



October 2, 2022

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 37:1-9

¹ Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

² for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

³ Trust in the LORD and do good: live in the land and enjoy security.

⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

⁶ He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

⁷ Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;

do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

⁸ Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

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: "Meditation on "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

John Barr (b. 1938)

Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

God's mercies never end; they are new every morning.

We gather in gratitude, that our faith may increase.

We will sing our songs of praise.

We will proclaim the good news of the gospel.

By God's grace, we are gathered for worship.

In God's love, we are no longer exiles and strangers.

We have been called together by the Holy Spirit.

We will treasure this special time in sacred space.

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn #439: "In Christ There Is No East or West "**

ST. PETER

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| 1. In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth. | 3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me. |
| 2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close-binding humankind. | 4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth. |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, we face our world with cowardice. We would rather avoid danger than take a stand against injustice. We want to enjoy privileges not available to others. We wish to keep away from all the cries for help that bombard us. The problems around us are overwhelming. This distress within us is staggering. Too often we lash out at others rather than turning to you for guidance and strength. Now, in these moments together, we cry out for help. We want to be your people. We want to live with a clear conscience and right spirit. Remake us, loving God.
(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 and youth ages PreK-3 through High School may go to Sunday school or families may choose to worship together in the Sanctuary.

**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

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 17:5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: **Sermon Series:** *Claim Your Faith*
Sermon: "Rekindle the Gift"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Anthem: "You Are the Light"

Tom Fettke (b. 1941)

The Chancel Choir

You are the Light we see. You are the Truth we know. You are the Life we live. You are the Hope, You are the Joy, You are the Song we sing. Living God, loving God, we glorify Your name. High and Holy One come down, We lift our hearts in praise. Prince of Peace, Immanuel, Jesus. Lord of Love. Within our hearts, Your light. Within our minds Your truth. Within our lives Your love; Living Your hope, spreading Your joy, Singing Your beautiful song. Your song.

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

May the blessing of grain from the earth and fruit of the vine be a reminder of the true joy of communion that unites us in one worldwide covenant of love. Sustained by your Word, fed by this holy meal, may we go out with joy and be led forth in peace; through Christ our peace.
Amen

* Hymn #329: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

BREAD OF LIFE

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| 1. Break Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O living Word! | 2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
Now unto me,
As Thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My all in all! |
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* Commission and Blessing

Your faith, however small, holds powerful potential.

Your trust in God will grow as you employ it. .

We will sing the praises of our God.

We will seek to know and follow God's commands.

Alleluia.

Amen.

* 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: "Hymn to Joy"

David Cherwein (b. 1957)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Bill Payne, 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

Greeters: Shar & Lynn Rosser

Ushers: Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro
(Head Ushers), Ron & Linda Addaman, Carol &
Price Lindsay, Patti Runkel

Audio/Visual Technician: Victoria Bonavita

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of Virginia Chandley by her boys: Bill, Jeff, Greg and Mark and In celebration - Happy Birthday to my wife, Margie Mackie, the joy of my life, and to our daughter, Lorraine, on her special day by George.

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in honor Brooke's grandmother, Wilma Lee Hock, who recently passed by the Vayda Family.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK October 9: The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Sermon Series: "Claim Your Faith" Sermon: "Present Yourself to God"

VPC NEWS

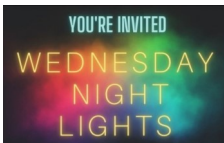


ADVENTURES IN MEMBERSHIP! Are you interested in joining our church family? Your adventure has already begun! Take the next step in your faith journey. Please join us for worship **today, Sunday, October 2 at 10am** and stay in the sanctuary with Pastor Rob for a brief Q&A, as we chat about Vanderbilt and what it means to be involved in the ministry of Christ's church. Childcare is available. New members will be recognized on October 9 during worship. We're excited to see what God has in store!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR HALLOWEEN COSTUME DONATIONS! Share a new or gently used costume to help children in need. Baskets are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

ALLELUIA CHOIR! **Sundays 11:30am-12:00pm** in Cochran Music Hall for children and youth!

UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE AND MEDICARE CHANGES on **Wednesday, October 5 at 10am** in Harp Hall. The Wholistic Heath Team has scheduled Hallie Devlin to come to VPC to answer all your questions!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: Children & Youth groups meet **Wednesday, October 5.** Dinner in Fellowship Hall: 5:30pm. Activities 6-7pm. This month's opportunity to serve is Operation Christmas Child.

