



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 7, 2022

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

¹ The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

³ Our God comes and does not keep silent; before him is a devouring fire
and a mighty tempest all around him.

⁴ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

⁷ "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.

⁸ Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.

²² "Mark this, then, you who forget God,
or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.

²³ Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;
to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God."



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: Two Hymns: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "I Love to Tell the Story" Traditional
Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

Gather before God, people of the covenant.

Listen for God's Word, O faithful ones.

God has summoned us to this place.

We believe God will speak to us here.

Come to honor God and give thanks.

Seek to learn and follow in God's way.

We come as willing and obedient servants.

Let your steadfast love, O God, be upon us.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #361: "How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said
than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
3. "When through the deep waters
I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee,
help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have shaped our own standards and values rather than seeking to know your will. We turn from faith in you and rebel against the agenda of your realm. Our hearts focus on the things we can accumulate more than on your mission in which we can share. Lead us, O God, into acts of compassion, that our attitudes may be reshaped and a right relationship with your restored. *(Silence)* Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri

Henry Greatorex (1816-1858)

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

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Take, Lord, Receive"

John Foley (b. 1939)

Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

Take, Lord, receive all my liberty. My memory, understanding, my entire will. Give me only your love and your grace; that's enough for me. Take, Lord, receive all I have and possess. You have given all to me; now I return it. Give me only your love and your grace; that's enough for me. Your love and your grace are enough for me.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 12:22-34

²² He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! ²⁹ And do

not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”

The Rev. Melana Scruggs

Anthem: “Offertory”

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

The Chancel Choir

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man, He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Merciful God, we give thanks that you have invited us to this table. We give thanks that you have received us as members of the body of Christ and have affirmed us as a community of faith. Lead us to live as faithful and dedicated disciples in service to all the world; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*** Hymn #513: "Let us Break Bread Together"**

LET US BREAK BREAD

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| <p>1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.</p> | <p>3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.</p> |
| <p>2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.</p> | |

*** Benediction and Blessing**

The Rev. Melana Scruggs

*** 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: "Prelude in A Minor"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Melana Scruggs, *General Presbyter of the Peace River Presbytery and Guest Preacher*
Sue Van Fossen, *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*

Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violinist*

Greeters: Geri & Bill Payne

Ushers: Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro
 (Head Ushers), Greg & Julie Borden, Rebecca
 Beavers, Nellie Cummins, Nancy Guthy, Pat Rose

Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

August 14: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

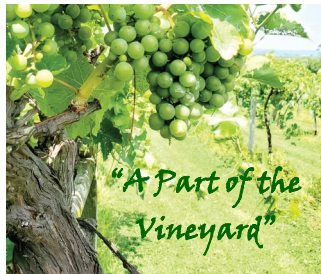
Gospel Reading:

Luke 12:49-56

Sermon Series: "In Pursuit
 of a Prophet"

Sermon:

"A Part of the Vineyard"



**The flowers on the chancel
 are given in loving memory of
 Lynne Soule
 by Kit Chamberlain.**

**The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by
 Sally and Jim Muir.**

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



VPC NEWS



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 Price Lindsay, Deacon Liaison to the NCH Blood Center. Save a life!

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.



VPC STEPHEN MINISTERS are here to help. Know someone in need? Maybe you? Maybe a family member, friend, or neighbor? Needs can be short-term or long-term...we want to help and are available! Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers that are a phone call or email away to walk beside you, listen and provide ongoing support. We currently have 14 active Stephen Ministers at VPC, some with care receivers and others waiting to help when called. To get started, contact a Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister. See the bulletin board on the way to Fellowship Hall for more information.



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**



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





YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING & TEACHER COMMISSIONING SUNDAY! Join us for a family-led worship on **August 21 at 10am**. 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. Sign up! 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. 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



CLIMATE CHANGE

Are you overwhelmed, stressed and tired of hearing about climate change? Concerned that the little you may be able to do is simply not enough to make any difference now? Many of us feel that way. As a first step, VPC, with support of the Wholistic Health, Building and Grounds, and Education Teams, has partnered with Growing Climate Solutions, which is a locally focused group striving to make changes here in SWFL.



Join with us as we move forward with actions in the coming year.

- Educational events
- Creating or modifying a policy, rule, habit
- Engaging in a project.

Working together to affect and change what we can here at home may help us feel less overwhelmed.

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.



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. 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

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





*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!

Happy Birthday!

Henrik Hobbs	8/7	Elizabeth Todd	8/12
Dana Riashi	8/9	*Nancy Bell	8/13
Lance Waters	8/9	*Tim Hall	8/13
Linda Burwinkel	8/12	Joanna Throckmorton	8/13
*Christina Geiser	8/12	Joe Trees	8/13
Linda Stewart	8/12	Ohara Trees	8/13

Connie & John Weiss	8/7
Brent & Erin Klein	8/9
Gerry & Lynn Greenblatt	8/10
Bruce & Chris Muddell	8/10
Barbara & Tom Sletto	8/10
James & Kay Winemiller	8/10
Heather & John Monda	8/12

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
Cynthia Arnold

The Bartlett & Beynon Families
Linda Burwinkel
Adriana Caruso
The Colby Family
Ron Davis
Annette & Bill Dietrich
Marlene Everson
Jim & Wealthea Flick

Jim Folliard
Gerry & Lynn Greenblatt
Jean Hahm
Mary Hart
Sandra Johnson
Margaret Mackie
Judy Malone
Doris Martin

Marilyn McKee
Nancy Miller
Joan Mountford
Ernie Sartorius
Kristin Travis
Tony & Yvonne Van Rooyen



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



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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