

Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 24, 2022

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 85

- ¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
² You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.
³ You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.
⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us.
⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
⁶ Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?
⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.
⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
¹² The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
¹³ Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.



Children
of the
living God.

HOSEA 1:10

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 words in **bold print**.

Green Friendship Pads

We invite you, members and visitors, to sign our Green Friendship Pads and pass it down your pew and back, to welcome those with whom you are worshipping. If you are visiting, please fill out the blue card and leave it in the green pad.

Prelude: I. Grand Plein Jeu II. Fugue in D

Pierre DuMage (1674-1751)

Announcements

* Call to Worship

God is eager to restore us to right relationships.

The Creator is waiting to claim us now as God's own.

We have come to meet the God who welcomes us.

We have gathered to experience God's steadfast love.

Listen, for God will speak to those who want to hear.

Turn your hearts toward the one who saves.

We bow down to receive God's mercy.

We open ourselves to the source of peace.

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn #262: "God of the Ages"**

NATIONAL HYMN

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| <p>1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the
skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.</p> <p>2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay;
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen
way.</p> | <p>3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in
peace.</p> <p>4. Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, bring our evil to awareness so we can address it and be rid of its burden. Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sin. Turn us away from false pride and violence, from lies and hardness of heart. Erase the record that stands against us. Restore us to a right relationship with you and with those from whom we are alienated. Grant us also the capacity to extend forgiveness to all who have wronged us. Have pity on us now, O God. *(Silence)* 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.

A 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 ages three through first grade may go to the Student Center for Summer Ministry Sessions. Nursery Ministry is also available for children birth through age two. Formal Sunday school for Children and Youth (ages three through high school) will resume on **September 11th** at our Fall Education Kick Off.

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

Hosea 1:2-10

² When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitution and have children of prostitution, for the land commits great prostitution by forsaking the LORD." ³ So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. ⁴ And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel, for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵ On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel." ⁶ She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. ⁷ But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen." ⁸ When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹ Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God." ¹⁰ Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered, and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "It is Enough" from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

William Marshall, *Baritone*

It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers! I desire to live no longer: now let me die, for my days are but vanity. I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts, for the children of Israel have broken Thy covenant, and thrown down Thine altars, and slain all Thy prophets, slain them with the sword. And I, even I only am left: and they seek my life to take it away! It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers! Now let me die, Lord, take away my life!

The Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

¹ He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series: *In Pursuit of a Prophet* Sermon: “Becoming Children of the Living God”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Anthem: “Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN, arr. Arlen Clarke

The Chancel Choir

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 Phil. 2:5–11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is 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 #210: “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

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| 1. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home: | 3. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun. |
| 2. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same. | 4. Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day. |
| 5. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home. | |

* Commission and Blessing

Reenter your world as children of the living God.

Greet your neighbors as God's valued creation.

God sends us out as bearers of peace.

We will honor God's Word above everything.

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: "Chaconne in D Minor"

Louis Couperin Le Grand (1626-1661)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Molly Godley, Liturgist

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

The Chancel Choir

Julie Carver, Pianist

William Marshall, Baritone

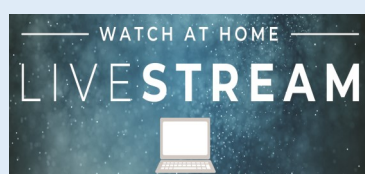
Acolyte, Carter Mikes

Greeters: Joan Butler & Dixie Bibb

Ushers: Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro

(Head Ushers), Joe Trees, Carol & Price Lindsay, Bill & Geri Payne, Pat Rose

Soundboard Operator: Lisa Lloyd



Our Sunday worship service is live streamed directly to our website and Facebook. That means you can tune in to www.vpcnaples.org or on **Facebook** at 10am on Sunday mornings to watch the service live! If you want to watch at a later time, the service will be available on our website in the Sermon Library. If you have any questions, call the office at (239) 597-5410.

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS! Thank you God for allowing us to serve in this opportunity to help children and youth grow in their relationship with God. Thank you to EVERYONE for staying on a roll with God, for your hard work, for your prayer support and care. We deeply appreciate the gifts you offered of your time, talents, treasure and service.



VBS MISSION PROJECT: This week, Chefs at the Food Truck Party have learned the value of reaching out to everyone near and far with God's unconditional love. VPC is collecting school supplies and backpacks for Misión Peniel, as they resume their annual Backpack Drive for kindergarten through 8th grade students. You are invited to bring supplies to church up until today. A collection box will be available in the Narthex near the children's ministry corner. Monetary donations can also be made to VPC via check or online - note Misión Peniel Backpacks/Supplies in the memo line. Thank you for leading by example!

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

July 31: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



First Reading:
Hosea 11:1-11
Gospel Reading:
Luke 12:13-21

Sermon Series:
In Pursuit of a Prophet
Sermon:
"Unpredictability of Children"



The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in honor of our 24th wedding anniversary by Craig and Amber Grider.

The flowers on the chancel are given in memory of our parents Aileen & George Lindsay and Edith & Robert Turnbull by Carol & Price Lindsay and in celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary by Jill & Doug Dunn.

VPC NEWS

The Session, at its June 27 meeting approved a request of the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) to hold a **Congregational meeting on Sunday, July 31**, immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service for the purpose of electing Michael Bevilacqua to the CNC to fill an unexpired term. Also, the congregation will vote to elect Jon White to the Endowment Trust Board to fill an unexpired term.



