



February 13, 2022
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

² but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.



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: "Prayer"

Léon Boëllmann
(1862-1897)

*** Call to Worship**

*Blessed are all who seek the realm of God,
who hunger to find meaning in their lives.*

**We intend to give our best to our Creator,
bearing fruit in all we say and do.**

*Blessed are the ones who serve God with joy,
who risk all they have in faithfulness and hope.*

**We come now to worship and find new life,
to receive healing and empowerment for our journey.**

Let us worship God.

1. God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the host of evil round us
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom , grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
3. Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we have chased after wealth and temporal security while neglecting matters of the spirit. We put our trust in things and in sinners' empty promises. We even deceive ourselves, shaping our words and actions to please the crowd. We have doubted the resurrection, surrendering to a sense of futility and skepticism. Turn us around, God, so we can learn to trust you and find strength in giving of ourselves. 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

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "The Call"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1872-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death. Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 13:1-8

¹³ ¹ As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." ³ When 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?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For 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: "We are Not Alone"

The Rev. Louis S. Thompson

Solo: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

arr. Mark Hayes

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1953)

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love, Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in You. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope, Where this is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, In giving of ourselves that we receive, And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Dedication of Estimates of Giving

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 #276: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

- 1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.
Refrain:
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**
- 2. Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
*Refrain***
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
*Refrain***

* Commission and Blessing

*Go forth into a parched and needy world
to share the water of life with others.*

**We go out with renewed faith and hope in Christ,
For resurrection is a living possibility for us.**

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 Tune in D Major"

David N. Johnson
(1922-1987)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
The Rev. Louis S. Thompson, *Parish Associate*
Molly Godley, *Virtual worship Liturgist*
Amber & Devon Grider,
Sunday worship Liturgists
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*
Carter Mikes, *Youth Acolyte for Sunday worship*
Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Jan Fern
Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro
(Head Ushers), Harley Ruppert, Jerry Warnken,
 Gwen Salyer, Carol & Price Lindsay, Tim Hall
Soundboard Operators: Jim Hart & Victoria
 Bonavita

The flowers on the chancel are donated



in remembrance of

Herbert Stanley & Anne Harrison Newman, Jr.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

**February 20: The Seventh
Sunday after Epiphany**

First Reading:

I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Sermon Series: Love Never Ends:

Being the Body of Christ

Sermon: "Raised in Glory"



WHAT IS
SOWN

IS PERISHABLE;

WHAT IS

RAISED

IS IMPERISHABLE.

1 Corinthians 15:42

Thanks to Gloria Hagopian for
sponsoring our fellowship hour.



VPC NEWS



IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING! Today, **February 13**, our youth will be collecting donations outside, before and after the in-person worship service at 10am. You can mail checks to the church office indicating "Souper Bowl" in the memo or donate online at www.vpcnaples.org by 2/28.

THE BLOOD DRIVE IS TODAY! Stop by the Bloodmobile if you wish to donate.

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 discuss some of these recently recovered "lost scriptures" and ask why they were not included and what they reveal about early Christianity. **Sunday at 11:15am**, Harp Hall led by Dr. John Braun.





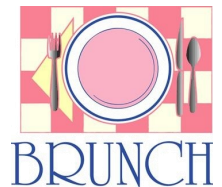
ANOTHER BIG WEEK FOR STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING: Our Stephen Minister trainees will cover two topics in their training on Thursday evening. First, they'll look at "Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving," which describes the importance of boundaries to protect them and their care receivers while ensuring the best possible care. Then, they'll learn about "Crisis Theory and Practice," which explores the effects of a crisis on people's lives and how to help them move through the crisis toward greater wholeness. Then on Saturday, they'll learn about "Confidentiality," a crucial part of Stephen Ministry and on "Caring between Visits: Caregiving and Communications Technology." This session explores how to evaluate these tools and use them in ways that enhances their ministry. We appreciate your continued prayers for our Stephen Minister training class. And after this week, all will have completed over 50% of their training!!

AN EDUCATION OFFERING FOR MEN: Journey with Matthew from the Birth to the Death of Jesus, The Messiah. A class for men on **Tuesdays at 9am** in Harp Hall.



STOP BY THE CHURCH to pick up some cards! Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day cards are out and available. We always have birthday, Anniversary, sympathy, and thinking of you cards too! Thank you for supporting our Recycled Cards Ministry.

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US! On **Sunday, February 20** following the 10am service, we will have a brunch in Fellowship Hall to thank you for your generosity during our annual stewardship drive. Please call the office at 597-5410 so we can plan ahead. Thank you in advance for your expressions of faith! The Stewardship Committee.



