



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 14, 2021
25th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹ You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



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: From "Sonata in F Major"
Largo & Allegro

Benedetto Marcello
(1686-1739)

Susan Norbeck, *Flute*

* Call to Worship

Come, let us present ourselves before our God.

Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

Surely God knows our thoughts and hears our prayers.

We find strength for living as we praise God.

God grants our petitions and gives us peace.

The counsel of our God gladdens our hearts.

In God's presence there is fullness of joy.

As we meet together, we are encouraged and comforted.

Let us worship God.

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!
3. O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine.
4. O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, we confess the arrogance of our doubts and the falsehood of our denials. We have neglected to pray and have forgotten to give thanks. Many activities have become more important to us than gathering for worship. Our busyness crowds out times of private prayer. We shake our heads at the evil around us but do little to witness to a better way. Your law is seldom consulted, and your pathways of self-sacrificing love rarely explored. Turn us around, God. Only you can meet our 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

I Samuel 2:1-10

²¹ Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. ²"There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. ³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. ⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. ⁸He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world. ⁹"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. ¹⁰The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: From "Suite Antique"
Prelude

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Susan Norbeck, *Flute*

The Gospel Reading

Mark 13:1-8

¹³¹ As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." ³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series: *Building Lives that Matter*
"Perspective - Not One Stone"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Solo: "Mansions of the Lord"

Randall Wallace (b. 1949)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Nick Glennie-Smith (b. 1951)

To fallen soldiers let us sing. Where no rockets fly nor bullets wing. Our broken brothers let us bring, To the Mansions of the Lord. No more bleeding, no more fight. No prayers pleading through the night. Just divine embrace, Eternal light, In the Mansions of the Lord. Where no mothers cry and no children weep. We will stand and guard though the angels sleep All through the ages safely keep, The Mansions of the Lord.

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

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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 #561 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"**

AMERICA

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| 1. My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside,
Let freedom ring! | 3. Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong. |
| 2. My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above. | 4. Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King. |

*** Commission and Blessing**

*Go forth in confidence that God remembers you.
Go in peace, knowing you will find blessings in abundance.
God is with us wherever we go.
We seek to recognize the blessings we have ignored.
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: From "Sonata in F Major"
Allegro

Marcello

Susan Norbeck, *Flute*

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK



**November 21:
Christ the King Sunday
First Reading:
Psalm 132:1-12
Gospel Reading:
Matthew 1:1-8, 25
Rev. Dr. Louis S. Thompson,
Parish Associate
Sermon: "Come, Lord Jesus"**



**The flowers on the Chancel are
donated in memory of
Clifford T. & Jean S. Muddell
on their 85th wedding anniversary
by Bruce & Chris Muddell.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
Molly Godley, Virtual worship Liturgist
Emily Lienesch, 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
Susan Norbeck, Flutist
Michele Byrd, Soprano for virtual worship

The Chancel Choir, for Sunday worship
Julie Carver, Pianist for Sunday worship
Ayden Carver: Acolyte for Sunday worship
Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Dixie Bibb
Family Greeters: The Day Family
**Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro
(Head Ushers), Karen Chappler, David Baines, Bill &
Geri Payne**
**Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita & Jim
Hart**

VPC NEWS



THE FIRST CONCERT OF THE 2021-2022 SEASON is TODAY - November 14, 2021 at 2pm.

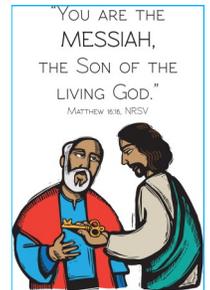
James Kealey is Associate Director of Music and Organist at Third Presbyterian Church in Rochester, New York. He will play a varied program including works by Bach, Franck, Widor and Vierne. Don't miss this rising star in the organ world!

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. We hope to see you Sundays at 10am for Worship at VPC!



EDUCATION OFFERING MENTAL ILLNESS - THEN AND NOW: Dates: November 14, 21 & 28 - Location: Schock Chapel - **Time:** 11:15am -12:30pm **Leaders:** Rev. Lou Thompson & Joyce Geary. Join us at 11:15am, when we will review past and current understanding and treatments for mental illness. A box lunch will be served. We will be using the PBS documentary *Mysteries of Mental Illness*. Call the office to register: 597-5410.

DR. LOU THOMPSON PRESENTS AN EDUCATION OFFERING FOR MEN: Journey with Matthew as he leads us from Birth to Death of Jesus, The Messiah. A class for men on **Tuesdays 9 a.m. beginning November 30**. We will begin with Matthew's introduction of the Ancestry of Jesus, exploring the concept of Messiah, Son of David, Son of Abraham. These concepts may be familiar to you, but come and let us look behind these words in greater depth appropriate for this Advent Season.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

STEPHEN LEADER COMMISSIONING: Sunday, we celebrate the commissioning of a member of our congregation who has completed training and is ready to use her spiritual gifts as a Stephen Leader. This commissioning service offers an opportunity to show our support for Stephen Ministry. So, how can we help? Each of us can become involved in this ministry in many ways.

