



# Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 9, 2022

## The Baptism of the Lord

### Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;

and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

<sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!



**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:** Three Settings of "Glory be to God on High"

I. & II. Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

III. Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

#### \* Call to Worship

*Bow in awe before the one who created you.*

*God knows you completely, yet accepts you.*

**The voice of God commands our attention.**

**The voice of God is like fire and tornado.**

*God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us.*

*God brings us through terror to a place of peace.*

**Ascribe to God glory and strength.**

**Worship God in awe, wonder, and joy!**

*Let us worship God.*

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| <p>1. O Christ, the great foundation<br/>On which Your people stand<br/>To preach Your true salvation<br/>In every age and land:<br/>Pour out Your Holy Spirit<br/>To make us strong and pure,<br/>To keep the faith unbroken<br/>As long as worlds endure.</p> | <p>2. Baptized in one confession,<br/>One church in all the earth,<br/>We bear our Lord's impression,<br/>The sign of second birth:<br/>One holy people gathered<br/>In love beyond our own,<br/>By grace we were invited,<br/>By grace we make You known.</p> |
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### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

O God, the waters of faithfulness run deep, and we have been afraid they will overwhelm us. The fires of your Spirit burn brightly, and we fear we may be consumed if we display too much enthusiasm. We retreat to safe places where we hope to avoid challenges, conflicts, and uncertainty. When we shrink from risks, we miss much that enriches life. We fail to notice your amazing activity among those who respond to your leading. Free us, we pray, for daring service. Amen.

#### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

#### \* Gloria Patri

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**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

Isaiah 43:1-7

*43* <sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Solo: "Look at the World"

John Rutter

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1945)

Look at the world: everything all around us. Look at the world: and marvel everyday. Look at the world: So many joys and wonders. So many miracles along our way. Praise to thee o Lord for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see All the gifts we share and every blessing. All things come of thee. Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flower. Look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain. Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, Valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, Think of the warmth of summer. Bringing the harvest before the winters cold. Everything grows, everything has a season Til' it is gathered to the fathers fold. Every good gift, all that we need and cherish Comes from the Lord in token of his love. We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty. His is the earth and his the heavens above.

### The Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

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

"Well Pleased"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

For the beauty of the earth For the beauty of the skies For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies. Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night. Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and Moon and stars of light. For the joy of human love. Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above. For all gentle thoughts and mild. For each perfect gift of Thine. To our race so freely given. Graces human and divine. Flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

**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)

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can 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 #70: "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"**

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- 1. Christ, when for us You were baptized,  
God's Spirit on You came,  
As peaceful as a dove and yet  
As urgent as a flame.**
- 2. God called You "my beloved Son,"  
The suffering servant true,  
Sent You the kingdom to proclaim,  
God's holy will to do.**
- 3. Straightway and steadfast until death  
You then obeyed God's call  
Freely as Son of Man to serve  
And give Your life for all.**

**\* Commission and Blessing**

*Dare to face the world in joyous freedom.  
You have been baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

**We pray for courage to do what is right.  
We seek the strength to witness for peace.**

*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: "Trumpet Voluntary in D Major"**

William Boyce  
(1711-1779)

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

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor**  
**Jerry Grandey, Virtual worship Liturgist**  
**Molly Godley, 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:** Dixie Bibb & Ruth Felipe  
**Ushers:** Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro (*Head Ushers*), Joe Trees, Linda & Bob Addaman, Doug Dunn and Nancy Guthy  
**Soundboard Operators:** Jim Hart & Victoria Bonavita



**The flowers on the chancel are donated in honor of Priscilla's 80th birthday from her loving family, the Kutlers & the Valls.**

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**January 16: The Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**First Reading:**