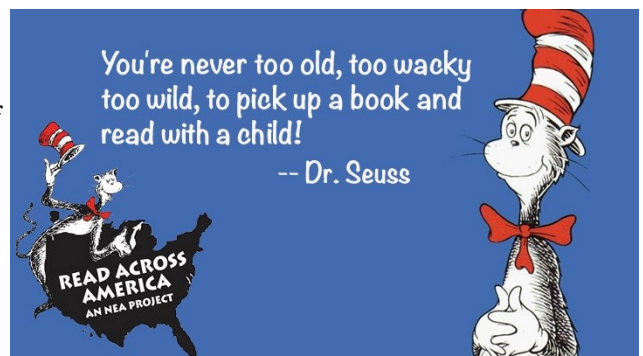
THE VPC BOOK CLUB will meet in person outside on the patio on **Monday, February 21 at 1:30pm**. We will discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towels. Please join us! Questions? Email Peggy Landon at mlandon711@gmail.com.

CHICKS WITH STICKS will meet on **Thursday, February 24 at 1:30pm** in the Conference Room. Bring your sticks or crochet hook and your latest project. We'll talk about an exciting new partnership with Westminster Presbyterian in Springfield, Illinois. Questions? Contact Molly Cochran at (757)292-4034 or Mollyknits53@yahoo.com.



INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP? Please join Pastor Rob for an informative conversation to answer your questions about being a member of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. **Sunday, February 27** immediately after the worship service (11:15am) in Schock Chapel. Call the church office to register at 597-5410.

HELP VLC CELEBRATE READING! Read Across America is **February 28 through March 4**. We invite you to visit our VLC classrooms to read a short story between the hours of 9-11:30am. You may bring a favorite book or choose one from the VLC Library. To reserve a time, select a book or ask questions, please email Jackie Elmer at jelmer@vpcnaples.org.





JOIN OUR TEAM: Must love children! VLC is looking for a caring heart with qualified hands to serve our preschool family as an assistant from 11:30am-4:30pm, Monday - Friday. Prior experience with children ages two through six is required. If not already, minimum certifications required upon employment include 45 hours training with the Department of Children and Families, CPR and Fire Safety. Candidates must be at least 21 years-old and are also required to pass the DCF background screening. Submit resumes and questions to Jackie Elmer jelmer@vpcnaples.org.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ **WEEKEND POWER PACK:** Our next packing event is on **Thursday, February 17 at 10:30am** at VPC in Fellowship Hall. The packing takes about an hour. WPP is also looking for a volunteer driver to transport food every 4-6 weeks. If you are available to help with either, email Cherie Baines ctfl.baines@gmail.com.
- ◆ **COLLIER HARVEST: Monday, February 21 at 5pm** Collier Harvest will have a packing event at 4451 Mercantile Ave. Email Cherie Baines for more information.
- ◆ **CAFÉ OF LIFE:** The next "Fruit Blessing" will be **Friday, February 25 at 9:15am** at Leitner Park, 26274 Nomad Drive, Bonita Springs. All donations of fruit is welcomed and appreciated. Please drop off fruit at the park, at VPC on Thursday by 3pm, or contact Cherie Baines to pick up fruit. More info? elizanevin@comcast.net. Thank you to Jody & Ron Nowry, Toni Keefer, Mary Lynn Myers, Jill Peterson, Becky Wheat, Laverne Perrollaz, Judy Deitch, Jim Hawkins, Hugh Nevin, Cherie & David Baines for providing fruit!



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!

*Mason Colby	2/13
*Marlene Everson	2/14
Jody Nowry	2/14
*Jim Everson	2/16
Pat Peters	2/16
Ron Nowry	2/17
Heidi Holley	2/18
*Heather Mikes	2/18
*Patty Shields	2/18
*Dick Creviston	2/19
*Chuck Lewis	2/19
*Carol Schwiars	2/19



Happy Anniversary!

Carol & Pete Schwiars	2/14
Dana & Joseph Riashi	2/16



*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	Jim Fligg	Mark Madden
Gordon Black	Jim Folliard	Judy Malone
Adriana Caruso	Dr. Steve Harrington	Bridgette Negri
John Ciampi	Mary Hart	Joseph Negri
Mason & Pat Colby	Cherry & Phil Jacobus	Marciadee Newman
Dick Creviston	Sandra Johnson	Abby Renie
Ron Davis	Keira Krumbine	Harold Soule
The Davison & Rodino Families	Finley Lee	Bill Schwessinger
Bob Diederich	Emily Little	Margaret Waters
Jim & Wealtha Flick	The Lloyd Family	Geraldine Wearsch
	The Lucarelli Family	

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Gretchen Davison** on February 5, 2022. She was at home and surrounded by her family when she peacefully went to heaven. Please keep her family, especially Pete and Karen Rodino, in your prayers. A celebration of both Jim and Gretchen Davison will take place on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 11am at VPC. If you wish to send a card to the Rodinos: 8775 Muirfield Dr. Naples, FL 34109*

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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