

Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 31, 2022

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



Psalm 107:1-9, 43

- ¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble
³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;
⁵ hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
- ⁶ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
- ⁷ he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.
- ⁸ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
- ⁹ For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.
- ⁴³ Let those who are wise pay attention to these things
and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

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: "Now Thank We All Our God"

David Burton (b. 1944)

Announcements

* Call to Worship

*Listen, all who are fleeing from the Holy One;
God is calling us; God has called us together.*

**O give thanks to God, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*Set your minds on things that are above.
Put to death your earthly disobedience.*

**God leads us to a new identity, to new life.
We seek renewal in the image of our Creator.**
Let us worship God.

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| <p>1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.</p> <p>2. Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar</p> | <p>Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.</p> <p>3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Holy God, our lives are far from holy. The thoughts we have held in secret have erupted into hurtful words and deeds. We have not avoided lies and slander. We have given in to pessimism and suspicion. We resent people whose lives seem easier than our own. We hate the thought of passing on to those less worthy the things we have worked so hard to possess. O God, we need your wisdom in order to live peacefully within ourselves. *(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

Katherine Baron

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 11:1-11

¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ² The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. ³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶ The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes. ⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. ⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. ¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. ¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Anthem: "The Gift of Love"

arr. Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

The Chancel Choir

Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire, And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess, But
not be given by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our
spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; By this we worship, and are freed.

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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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 #555: "Now Thank We All Our God"**

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| 1. Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today. | And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next. |
| 2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us; | 3. All praise and thanks to God,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son
And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
The God who was, and is,
And shall be evermore. |

* Commission and Blessing

God has made us rich in so many ways.

Now let us go out to find new ways to be rich toward God.

Let us show our thanks for God's steadfast love.

Praise God of wonderful works to humankind.

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: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Gotthilf Wilhelm Koerner (1809 – 1865)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Susie Hilton, 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.

Katherine Baron, Christian Ministry Assistant

The Chancel Choir

Julie Carver, Pianist

Greeters: Lynn & Shar Rosser

Ushers: Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro

(Head Ushers), Jill Peterson, Becky Wheat, Patti Runkel, Gwen Salyer, and Dianne Westerlund

Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

August 7: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40



The Rev. Melana Scruggs,
General Presbyter of the
Peace River Presbytery,

Guest Preacher

Sermon:

"Don't Worry, Be Happy"

The flowers on the chancel are given in celebration of the birthday of

Caroline Hall by Tim Hall

and

in celebration of 54 years of marriage by Mike and Reggie Smith.

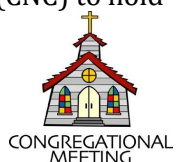


The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by Sally and Jim Muir.

"Greetings from Michigan! Enjoy special Michigan made products!"

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 10am 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 Menttium" 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 late 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.

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.



Christian Education Opportunities

Midweek Small Group Bible Study:
Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the Library

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



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!

What does the **STEPHEN MINISTRY** logo mean? The Stephen Ministry logo represents a care receiver's journey from brokenness toward wholeness through the cross of Jesus. In this way, it illustrates "Christ caring for people through people." Why the name Stephen? In Acts 6, Stephen was among those chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need. Since Jesus' time, caring ministry has been a hallmark of the Christian faith community. Vanderbilt's Stephen Ministry Team has been serving our congregation since 1999. To learn more, see the bulletin board on the way to Fellowship Hall.



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.



Climate Thoughts

Summer is upon us and the temperature curtails some of our outdoor activities. Here are some reading suggestions. **"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.
Your Wholistic Health Team.



Growing Climate Solutions
Path to Positive
Southwest Florida

BACK TO SCHOOL SEASON IS HERE! It's time to begin a new adventure in education — at home, at school, at church and serving our community. As you look forward to planning your new routines, be sure to save the dates for Worship, Sunday School and Wednesday Night Programming too!

***Aug. 21 Back to School Blessing *Sept. 7 Wednesday Night Lights Begins for Children & Youth Groups**

THANK FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS! Thank you all for supporting our VBS Mission Project and giving generously to Misión Peniel for their annual Backpack Drive. Pastor Rob and Beth delivered a carful of school supplies this week, which will be distributed to children and youth on August 2 and 3 for the start of school.

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING & TEACHER COMMISSIONING SUNDAY! Join us for a family-led worship service on **August 21 at 10am** in the Sanctuary. We will celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask God for blessings upon the children, the educators, and the families who support them. Join us for a picnic lunch and ice cream social in Fellowship Hall. Help us plan and let us know you're coming. Email Heather hmikes@vpcnaples.org.



BE A BLESSING TO PINECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! VPC is collecting school supplies for teachers, staff, students and families at Pinecrest Elementary School located in Immokalee. Please visit the Amazon Wish List "**VPC Back to School Blessing Pinecrest Elementary 2022-23**" and select items to purchase. Choose to ship them directly to the school (NOT to VPC) between now and August 31. You can also make a monetary contribution. We hope to raise enough money to purchase their team Christmas shirts for teachers and staff. Please mail a check to VPC or go online to give www.vpcnaples.org. Indicate "Pinecrest" in the memo area of your check or online in the Custom Section (page two). We can be God's hands and feet! Thank you, in advance, for your gift to help others in need. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ILXQTCIUMP6T?ref=wl_share

FINANCIAL UPDATE - OPERATING FUND 2022

	June	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Operating Income	\$ 93,480	\$690,981	\$736,600
Expenses	\$119,502	\$626,563	\$664,000
Net	(\$ 26,022)	\$ 64,418	\$ 72,600



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!

*Cynthia Russell	7/31	Gwynne Wells	8/2
Scott Wollaston	7/31	Deborah Hamilton	8/3
*Marilyn McKee	8/1	*Nancy Myers	8/3
Gwen Salyer	8/1	*Elizabeth Van Mater	8/3
Tony Van Rooyen	8/1	Mary Wollaston	8/3
Mimi Braun	8/2	Jennifer Yousaf	8/3
LaVerne Perrollaz	8/2	*Judy Maish	8/4
		Jan Fern	8/5
		Ann Parker Foote	8/5
		Bunny Heitmann	8/5
		*Beth Marrow	8/5
		Ro Dill	8/6

***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!

Marie & Thomas Jablonski	7/31
Mike & Reggie Smith	8/3
Donald & Joanna Throckmorton	8/4

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	Gerry & Lynn Greenblatt	Joseph Negri
Cynthia Arnold	Shirley Grine	Bill Payne
The Bartlett & Beynon Families	Jean Hahm	Ernie Sartorius
Linda Burwinkel	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	Margaret Mackie	Kristin Travis
Annette & Bill Dietrich	Judy Malone	Tony & Yvonne Van Rooyen
Marlene Everson	Doris Martin	Geraldine Wearsh
Jean Fletcher	Marilyn McKee	
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Nancy Miller	
Jim Folliard	Joan Mountford	
	Bridgette Negri	



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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