LUNCH BUNCH! We are looking for VPC members, friends, family, and potential new members to join us for lunch! Once a month, a host from our church leadership will organize a small group of people to go out for lunch together after the worship service (Dutch treat). Sign up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or you can call the office. Our new members will meet on Sunday, **October 9** with Pastor Rob and his wife, Beth Marrow. Other groups are also available.



SHOW YOUR VPC PRIDE! Blue shirts and caps are available to order! See Ruth Felipe in Fellowship Hall following the services or contact her directly (ruthfelipec@aol.com or 908-910-5091). They make great Christmas gifts too!

SAFE COMMUNITIES EVENT: OCTOBER 12 - 5-8pm. Join the Collier County Sheriff's Office in their Safe Communities Event on Wednesday, October 12. VPC members will be on hand to share the love and let our neighborhood know about what we are doing! Come out and wear your blue VPC shirt!



NOMINATION FORMS: We are looking for new leaders for the class of 2023-2024. Elders, Deacons and the Congregational Nominating Committee members are needed. Forms are in the Narthex or the office. Please consider helping to serve your church on one of these committees. We need you!

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- **VPC Book Club** resumes on **Monday, November 21 at 1:30pm** in Harp Hall. Our book is "Among the Beautiful Beasts" by Lori McMullin. Contact Peggy Landon at mlandon711@gmail.com
- **Midweek Small Group Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 6pm in the Library
- **Friends in Faith** every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 10am in Harp Hall & by ZOOM
- **Mah Jongg:** Contact Geri Payne at 593-5529 or paynegnb@comcast.net
- **Bridge:** Contact Nadine Gaylord at 740-816-1628 or nanjan69@gmail.com

HALLOWEEN CARDS are available in the office! The Recycled Cards Ministry has updated the display. Stop by and pick yours up today!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Collier Harvest's** next packing event is on **Monday, October 3 at 5pm**, 4451 Mercantile Avenue. Email Pete Rodino at pvrodino@aol.com.
- **Peace and Global Witness Offering** envelopes are available in the Narthex for the PCUSA's Peace & Global Witness Offering.



SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE. The next community Blood Drive will be on **Sunday, October 16** 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. Give Blood.....Save a Life!

- **Please call the office if you are in the hospital.** If you or a member of your family are hospitalized, please call the church office. We are here to help and pray for you!
- **Please consider sponsoring chancel flowers or fellowship hour!** Needed for November and December.
- **Would you like to help with Fellowship?** The Parish Life Ministry Team would like more help! Email Leslie Loughran leslie.loughran@gmail.com.

239-597-5410



www.vpcnaples.org/live/

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



Happy Birthday!

Margaret Mackie	10/2
Ruth Wade	10/3
Joyce Dersch	10/4
Gregory Skrabonja	10/4
Chari Grove	10/5
Elizabeth Boutell	10/6
Bill Koppelkam	10/7
Rosemary Ufheil	10/7
Tom Teasdale	10/8

*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!

Brenda & Gary Karnes	10/3
Gregory & Laurin Skrabonja	10/6
Elaine & Tom Nale	10/7
Barbara & Russ Thomas	10/7

Love Your Neighbor

Jesus taught to "love your neighbor as yourself". **Stephen Ministry** is one important, tangible way to carry out this commandment and show God's love to others. Our Stephen Leaders are Kay Beernink, Cherry Jacobus, Carolyn Magarro, Jill Peterson, and Twila Rowe. Let us know if you need our support.

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.

Linda Addaman	Annette & Bill Dietrich	Josie Magnani	The Tatarunis Family
Andy	Marlene Everson	Nancy Malecek	
Rich Annunziata	Jim & Wealtha Flick	Judy Malone	
Cynthia Arnold	Jim Folliard	Lauren Marquis	
Tom Bevan	Mary Hart	Zachary Mazzola	
Charlyn Bonk	Casey Hunt	Marilyn McKee	
Linda Burwinkel	Judy Jacobs	Joan Mountford	
Adriana Caruso	Sandra Johnson	Marcia Dee & Herb Newman	
Ron Davis	Chester Kauffman	Pat Peters	
Loren Dawley	Jean Lee	Jeff Smith	



FINANCIAL UPDATE - OPERATING FUND 2022

	July	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Operating Income	\$ 55,583	\$746,567	\$895,500
Expenses	\$115,321	\$741,883	\$769,200
Net	(\$ 59,738)	\$ 4,684	\$126,300

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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