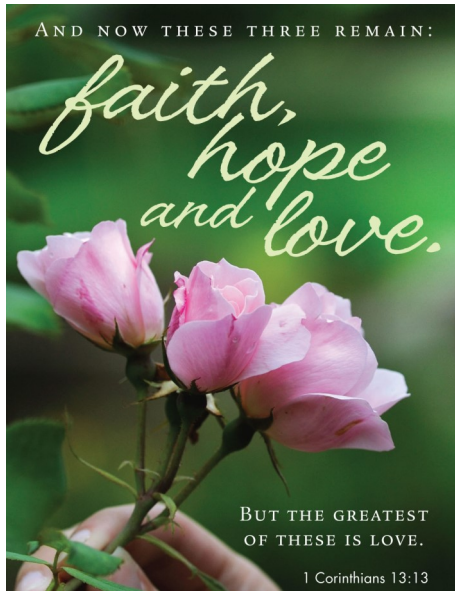


Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 30, 2022

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Psalm 71:1-6

- ¹ In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.
³ Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
⁶ Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

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

Greg & Julie Borden

Prelude: "Thou Wilt Bring Them In"

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
arr. Diane Bish (b. 1941)

* Call to Worship

Come, people of God, to the one in whom we trust.

Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

God is our rock of refuge, our strong fortress.

God saves us amid wickedness and cruelty.

Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them.

God's Word of love is ours to proclaim.

We have come to embrace the mysteries of our faith.

We are here to worship the God who empowers us.

Let us worship God.

1. Rejoice ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.
Refrain: Rejoice! rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
2. Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe. *(Refrain)*
3. At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *(Refrain)*
4. Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King. *(Refrain)*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you know us better than we know ourselves, but we have not believed this. You care about us even when we do not love ourselves, but it has been hard for us to understand that this is true. We see so dimly and hear your Word so faintly that we doubt your truth. We dare not trust the prophets or risk the cost of discipleship. We are afraid to believe, hope, and endure when there is suffering all around us. O God, grant us courage to change, to follow Jesus in spite of ridicule and rejection. Yet keep us from insisting on our own way, which may not be your way. 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 13:1-13

¹³ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "I Give to You a New Commandment"

Peter Nardone

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1965)

I give to you a new commandment, a new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you. Amen.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:21-30

²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

"The Greatest of These"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Solo: "Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone)

Traditional American Melody, Words: John Newton

Additional Chorus by Chris Tomilin and Louie Giglio, arr. Russell Maudlin

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear and Grace, my fears relieved. How precious did that Grace appear the hour I first believed. My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, My Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, Unending love, Amazing Grace! The Lord has promised good to me. His Word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow. The Sun forbear to shine! But God who called me here below, will be forever mine, Will be forever mine. You are forever mine!

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**

Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 #335: "Though I May Speak"**

O WALY WALY

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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.**

*** Commission and Blessing**

*Go forth with faith to move mountains.
Reach out with love that transforms the world.*

God’s Word will be in our mouths.

God’s love will warm our spirits.

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: “What God Ordains is Best”

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
Sue Van Fossen, 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 & Dixie Bibb
Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro (*Head Ushers*), Bill & Mary Koppelkam, Becky Wheat, Diane Westerlund, Bill & Sue Van Fossen
Soundboard Operators: Jim Hart & Victoria Bonavita

CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
SCRIPTURES, AND ... HE WAS

raised
on the third day.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4,
NRSV

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES
FOR NEXT WEEK**

February 6:

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
First Reading: I Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11
Sermon Series: Love Never Ends:
Being the Body of Christ
Sermon: “Hold Firmly”

The flowers on the chancel are donated in celebration of Sally Muir’s birthday, from her loving husband, Jim.



Thanks to Stephen & Mary Lynn Myers for sponsoring our fellowship hour in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

VPC NEWS

OUR NEXT CONCERT ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 2PM features Barry Ross, *Violin*, Jim Cochran and Julie Carver, *Piano*. Barry Ross has collaborated at Vanderbilt with Jim Cochran every year since 1992. He is thrilled to perform a recital at the church with his dear friends, Jim and Julie. The program brings an eclectic mix of repertoire from Kreisler to Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, from Irving Berlin to John Williams' *Theme From Schindler's List*. There will be music to suit every taste!



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

This season's class is examining several early scriptures that were once contenders for a place in the emerging New Testament. Plan to join the conversation as we read and discuss some of these recently recovered "lost scriptures" and ask why they were not included and what they reveal about early Christianity. **Sunday mornings, 11:15am**, Harp Hall. Dr. John Braun leads the class.

BEING AN ASSERTIVE CHRISTIAN: This week, our Stephen Minister trainees will begin the first of two sessions on "Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly." They will learn what makes an assertive approach more effective than passive or aggressive relating, look at the Biblical foundation of assertiveness, and discuss and apply the principles of the book *Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be an Assertive Christian*, which uses Jesus as the model for assertive behavior. Please continue to keep our growing Stephen Ministry in your prayers.



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 **sometime in February**. We are delaying the return of our group due to the rise in Covid and its impact on staff, volunteers, and families.



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.** 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 leskaybee@aol.com.

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13! Please consider donating blood on **Sunday, February 13 from 9am - 12pm**. Call the office to sign up! 597-5410. You may also sign up on Sunday mornings in the Narthex.



INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP? Please join Pastor Rob Marrow and the Membership Team for an informational conversation to answer your questions about being an active member of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. If you are "seasonal," we will explain how to become an affiliate member. Join us, **Sunday, February 27 immediately** after the worship service (11:15am) in Schock Chapel. Call the church office to register at 597-5410.



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.



FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND



	December	YTD	YTD Budget
Operating Income	\$159,475	\$1,291,533*	\$1,044,400
Expenses	\$106,888	\$1,180,881	\$1,190,800
Deo Mortgage Balance 12/31/2021	\$ 232,002		

*This includes \$125,700 Grant from the Payroll Protection Program.
Without this one-time grant, our Year-to-Date income would be \$1,165,833.

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



Happy Birthday!

	Pat Counts	2/1
*Gene Blanchard	1/30	Meryl Berger 2/2
Lizzie Piipponen	1/30	Dennis Lebo 2/2
*Sally Muir	1/31	Roberta McMaster 2/2
*Cindi Schock	1/31	Don Neer 2/3
Sheetal Yousaf	1/31	* Arnold Alexander 2/4

Happy Anniversary!



Karen & Wayne
Rockenbach
2/5



*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	Gen Folliard	Judy Malone
Ron Bartlett	Jim Folliard	Bridgette Negri
Pam Botelho	Lori Godwin	Joseph Negri
Adriana Caruso	Joan Goldblatt	Marciadee Newman
Mason & Pat Colby	Dr. Steve Harrington	Judy Oehler
Dick Creviston	Cherry & Phil Jacobus	Harold Soule
Ron Davis	Sandra Johnson	Bill Schwessinger
Gretchen Davison	Chester Kauffman	Margaret Waters
Bob Diederich	Keira Krumbine	Geraldine Wearsch
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Emily Little	
Jim Fligg	Mark Madden	

We are saddened to announce the death of Wayne Benton. Wayne and his wife Edna have been members of VPC for 23 years. They moved to Tennessee a while ago and he passed away on May 23, 2021. We recently found out about his death. Please keep Edna in your prayers.

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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