



March 13, 2022
Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm 27



SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
²When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.
³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
⁴One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.
⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.
⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his
tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.
⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help, Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
¹⁰If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.
¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
¹²Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses
have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.
¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

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

Moment for Mission

The Rev. Lisa Lefkow,
CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County

Prelude: “Méditation” from Thaïs

Ian Jessee, Violin

Jules Massenet
(1842-1912)

* Call to Worship

*Put away your hesitation to come before God;
Quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.*

God is our light and our salvation;

Whom shall we fear?

*Let us watch and wait with our Creator;
Let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.*

Teach us your ways, O God,

And lead us on a level path.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #80: "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

LONESOME VALLEY

**1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
He had to walk it by Himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for Him,
He had to walk it by Himself.**

**2. We must walk this lonesome valley,
We have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us,
We have to walk it by ourselves.**

**3. You must go and stand your trial,
You have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you,
You have to stand it by yourself.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

God of all people, we confess that we would like to claim your majesty and power for our exclusive benefit. We relish the good things of life and are reluctant to share with those who seem less deserving. We resist the prophets who point out our greed, even when we feel we are being generous. We resent persons in positions of authority over us who seem not to have our best interests at heart. We are angry about ones whose evil deeds seem to go unpunished. O God, how can we receive your mercy when we are so reluctant to pass it on? Help us to center our lives in your love more than on our own desires.

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

Genesis 15:1-6

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 4 But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." 5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "Lord, to Thee do I Lift My Soul"

Antonio Vivaldi

Michele Byrd, Soprano and Ian Jessee, Violin

(1678-1741)

Lord, to Thee do I lift my soul for comfort, for Thou, O Lord, art kind and Thy mercy is great. Give ear to my prayer, O Lord, my God. Ponder the voice of my desires, in time of trouble I call upon Thee: Lord, give ear to my prayer. Thy mercy is great unto all that call upon Thee in the time of their great need. Lord, I will thank Thee with all my heart, and will praise Thy Name forevermore.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series: Gathered Up in Jesus: "Under the Wings"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Solo: "Jerusalem, Thou That Killest the Prophets" from St. Paul

Felix Mendelssohn

Michele Byrd, *Soprano* and Ian Jesse, *Violin*

(1809-1847)

Jerusalem! Jerusalem, thou that killest the Prophets, thou that stoned them which are sent unto thee.

How often would I have gathered unto me thy children, and ye would not!

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**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. 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 #81:** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

ST. FLAVIAN

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins,
And close by Thee to stay.
2. As Thou with Satan didst contend,
And didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight,
In Thee to conquer sin.
3. And through these days of penitence,
And through Thy Passontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.
4. Abide with us, that so, this life
Of suffering over-past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!

* Commission and Blessing

Go on your way with Christ as your companion.

Seek opportunities for witness and service.

We find our example and inspiration in Jesus.

In the valleys of every day, we will show God's care.

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: "State Anthem of Ukraine"

Mykhailo Verbytsky (1815-1870)

Ian Jessee, Violin

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

The Rev. Lisa Lefkow, Moment for Mission

Sue Van Fossen, Virtual worship Liturgist

Susie Hilton, 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

Julie Borden, Children's Moment for Sunday worship

Michele Byrd, Soprano for virtual worship

Ian Jessee, Violinist

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*), George Morton, Tim Hall, Bill & Mary Koppelkam, Becky Wheat

Soundboard Operators: Jim Hart & Victoria Bonavita

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

March 20:

Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:1-9

Gospel Reading:

Luke 13:1-9

Lenten Sermon Series:

Gathered Up in Jesus

Sermon:

"If It Bears Fruit"



The flowers on the chancel are donated in loving memory of my husband, Tom Magarro, by Carolyn Magarro and in loving memory of Ed Haller from his children, Mark and Julie and their families .



Welcome to **Ian Jessee**, our guest violinist. Ian is a good friend of Michele Byrd's, whom she met while performing in Austria as a part of the Classical Music Festival.

Ian is originally from Ohio and currently lives in West Virginia. He is the Executive Director of the Huntington Symphony Orchestra and an avid freelance musician. He is in town to play in the orchestra for Opera Naples this week. Welcome!

MARCH IS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MONTH!

VPC has always been very involved with Habitat for Humanity. This month, we will spotlight this amazing organization in our Moment for Mission and work to raise funds to sponsor two houses!



HABITAT MONTH

Everyone can be involved. Don't forget, you can help build homes on Wednesday mornings. Meet at the church at 7:30am!



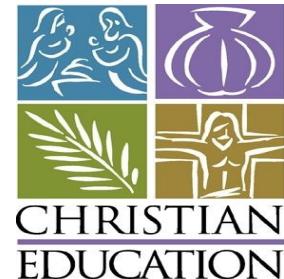
Special thanks to the Choir for sponsoring Fellowship Hour today.



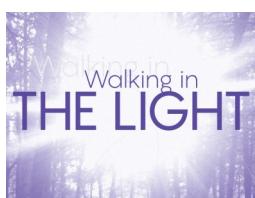
VPC NEWS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERINGS:

- THE SUNDAY SEMINAR: "LOST SCRIPTURES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT"** You're invited to join the weekly conversation as we discuss some of these rejected scriptures, asking why were they excluded and what do they reveal about early Christianity.
Sunday, 11:15am, Harp Hall led by Dr. John Braun.
- 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.
- PASTOR ROB'S BIBLE STUDY:** Gather for Adult Bible Study with Pastor Rob on **Wednesdays at 6pm** in Harp Hall.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



JOIN THE WHOLISTIC HEALTH TEAM IN THE WALK TO JERUSALEM: The Walk to Jerusalem is an imaginary walk that encourages walkers, and those who choose other forms of exercise to increase physical activity during Lent. Booklets and personal log sheets are available in the Narthex or online. This is a perfect opportunity to get EVERYONE involved, children, youth, adults...the entire VPC family!

