# January 23, 2022 The Third Sunday after Epiphany

# Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; <sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. Now In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, you are the <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. <sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; of Christ and the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; individually <sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. members of it. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. 1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV <sup>12</sup> But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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

A Moment For Stewardship

Prelude: "Aria for Flute and Piano"

Blair Francis Pauponiu, *Flute* & James Cochran, *Piano This piece was written for Blair and Jim. They are playing it today in honor of "Dr. Al's" 96th birthday!*  Alicia Farman

Dr. Al Tatarunis

# \* Call to Worship

Let the ears of all people be attentive; The heavens are telling the glory of God. **Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork.** Let us bow down and worship our Creator. Day and night, God is at work among us. We are drawn together into one body, the church. As we commune with God, we know we need one another. Let us honor the good to be found in all people. Let us worship God.

# \* Hymn #332: "Live Into Hope"

- Live into hope of captives freed, Of sight regained, the end of greed, The oppressed shall be the first to see The year of God's own jubilee!
- Live into hope the blind shall see With insight and with clarity, Removing shades of pride and fear A vision of our God brought near.
- 3. Live into hope of liberty,
  The right to speak, the right to be,
  The right to have one's daily bread,
  To hear God's word and thus be fed.
- Live into hope of captives freed From chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release To faith and hope and joy and peace.

# **Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Sometimes, God, we do not know what to confess. We seek to keep your law, but the right course is not always clear. We want to follow your direction, but it is hard to discern what is true. Sometimes it is difficult to care about people whose values are different from ours. How can we be one with those who do not share our beliefs? At times, our own faith is shaken —our faith in ourselves and our faith in you. We need your help, God, so our sins will not have dominion over us. Amen.

## **Affirmation of Forgiveness**

*Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.* **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.** 

# \* Gloria Patri

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. Henry Greatorex

TRURO

# **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 12:12-31

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Solo: "Sicilienne for Flute and Piano"

Blair Francis Paponiu, Flute

# Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

## **The Gospel Reading**

Luke 4:14-21

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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

"You Are the Body"

Solo: "Simple Song" from Mass

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano* & Blair Francis Paponiu, *Flute* (1918-19 Sing God a simple song; "lauda laude." Make it up, as you go along. Sing, like you like to sing God loves all simple things. For God, is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song to praise him, to bless him, to bless the Lord. I will sing his praises, while I live all of my days. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord. Blessed is the man who praises him and walks in his way. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift my voice to the Lord, singing "lauda laude." For the Lord, is my shade is the shade upon my right hand and the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night.

# Offering

# \* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

(Nicene Creed)

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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 #481: "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"

- 1. Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia! Angels round the throne above, Alleluia! All that see and share God's love. Alleluia!
- 2. Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia! Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia! Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia! Praise God, praise forevermore! Alleluia!

# \* Commission and Blessing

May the words of our mouths proclaim God's love. May the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God. We go forward as praying, witnessing people. We greet this week with high anticipation. Alleluia. Amen.

\* **Benediction Response:** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" 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: "Tambourin"

Blair Francis Paponiu, Flute

Francois-Joseph Gossec (1734 - 1829)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

# **WORSHIP LEADERS**

| The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor                 | Blair Francis Paponiu, Flutist                   |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Suzanne Zelinka, Virtual worship Liturgist        | The Chancel Choir, for Sunday worship            |  |  |
| Heather Mikes & Katherine Baron,                  | Julie Carver, Pianist for Sunday worship         |  |  |
| Sunday worship Liturgists                         | Ayden Carver, Youth Acolyte for Sunday worship   |  |  |
| Dr. James Cochran, Director of Music, playing the | Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Ruth Felipe         |  |  |
| Richard & Patricia Fors Organ given to the        | Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro       |  |  |
| glory of God and in honor of James Cochran,       | (Head Ushers), Greg Borden, Joyce & Bill Dersch, |  |  |
| Organist.   | Carol & Price Lindsay, Barbara McElwaine         |  |  |
| Heather Mikes, Director of Christian Education    | Soundboard Operators: Jim Hart & Victoria        |  |  |
| Michele Byrd, Soprano for virtual worship         | Bonavita   |  |  |



This morning, our fellowship hour treats are sponsored by the Stewardship Team. Stop by and say Hello!



# LLANFAIR

3. Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia! Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia! All that God for us has done, Alleluia! All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia!