Michael Bevilacqua and wife Debbie have been married for 45 years. They grew up Catholic, but became Presbyterians in 1980. They have two daughters: Theresa, who lives in MN with husband Delbert and their four children and Jennifer, who lives in NY with husband Chris and their two children. He and Debbie lived in NJ and PA and MN, where they spent 21 years until he retired from corporate employment and moved to Naples in 2019. His career included executive leadership positions in Industrial Manufacturing, Software & Communications Technology. Currently, he has a consulting business for new technology startups and volunteers for the "Twin Cities Mentium" Program. Michael has served as a Deacon, Youth Ministry Leader and Chairman of a Capital Campaign for Pilgrim Presbyterian Church in NJ.

Jon White and his wife, Laurie, joined VPC in 1990 and enjoyed singing under Jim Cochran's leadership for many years. Jon has also served as an Elder, a member of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, and has participated in Stephen Ministry for over 20 years. His investment career included the management of mutual funds and state retirement assets. He concluded his career in Naples where he managed private client accounts.



CAN YOU SPARE A DROP? Our next blood drive is on **Sunday, August 14th, 2022 from 9am - 12pm**. To donate, you must wear a face mask on the bloodmobile, bring your ID, eat well and be hydrated, be at least 16 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. To sign up for a time, call the church office at 597-5410 or ask one of the Deacons in charge of the Blood Drive. Give Blood.....Save a Life!

CLIMATE THOUGHTS : Summer is upon us and the temperature/humidity curtails some of our outdoor activities. Here are some reading suggestions, however, not your "beach" novels. **"Saving Us: A Christian Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing"** by Katharine Hayhoe and **"The Uninhabitable Earth: Life after Warming"** by David Wallace-Wells. Enjoy!
Your Wholistic Health Team.



Growing Climate Solutions
Path to Positive
Southwest Florida

Each of us has times when we are lonely, grieving, hurt, or in need of care. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that when we suffer and are troubled, we find comfort through Christ (2 Corinthians 1:4-6)—and one of the ways we find this comfort is through other caring Christians. Our congregation has a group of people skilled in caring for those facing challenges in their lives called **Stephen Ministers**. Contact one of our Stephen Leaders or Stephen Ministers to learn more. Our Stephen Leaders are Kay Beernink, Cherry Jacobus, Carolyn Magarro, Jill Peterson, Twila Rowe, and Jon White. Our Stephen Ministers are Joan Butler, Barbara Green, Judy Jacobs, Sandra Johnson, Jean Lee, Roberta McMaster, Karen Negri, Eliza Nevin, Jody Nowry, Geri Payne, Pat Peters, and Lee Weeks.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

•MIDWEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY:

Every Wednesday at 5:30pm in the LIBRARY

•FRIENDS IN FAITH:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month, at 10am.
in Harp Hall & by ZOOM



JOIN A SMALL GROUP

•MAH JONGG! Contact Geri Payne

at 593-5529 or paynegnb@comcast.net

if interested in joining in.

•BRIDGE! Contact Nadine Gaylord at 740-816-1628 or nanjan69@gmail.com if interested in joining in.



FINANCIAL UPDATE - OPERATING FUND 2022

	May	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Operating Income	\$ 90,130	\$597,501	\$665,900
Expenses	\$117,443	\$507,061	\$554,300
Net	(\$ 27,313)	\$ 90,440	\$111,600



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)

LT Wyatt R. Dawley

US Navy Intel/SEAL Team
(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)

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)

CPTN Devon Hennessey

Korea (Toni Hubbard)

Nolan Kelly

US Army - Private First Class
Fort Sill, OK

SGT Wesley Kennedy

USMC - Okinawa, Japan

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!

John Monda	7/24
Karen Negri	7/24
Donald Throckmorton	7/27
Stephanie DeVito	7/28
Connie Lewis	7/28
Madge Bush	7/29
Charla Henningsen	7/29
Justin Gallo	7/30
Barbara Sletto	7/30



***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!

Happy Anniversary!

Elizabeth & Oscar Lowe	7/24
Lynn & Shar Rosser	7/24
Joe & Ruth Felipe	7/25
Amber & Craig Grider	7/25
Christine & Jonas Rockhold	7/25
Joseph & Karen Negri	7/27
David & Elizabeth Lee	7/28
Fred & Karen Schulz	7/30



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our church family and friends facing illness, injury and hardship. If you have any joys 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 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be submitted.

Rich Annunziata	Shirley Grine	Bill Payne
Cynthia Arnold	Jean Hahm	Ernie Sartorius
The Brockington Family	Mary Hart	Carol Schwiars
Adriana Caruso	Tom Hurley	Jeff Smith
The Colby Family	Sandra Johnson	Dr. Al Tatarunius
Dick Creviston	Chester Kauffman	Diane Toulouse
Ron Davis	Judy Malone	Kristin Travis
Nancy Diederich	Doris Martin	Tony & Yvonne Van Rooyen
Annette & Bill Dietrich	Marilyn McKee	Geraldine Wearsh
Marlene Everson	Nancy Miller	
Jean Fletcher	Vicki Mobley	
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Joan Mountford	
Jim Folliard	Bridgette Negri	
Gerry & Lynn Greenblatt	Joseph Negri	

We are saddened to announce the death of longtime member

MASON COLBY

on July 18, 2022.

He was surrounded by his family when he peacefully went to heaven. Mason was a member of Vanderbilt for over 15 years. Please keep his wife, Pat and family in your prayers.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

If you wish to send a card to Pat, use the following address:

3411 Golfside Dr.

Naples, FL 34110

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.

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.



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