This week on Thursday, March 17, our **Stephen Minister** trainees are learning about "Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close." Stephen Ministry relationships last until the care receiver no longer needs a Stephen Minister's care. In this session, trainees will explore how to know when it's time to bring closure to a caring relationship and how to do so in a healthy way. We ask that you continue to pray for our training class of Dixie Bibb, Joan Butler, Barbara Green, Jody Nowry, and Lee Weeks.

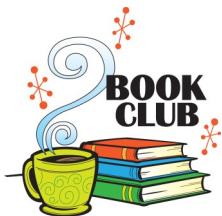


STEPHEN MINISTRY



VPC BLUE SHIRTS: If you don't have a VPC blue shirt or hat and would like to have one, please call, text or email Ruth Felipe at 908-910-5091 or ruthfelipe@aol.com. She will be accepting orders until **March 13** with an estimated delivery by the end of March. Please be sure to leave your best contact number so she can get back to you for details.

VPC BOOK CLUB: On **March 21** we will meet in Harp Hall at 1:30pm to discuss *West With Giraffes*, by Lynda Rutledge. It is based on a true story of giraffes that survived the 1938 hurricane at sea, coming ashore in New York and then traveling across the US to the San Diego Zoo. If anyone would like to be our leader for discussion, let Peggy Landon know (mlandon711@gmail.com).



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS HABITAT BUILD CHALLENGE: It's LEGO Night on **March 23**! Children and youth groups (ages PreK-3 through High School) will be learning about our mission work with Habitat for Humanity and

building their own LEGO houses to raise money for our Habitat Build Challenge. All houses will be displayed in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 27**. Bring your spare change to vote for your favorite. One cent = one vote. All donations will go directly to Habitat for Humanity. WNL will meet on Wednesdays every two weeks (March 23, April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18). Dinner begins in Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm, followed by lessons and play from 6-7pm.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

- PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE:** We at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church are doing our best to "stand in the GAP" by Giving, Acting, and Praying. VPC is willing to accept your donation to help the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Program which will send funds where the need is most urgent. You may send a check to VPC and put Ukraine in the memo or you may use the link to donate online via credit card at the VPC website. You may also choose to donate directly to the [PCUSA https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156/?appeal=PDA&package=UK22-PNS](https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156/?appeal=PDA&package=UK22-PNS). We thank you for your generosity and prayers.
- WEEKEND POWER PACK:** On Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 10:30am volunteers are needed to pack 240 bags of food for children who are homeless or living in poverty. It takes about an hour. Please contact Cherie Baines for more information or to volunteer. ctfl.baines@gmail.com
- CAFÉ OF LIFE:** On Friday, March 25, 9:15am VPC volunteers are invited to take part in a "Fruit Blessing" at Café of Life, Leitner Park, 26274 Nomad Drive, Bonita Springs. Volunteers can drop fruit off at the park on Friday morning, or on Thursday after 3pm at VPC. To learn more about this beautiful volunteering opportunity, please contact Eliza Nevin. Elizanevin@comcast.net
- COLLIER HARVEST:** On March 28, 5pm Collier Harvest will have a packing event at their warehouse at 4451 Mercantile Avenue. Volunteers will pack 150 bags of food for families in need. This monthly event lasts only an hour. If you are available and would like to join us, email Cherie Baines at ctfl.baines@gmail.com



FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND

	January	YTD Budget
Operating Income	\$184,825	\$132,100
Expenses	\$ 96,146	\$106,700
Deo Mortgage Balance 1/31/2022		\$229,655

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)

CPTN Devon Hennessey

Korea
(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!

Clark Smith	3/13		
Asia Elsbree	3/14		
Al Fletcher	3/14	*Alayne Eastman	3/18
Kevin Andrew Houston	3/14	Elle Shepherd	3/18
*Sim Willey	3/14	Grayson Trees	3/18
*Loren Dawley	3/15	Maureen Clark	3/19
Elizabeth Lowe	3/15	Hans Hoppner	3/19
Eliana Lynn Berger	3/17	Phil Jacobus	3/19
Bill Hoffman	3/17	*Karen Talford	3/19



*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 Anniversary!

We do not have any anniversaries to celebrate this week.

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.

Courtney Gates	Marlene Everson	Sandra Johnson	Al Williams
Abraham	Jim & Wealtha Flick	Keira Krumbine	
Cynthia Arnold	Jim Fligg	Jack Lucarelli	
Dakota Biery	Jim Folliard	Judy Malone	
The Bulloch and Collins Families	The Giles & Woods Families	Bridgette Negri	
Adriana Caruso	Lori Godwin	Abby Renie	
John Ciampi	Jean Hahm	Harold Soule	
Mason & Pat Colby	Blair Harlan	The Walters Family	
Dick Creviston	Mary Hart	Margaret Waters	
Ron Davis	Cherry & Phil Jacobus	Geraldine Wearsch	
		Bill Whitman	



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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