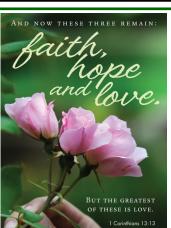
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The flowers on the chancel are donated in loving memory of my husband, E.W. Peterson, by June Peterson and in celebration of my 96th birthday

by Dr. Al Tatarunis.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK January 30: The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany First Reading: I Corinthians 13:1-13 Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30 Sermon Series: Love Never Ends: Being the Body of Christ Sermon: "The Greatest of These"



# **VPC NEWS**

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

**THIS WEEK'S TOPIC: A PROCESS APPROACH TO CAREGIVING:** Please keep our Stephen Minister trainees in prayer. This week, they're covering "A Process Approach to Caring," which provides the key understanding that the most effective caregiving happens when we focus on the *process* of care—not the *results* we hope to see. They don't have to fix the care receiver's problems; instead, they can continue providing the best possible care while relying on God to bring about the results.





**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. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 10-11:30am **via Zoom**. 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 <u>leskaybee@aol.com</u>.

2022 GIVING ENVELOPES are in the Narthex. Please pick yours up when you come to VPC! Thanks!



**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. T



ple at Café of Life in Leitner Neighborhood Park, 26724 Nomad Dr, Bonita Springs. To volunteer or for more information please contact Eliza Nevin at <u>Elizanevin@comcast.net</u>.



**SHARE SOME LOVE!** Let's cover the parking lot with meaningful Scripture, colorful art, and inspiring designs! No experience necessary. Doodling and scribbling are encouraged! Help us "Chalk the Lot" in front of the Narthex on Saturday, February 12 from 10am-12pm. We'll provide chalk art supplies and water. Please bring your own chairs (or blankets). Food will be available for purchase from a fantastic food truck — MAD Brunch SWFL. Reserve your creative space by February 10 at hmikes@vpcnaples.org. Don't pass

your chance to tackle hunger with us! We encourage you to bring one canned good or \$1 on Saturday, for the Souper Bowl of Caring.

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING! Each year, our youth work on a special service project collecting monetary contributions and canned food donations to tackle hunger! On Super Bowl **Sunday, February 13**, our youth will be collecting donations outside, before and after the in-person worship service at 10am. If you worship with us



virtually, you can mail checks to the church office indicating "Souper Bowl" in the memo or donate online at www.vpcnaples.org through February 28. Your generous gifts will offer care to those in our community struggling with food and housing insecurities.

**IN JANUARY WE CELEBRATE PET WEEK!** Each year, our VLC families celebrate Pet Week by collecting donations for the Humane Society of Naples. It's a wonderful way to teach our children about caring for God's creatures, the benefits of pet adoption and giving back to our community. You can help too! Check out the Amazon Wish List for the Naples Humane Society. https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/1VG91LWPHUE13/ref=cm\_wl\_act\_vv? layout=grid&sort=priority&itemPerPage=24.

| FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND         |                  |               |             |
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|   | 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 | e Payroll Protec | tion Program. |             |

Without this one-time grant, our Year-to-Date income would be \$1,006,358.

# Stewardship

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



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**Betty Taylor** 

\*Janet Mungo

\*Bob Martin

Don Schulte

**Pocket Patterson** 

**Thomas Hauschild** 

Sharon Anderson

**Happy Birthday!** 

Drake DeBaun

Roman Monda

Al Tatarunis

\*Tom Sletto

Price Lindsav

William Swenfurth

| Anniversaries | , |
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| to Celebrate  |   |

#### Happy Anniversary!

Mary Lynn & Stephen Myers 1/27 Dick & Sally Watts 1/28

#### \*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**

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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! <u>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*.</u>

Cynthia Arnold Jim Fligg **Ron Bartlett** Gen Folliard Pam Botelho **Iim Folliard** Adriana Caruso Lori Godwin Mason & Pat Colby Ioan Goldblatt **Dick Creviston** Dr. Steve Harrington The Cunha Family Cherry & Phil Jacobus **Ron Davis** Sandra Johnson Chester Kauffman Gretchen Davison **Bob Diederich** Keira Krumbine Iim & Wealtha Flick Emily Little

Mark Madden Judy Malone Bridgette Negri Joseph Negri Marciadee Newman Judy Oehler Shirley Schwindt Harold Soule

Bill Schwessinger Geraldine Wearsch Adele & Don Westall



# **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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