

February 6, 2022 The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Psalm 138

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
 ²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
 ³ On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.
 ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.
 ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.
 ⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.
 ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.
 ⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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

Dixie Bibb

Prelude: Prelude on ""Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

"Sing, my Tongue, the Savior's Glory"

Harold Rutz (b. 1930) John Barr (b. 1938)

Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory, Of His Flesh, the mystery sing; Of the Blood, all price exceeding, Shed by our Immortal King, Destined, for the world's redemption, From a noble Womb to spring. Of a pure and spotless Virgin Born for us on earth below, He, as Man, with man conversing, Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow; Then He closed in solemn order Wondrously His Life of woe. On the night of that Last Supper, Seated with His chosen band, He, the Paschal Victim eating, First fulfils the Law's command; Then as Food to all his brethren Gives Himself with His

own Hand.

* Call to Worship

Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts; The whole earth is full of God's glory.

Our hearts are filled with thanks, O God. We bring before you our songs of praise.

All rulers of the people are called to praise God. All people of the earth are subject to God's rule.

The steadfast love of God surrounds us here.

We have come to see and hear and understand.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heaven to earth come down,
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
 All Thy faithful mercies crown!
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
 Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation,
 Enter every trembling heart.
- 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!
 Let us all in Thee inherit,
 Let us find that second rest;
 Take away the love of sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
 Let us all Thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never,
 Nevermore Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee;
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Awesome God, we are afraid to admit the many ways we have failed you. We are sinful people who forget to thank you and who delay consulting with you about the decisions we must make. We prefer the safety of familiar programs, even when they are ineffective. We cling to our routines, even when they cause us to lose sight of your purposes. We are people of unclean lips, dwelling among people who deny your presence and power. O God, we fall down before you, seeking forgiveness. 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 15:1-11

15 ¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ¬ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. § Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 5:1-11

5 ¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁵ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁶ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down

at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

"Hold Firmly" The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Solo: "How Beautiful" Twila Paris

Michele Byrd, Soprano

(b. 1959)

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful is the body of Christ. How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as He died: willing to pay the price. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

* The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

God of grace and peace, as you have shared your life with us through the child in the manger and this simple meal together, let us share your life with others as the body of Christ in the world; through Jesus Christ, who is the bread of heaven. Amen.

* **Hymn** #509: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

CROSS OF JESUS

- 1. For the bread which You have broken, For the wine which You have poured, For the words which You have spoken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.
- 2. By this promise that You love us, By Your gift of peace restored, By Your call to heaven above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- * Commission and Blessing

Who will witness to the grace of God?

Here we are, ready to be sent into the world.

Alleluia.

Amen.

- Who will go out to serve in Christ's name?
- We will go where God directs, to share good news.
- * The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

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.

Postlude: "Psalm 19" Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

3. With the saints who now adore You

May the Church still waiting for You

In our hearts keep watch and ward;

In the world to which You send us

Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.

Seated at the heavenly board,

Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4. In Your service, Lord, defend us;

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
Susie Hilton, Virtual worship Liturgist
Sue Van Fossen, 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 & Carol Schwiers
Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro
(Head Ushers), Nellie Cummins, Rebecca Beavers,
Nancy Guthy, George Morton, Jane Repp, Patti
Runkel

Soundboard Operators: Jim Hart & Victoria Bonavita



The flowers on the chancel are donated in honor of loved ones from an anonymous donor.

Thanks to Sally & Jim Muir for sponsoring our fellowship hour.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

February 13: The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
First Reading: I Corinthians 15:12-20
Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26
Sermon Series: Love Never Ends:
Being the Body of Christ
Sermon: "The First Fruits"

VPC NEWS

OUR NEXT CONCERT IS TODAY AT 2PM and features Barry Ross, *Violin*, Jim Cochran and Julie Carver, *Piano*. 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 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 led by Dr. John Braun.

ASSERTIVE CHRISTIANS: SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE: Please lift our Stephen Minister trainees in your prayers. Thursday evening, they will have their second session on "Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly," they'll explore their own experiences with assertiveness, explore how to practice it, and recognize how it is a Christian way of relating. Our new trainees are Dixie Bibb, Joan Butler, Barbara Green, Jody Nowry, & Lee Weeks.

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 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.

SHARE SOME LOVE! Help us "Chalk the Lot" 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 **MAD Brunch SWFL.** Reserve your creative space by February 10 at hmikes@vpcnaples.org. 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 **Sunday, 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.

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13! Sign up Sunday mornings in the Narthex or call the office.

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 accordingly. 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 Marrow and the Membership Team for an informational 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.

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)

MAI 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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*Sandra Kemp	2/6	Jean Suciu	2/10	4.0		
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Julie Carver	2/7					_
P.J. Mahoney	2/7	Susanne Pender	2/11		each year of their life to celebrate their sp Endowment Team uses the interest incom	
Douglas Wilson	2/8	Ernie Sartorius	2/11		Club exclusively for Youth Activities! Cele	
Nicholas Barkley	2/10	*Walter Lee	2/12	_ == 0.10.03	Birthday by thanking God for your life!	, our

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	Joan Goldblatt	Bridgette Negri
Gordon Black	Dr. Steve Harrington	Joseph Negri
Adriana Caruso	Mary Hart	Marciadee Newman
Mason & Pat Colby	Cherry & Phil Jacobus	Harold Soule
Dick Creviston	Sandra Johnson	Bill Schwessinger
Ron Davis	Keira Krumbine	Margaret Waters
Gretchen Davison	Kirk Lea	Geraldine Wearsch
Bob Diederich	Finley Lee	
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Emily Little	
Jim Fligg	Mark Madden	

Our church family mourns with the Suciu and Daugherty families.

Spiridon "Dan" Suciu passed away on January 19, at the age of 100. He and his wife, Jean, were members of VPC for more than 31 years.

David Daugherty died on January 6, at the age of 95. His wife, Shirley, has been a member of VPC for 15 years. Please keep Jean and Shirley and their families 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

Judy Malone

To Serve others in Christ's name.

VPC VISION

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- ...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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