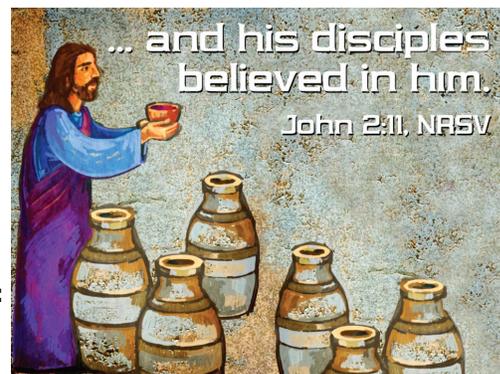
**I Corinthians 12:1-11**

**Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11**

**Sermon Series: Love Never Ends:**

**Being the Body of Christ**

**Sermon: "Varieties of Gifts"**



**This morning, our fellowship hour treats are sponsored by Priscilla and Steve Kutler. Stop by and say Hello!**



## VPC NEWS

**FELLOWSHIP TIME RESUMES TODAY!** If you wish to join us for socializing after worship we meet today in Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping with the receptions. Contact Leslie Loughran at [leslie.loughran@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.loughran@gmail.com) or 580-9069. **Stop by and sign the Joys and Concerns cards for our friends in need of our thoughts and prayers.**



**“STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT . . . WHAT WAS THE STAR THAT HOLY NIGHT?”** Scholars and theologians, historians and astronomers, believers and skeptics —they’ve all had something to say about that wondrous “Star of Bethlehem.” Most Christians associate it with Christmas Eve but the Church celebrates it on Epiphany, January 6. If you too are curious about that Star, plan to attend Dr. John Braun’s illustrated presentation following morning worship today in Harp Hall. Masks recommended. 11:15am-12:15pm.

**2022 GIVING ENVELOPES** are in the Narthex - if you requested them. Please pick yours up when you come to VPC! Thank you!

**Offering Envelopes**



**CONCERT TODAY AT 2pm:** Our next concert will feature, Daniel Minnick, Organist. Minnick was awarded the 2021 Cochran Prize for best organ recital of the year at the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester. His concert will feature works by Bach, Widor, Reger, and Berlin.

**SOMETHING NEW AND IMPROVED!** This past Monday we sent you our new and improved email full of all the events at VPC. On Mondays, you will receive an email with all the events for that week, along with ways to participate and sign-up for events. On Fridays, you will get an email with information about the upcoming Sunday service. On Sundays, you will get an email with links to the virtual service and reminders about the Sunday in-person worship. If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please send it to Michele Byrd on Monday for inclusion in the bulletin for that week: [mbyrd@vpcnaples.org](mailto:mbyrd@vpcnaples.org).

—STAYING—

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**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.

**TRAINING CONTINUES WITH “FEELINGS, YOURS, MINE AND OURS”:** This week our Stephen Minister trainees will learn about “Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours.” They’ll explore how feelings are a gift from God and how to help people recognize, accept, and express feelings so they can experience God’s healing and wholeness. Please lift our trainees up in your prayers as they nurture their gifts and expand their knowledge to bring care to hurting people in Christ’s name. Our new trainees are Dixie Bibb, Joan Butler, Judy Deitch, Barbara Green, Jody Nowry, Lee Weeks.



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**



**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.

**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.

**THE WHOLISTIC HEALTH TEAM** is postponing the Stress Relief Seminar with Dr. Al Tatarunis. In an abundance of caution, the team decided to wait for a while before presenting this special event. We will let everyone know of a new date when it is scheduled. Thank you for understanding.



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

Beginning next Sunday, 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.



**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. Grasseti**  
(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





**\*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!

**Happy Birthday!**

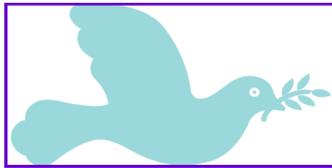
Cole Borden	1/9	*Clark Leaming	1/13
*Mary Chesslo	1/11	Donna Riley	1/13
*Steve Kutler	1/11	Sidney Carver	1/14
*Joan Mountford	1/12	Kristin Day	1/15

**Happy Anniversary!**

Joan & Terry Mountford	1/9
Debra & Michael Bevilacqua	1/10

**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  
 Ron Bartlett  
 Pam Botelho  
 Adriana Caruso  
 Mason & Pat Colby  
 Dick Creviston

Ron Davis  
 Gretchen Davison  
 Bob Diederich  
 Jim & Wealtha Flick  
 Jim Fligg  
 Lori Godwin  
 Dr. Steve Harrington  
 Cherry & Phil Jacobus  
 Chester Kauffman  
 Keira Krumbine

Mark Madden  
 Judy Malone  
 Bridgette Negri  
 Joseph Negri  
 Marciadee Newman  
 Judy Oehler  
 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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