

Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 16, 2022

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 36:5-10

⁵ Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

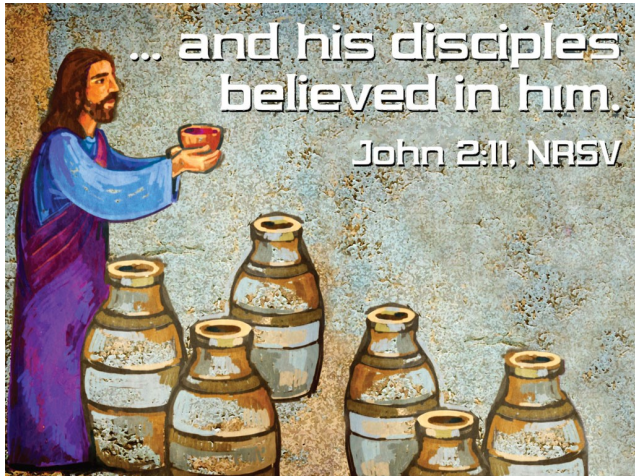
⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

¹⁰ O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!



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: Two Pieces:

“Fugue in C Major” & “Aria in F Major”

G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)

* Call to Worship

With steadfast love, God calls our names.

Come to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.

We long to be recognized and affirmed.

We are eager for a place of shelter and security.

Feast on the abundance of God's house.

Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

We are ready to hear the Word of God.

We want to be guided by eternal truth.

Let us worship God.

1. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:
2. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
3. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
4. Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
5. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the heathen and the righteous, we confess that we have moved away from our commitment to Christ. We have denied your gifts, ignored your inspiration, and wandered from your healing presence. Yet we cannot escape your claim on us, for wherever we go, you are there. How precious is your steadfast love that saves us from our selfish desires to live for higher values! Strengthen us to do as you tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us. 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 of Illumination

The First Reading

I Corinthians 12:1-11

¹² ¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "Simple Gifts"

Aaron Copland

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1900-1990)

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained, To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight, Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

The Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

² ¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series: Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ:

"Varieties of Gifts"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain, As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; By this we worship, and are freed.

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**

(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 # 482: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

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| <p>1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!</p> <p>2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?</p> | <p>3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that
is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

Reach out as listening, caring, healing people.

Your love will become a miracle for someone in need.

We pray that God will keep us open to further learning.

May our humble witness attract others to 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: "Prelude in A Minor"

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
Susie Hilton, Virtual worship Liturgist
Karen Chappler, 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 & Jan Fern
Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro (*Head Ushers*), Jerry Warnken, Gwen Salyer, Julie & Greg Borden, George Morton
Soundboard Operators: Jim Hart & Victoria Bonavita

Now you are the


of Christ and individually members of it.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

January 23:
The Third Sunday after Epiphany
First Reading:
I Corinthians 12:12-31
Gospel Reading:
Luke 4:14-21
Sermon Series:
Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ
Sermon: "You Are the Body"

1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV

The flowers on the chancel are donated in loving memory of our parents, Edith & Ervin by Ron Sieling and Joan Elliott and in Celebration of Jim Muir's birthday from his loving wife, Sally.

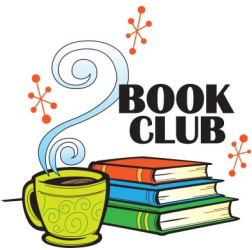


 This morning, our fellowship hour treats are sponsored by Reggie and Mike Smith. Stop by and say Hello! 

VPC NEWS

SUNDAY SEMINAR: *THE "LOST SCRIPTURES" OF THE NEW TESTAMENT:*

TODAY, January 16: We all know that the Bible didn't just float down to earth one day a few years after Jesus died. What many don't know however, is that it took over 300 years of wrangling and compromise by bishops, clergy, and laity to agree on the 27 "books" that we now call the New Testament. Knowing that however, it should come as no surprise to learn that many other "scriptures" were also considered, but were finally rejected for one reason or another. This season's Seminar will continue reading some of these "lost Scriptures", which we paused when Covid-19 struck two years ago. New members are of course always welcome . . . no experience needed! **11:15am** in Harp Hall. Masks encouraged.



THE VPC BOOK CLUB WILL HAVE OUR FIRST MEETING FOR 2022 on Monday, January 17 at 1:30. As usual, we will be meeting on the *third* Monday of the month. With the surge in the Omicron variant we will be meeting by Zoom. Just email Peggy Landon at mlandon711@gmail.com to get the link to the meeting. Carol Schwiers will be facilitating our discussion of *The Book of Lost Friends*, by Lisa Wingate. We need to make a final decision on books for the rest of our meetings this season when we are together in January. If you are willing to lead the discussion, let Peggy know.

