On **October 17<sup>th</sup>** we will have Bible Sunday for our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and on **October 24<sup>th</sup>** we will have our monthly Family Led Worship service with some fun, fall activities in the courtyard. All are welcome!

**SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE BLOOD DRIVE!** Our next blood drive will be **Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 12pm**. 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!



**CHICKS WITH STICKS** is VPC's knitting ministry. We recently received a very generous donation of lots of yarn.



Do you knit or crochet? Come to an organizational meeting on **Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm** in the church library. Roosters with Sticks are also welcome! More info? Contact Molly Cochran at [mollyknits53@yahoo.com](mailto:mollyknits53@yahoo.com) or (757)291-4034.

**WEEKEND POWER PACK PROGRAM:** On **Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** volunteers are needed to pack 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 10:30 am. Packing takes approximately one hour. Please contact Cherie Baines at [ctfl.baines@gmail.com](mailto:ctfl.baines@gmail.com) or 239-776-5652 for more information or to volunteer.



**COLLIER HARVEST/FEED 5000:** On **Monday, October 25, at 5:30 pm**, Collier Harvest (Feed 5000) volunteers will pack 150 bags of food for the families of students from Golden Gate, East Naples, and Immokalee Middle Schools at their warehouse at 4451 Mercantile Avenue. Please send an email to Cherie Baines ([ctfl.baines@gmail.com](mailto:ctfl.baines@gmail.com)) if you are available to help! To donate to Collier Harvest, please make your check out to VPC and put Collier Harvest on the memo line.



**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Our annual Trunk or Treat is back on **Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** in the West Parking Lot. Prizes for the brightest display of Wednesday Night Lights, best family-friendly costume and best trunk theme. Set up will begin at 5:30pm. Please park every other space to ensure safe distancing. Trick or Treating starts at 6:00pm. **Sign up to decorate your trunk and host a treat station! We are also accepting donations of individually wrapped candy or prizes in the church office please.** Everyone is welcome to enjoy the fall festivities. Email Heather Mikes, [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org) or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044badaa2ca5ff2-vpcv1c> to register.



**OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUES AT VANDERBILT:** Our Stephen Ministers at VPC have been meeting needs for care for 22 years, and we thank God for the gift of their ministry. Their training has given them the knowledge and skills to provide one-to-one care for people in our congregation and community. A new training class is coming up in **January 2022**, and we encourage you to give some thought to becoming a Stephen Minister. What do Stephen Ministers Do? Stephen Ministers are caring Christians who listen, understand, accept, and pray for and with care receivers who are working through a difficult time in life.



## 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!**

*Gloria Hagopian	10/10
Sherry Hardgrove	10/10
Diana Amato	10/11
*Jo-Ann Degelmann	10/11
*Louise Eliot	10/11
*Stan Swihart	10/11
Don Corcoran	10/12
Gary Karnes	10/12
*Riley Mikes	10/12
*Ann Windley	10/15
Gary Shepherd	10/16

#### **\*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!**

There are no anniversaries this week.



### **Welcome Back!**

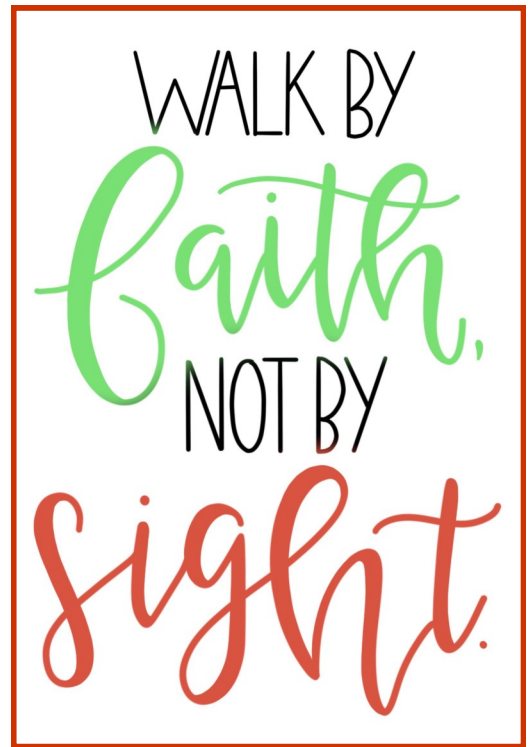
If you are just returning to Naples or to church, we want to greet you by your name! If you have a name tag, please wear it on Sundays. If you need one, just let a Greeter or Usher know or call the office!

**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	Fran Gray	Lynne Soule
Teresa Barrett	The Grider Family	Susan Taffe
Tracey Barry	Fred Guttshall	Lake Walton
The Family of Brent Bensmiller	Sandra Johnson	The Zajac Family
Adriana Caruso	Betty Karnes	
Kit Chamberlain	Judy Malone	
Dick Clark	Carolyn Martin	
Dick Creviston	Marciadee Newman	
Cristiana	Jonathan Orr	
Ron Davis	Domenico Paglia	
Gretchen Davison	Susan Peters	
Bob Diederich	Leah Ray	
Emma Fisler	Marjorie Renth	
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Twila Rowe	
Jim Fligg	Lynne Schneider	
Ali Frimpter	Ron Seiling	
Pattie Fruth	Deborah Smith	
Bee Getman	Liz Nowry Smith	
	Harold Soule	



## 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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