Some of us may recognize a call to use our ministry gifts and apply to become a Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister. Others may accept the care of a Stephen Minister. And any of us can be ministers of referral, watching for people in need and suggesting a Stephen Minister's care. Think about becoming a Stephen Minister. Training begins at VPC in January 2022 - contact Jill Peterson at 239-250-4483 or petersji72@gmail.com.

VPC IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF FELLOWSHIP TIME after church and your Parish Life Committee needs you! There are two ways you can help: 1. Sign up to help with setting up and cleaning up during fellowship time once a month or when you're in town. To sign up, contact Leslie Loughran, (239) 580-9069 or leslie.loughran@gmail.com. 2. Sign up as a family or a group of friends or a committee to provide treats. Bring a fruit bowl or plate, a salty snack (like cheese and crackers), and a sweet (like muffins or cookies) OR sponsor treats by donating \$50 to the Parish Life Committee and we'll purchase them for you. To sign up, contact Barbara Bonavita, bbonavita@vpcnaples.org or call 597-5410.



SPREAD THE VPC LOVE on Wednesday, December 1, 5-8pm VPC will be participating in a Christmas Tree Lighting event at the Green Tree Center - right across the street! We hope to have many of our members present in their blue VPC shirts! Let's get into the spirit and share the love of VPC with our neighborhood!

VPC WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - Join us on **Saturday, December 18 at 12 pm**. Enjoy a VandeReaders presentation, carol singing, and a catered lunch by LBD - Leslie Loughran. \$25 per person. Sign up in the church office (597-5410) or Sunday.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSIONS - Cherie Baines (ctfl.baines@gmail.com)



- **SALVATION ARMY "ANGEL TREE" PROGRAM:** The Angel Tree is up in the Narthex! Please choose a tag and return your gift by **December 5th**.
- **COLLIER HARVEST: November 15, 5:30 pm** at the CH warehouse, volunteers are needed to pack groceries.
- On **November 16, 1 driver under the age of 70 is needed** to deliver donations to three middle schools. We will meet at the Strand Publix on Immokalee Road at 8:30 am.
- **WEEKEND POWERPACK: November 18** at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall to pack 200 "Power Packs."
- **December 5th, 12th, and 19th**, we will have a table set up in the Narthex for donations to **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** which supports families worldwide by giving them an animal to start a small business. Heifer gift cards are available for any contribution of \$10 or more and may be passed on to those you wish to honor with your contribution.
- **SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS TOY SHOP: December 15 & 16** volunteers are needed to assist families in choosing gifts for their "Angels." Meet at the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Shop, 3725 Tamiami Trail East.
- **CAFÉ OF LIFE:** Friday, December 17 volunteers will provide and serve a meal at Café of Life in Lightner Park, Bonita Springs. Contact Eliza Nevin elizanevin@comcast.net for more information.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR THE CHANCEL FLOWERS? We have dates beginning in January of 2022 for your dedication. All the dates in 2021 have been sponsored. Thank you! Call Barbara at 597-5410 to sign up!



LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE! Do you need an enlarged version of the bulletin? There are copies in the Narthex. Check with an usher if you cannot find them!

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above.
James 1:17, NRSV

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND

	September	YTD	YTD Budget
Operating Income	\$ 60,074	\$ 964,639	\$1,031,500
Expenses	\$ 90,035	\$ 875,871	\$ 964,000
Deo Mortgage Balance 9/30/2021	\$ 338,015		

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. Grassetto
(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)
Nolan Kelly
US Army - Private First Class
Fort Sill, OK
Christian Kurz
US Navy, USS Nitze
(Joyce Geary's great nephew)
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)





***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 Birthday!

- Patti Runkel 11/12
- Susan Lefebvre 11/14
- Kathe Hall 11/15
- Ben Hood 11/15
- *Mary Giles 11/17
- Dan Meeuwse 11/17
- *Janet Minch 11/17
- *Linda Swihart 11/17
- *Pete Rodino 11/20

Happy Anniversary!

Bruce & Heidi Stryker
11/18



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. 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.

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| Cynthia Arnold | Bob Diederich | Chester Kauffman | Harold Soule |
| Ava | Jim & Wealtha Flick | Michelle Lea | Lake Walton |
| Teresa Barrett | Jim Fligg | Mark Madden | Geraldine Wearsch |
| Tracey Barry | Ali Frimpter | Judy Malone | |
| Adriana Caruso | Gail | Carolyn Martin | |
| Dick Creviston | Bee Getman | Marciadee Newman | |
| Ron Davis | Fran Gray | Judy Oehler | |
| Gretchen Davison | Sandra Johnson | Marjorie Renth | |
| Dawn Marie | Jonathan | Twila Rowe | |



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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