A BIG WEEK FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING: Our Stephen Minister trainees are learning about "The Art of Listening" this week on Thursday evening—an essential part of Stephen Ministry. They will learn how to use a variety of active listening skills to help hurting people share what they're going through and move toward healing. Also, this week on Saturday, they'll have two sessions on "Distinctively Christian Caring," focusing on the essentials of using their Christian faith in caring for hurting people and learning practical ways to live out the reality that "The Stephen Minister is the caregiver, and God is the Caregiver." They'll be digging deeper into the use of essential Christian resources to enhance their caregiving, including prayer and the Bible. Please lift our trainees up in your prayers as they continue to learn to care in Jesus' name.



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 at 9am** in Harp Hall.

WHAT'S UP WITH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS? Mid-week faith formation will resume on **February 2, 2022.** We are delaying the return of our group due to the rise in Covid and its impact on staff, volunteers, and family.



FRIENDS IN FAITH is a caring group of women who support one another through exploring God's word together. **The group will resume on February 9.** We are delaying the return of our group due to the rise in Covid. Thank you for understanding. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 10-11:30am. All ladies are welcome to come read and discuss "*Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*" by Max Lucado. Questions? Email Kay

Beernink at leskaybee@aol.com.



VLC SPIRIT NIGHT is **January 20** at Chick-fil-A on Airport-Pulling Road. Drive through, Take Out or Dine In, anytime between **5pm-8pm** and a portion of your purchase will be donated to VLC for students, teachers and educational enrichments.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Every Wednesday morning, meet in the VPC parking lot at 7:30am to go to Immokalee to build homes. No special skills or tools are required, just bring a bag lunch. Questions? Call Karen Chappler at 592-6434.



CAFÉ OF LIFE: Friday, January 28, 9:15am: Please provide fresh fruit for approximately 150 people at Café of Life in Leitner Neighborhood Park, 26724 Nomad Dr, Bonita Springs. To volunteer or for more information please contact Eliza Nevin at Elizanevin@comcast.net.



WEEKEND POWER PACK PROGRAM: needs a volunteer driver (between the ages of 21-69) to transport food every four to six weeks. Round trip, the drive takes approximately 1 1/2 hours. If you are available to drive or pack, please contact Cherie Baines at: ctfl.baines@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND

	November	YTD	YTD Budget
Operating Income	\$ 70,867	\$1,132,058*	\$1,206,100
Expenses	\$ 97,809	\$1,073,993	\$1,190,800
Deo Mortgage Balance 11/30/2021	\$ 334,013		



*This includes \$125,700 Grant from the Payroll Protection Program.
Without this one-time grant, our Year-to-Date income would be \$1,006,358.

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)

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



Congratulations



To our new Birthday Club Members!

Arnold Alexander

Joanne Bowser

Adam Day

George Mackie

Dick & Sally Watts



Happy Anniversary!

Bud & Bee Getman	1/18
Priscilla & Steve Kutler	1/19
Michael & Nicole Smith	1/19

Happy Birthday!

Renee Bertone	1/16	Annette Dietrich	1/19
Beth McDonough	1/16	*Carolyn Magarro	1/20
*Helen Bechthold	1/17	Sarah Smith	1/20
Joe Doggett	1/17	Melodie Esposito	1/21
John Weiss	1/17	*Jerry Warnken	1/21
Alexander Hobbs	1/18	Connie Weiss	1/21
Kay Hurley	1/18	*Larissa Gibson	1/22
Isabelle Rose Rockhold	1/18	*Jim Muir	1/22
		Elaine Nale	1/22



*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! Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

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	Gretchen Davison	Cherry & Phil Jacobus	Judy Oehler
Ron Bartlett	Bob Diederich	Chester Kauffman	Shirley Schwindt
Pam Botelho	Jim & Wealtha Flick	Keira Krumbine	Harold Soule
Adriana Caruso	Jim Fligg	Mark Madden	Bill Schwessinger
Mason & Pat Colby	Gen Folliard	Judy Malone	Geraldine Wearsch
Dick Creviston	Jim Folliard	Bridgette Negri	Adele & Don Westall
The Cunha Family	Lori Godwin	Joseph Negri	
Ron Davis	Dr. Steve Harrington	Marciadee Newman	



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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