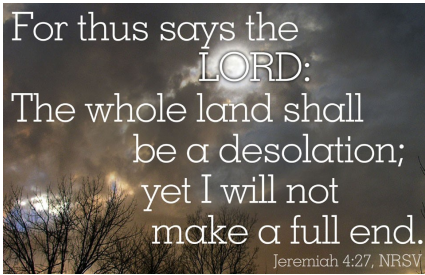




September 11, 2022

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Psalm 14**



<sup>1</sup> Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

<sup>3</sup> They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

<sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?

<sup>5</sup> There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

<sup>7</sup> O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!

When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

**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:** "Aria in F Major"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

**Announcements**

**\* Call to Worship**

*God looks on humankind to see if any are wise.*

*Who is seeking after God above all else?*

**We look to Jesus Christ, for wisdom and truth;**

**We reach out to be strengthened for service.**

*Remember your promises to us, O God.*

*Create in us clean hearts and renewed spirits.*

**We seek to know you and to grow in understanding.**

**Confront us here and light our way out of the void.**

*Let us worship God.*

**\* Hymn #291: "O God of Earth and Altar"**

LLANGLOFFAN

1. O God of earth and altar,  
bow down and hear our cry,  
our earthly rulers falter,  
our people drift and die;  
the walls of gold entomb us,  
the swords of scorn divide,  
take not thy thunder from us,  
but take away our pride.
2. From all that terror teaches,  
from lies of tongue and pen,  
from all the easy speeches  
that comfort cruel men,  
from sale and profanation  
of honor and the sword,  
from sleep and from damnation,  
deliver us, good Lord!
3. Tie in a living tether  
the prince and priest and thrall,  
bind all our lives together,  
smite us and save us all;  
in ire and exultation  
afame with faith, and free,  
lift up a living nation,  
a single sword to thee.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession**

**We have been fools. We have said in our hearts, "There is no God." Our deeds deny you. Our plans do not include you. We grumble and complain, criticizing those who embody your love for all people. We have turned aside from the way you commanded. Our greed is robbing this fruitful land and creating a desert. The world is full of suffering people whom we ignore. O God, is there any hope for us? *(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**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

*<sup>11</sup> At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, <sup>12</sup> a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. <sup>22</sup> "For my people are foolish; they do not know me; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil but do not know how to do good." <sup>23</sup> I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos, and to the heavens, and they had no light. <sup>24</sup> I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. <sup>25</sup> I looked, and there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. <sup>26</sup> I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. <sup>27</sup> For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will not make a full end. <sup>28</sup> Because of this the earth shall mourn and the heavens above grow black, for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Special Music: "Aria"**

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

*In memory of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks.*

### **The Gospel Reading**

Luke 15:1-10

*<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup> "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:**      **Sermon Series:** *Journey with Jesus*

**Sermon:** "Growth out of Desolation"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**Anthem:** "With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

The Chancel Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands.

O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

## 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 #564: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

MATERNA

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!
2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!
3. O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness  
And every gain divine.
4. O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

\* Commission and Blessing

*Rejoice that lost ones have been found.*

*Give thanks daily that God has found you.*

**How wonderful that the lost have been found!**

**How exciting that God reaches out to claim us!**

*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: "Sortie in F Major"**

César Franck (1822-1890)

*Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor**  
**Devon Grider & Riley Mikes, Youth Liturgists**  
**Jerry Grandey, 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**  
**Carter Mikes, Youth Acolyte**  
**Greeters:** Becky Wheat & Carol Schwiers  
**Ushers:** Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro  
(Head Ushers), Bill & Mary Koppelkam, Carol &  
Price Lindsay, Patti Runkel  
**Audio/Visual Technician:** Victoria Bonavita

You  
cannot  
serve God  
and  
wealth  
LUKE 16:13

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

September 18: The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

Sermon Series: "Journey with Jesus"

Sermon: "Faithfulness in Community"

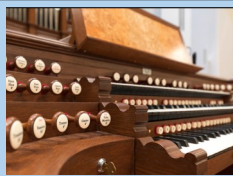
The flowers on the chancel are given in honor of all the first responders and in memory of those who lost their lives on 9/11 by Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church.



The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by Nancy Guthy. "For all the people who lost their lives on that day."

Remembering  
September 11

## VPC NEWS



**THE 2022-2023 CONCERT SERIES BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE!** It was emailed on Tuesday, September 6. If you did not receive it or you would like a printed copy, they are located in the office or the Narthex along with donation envelopes. You may also see the entire brochure on our website and make a donation there as well. [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org)

**FALL EDUCATION KICK OFF!** Sometimes called Rally Day, children and families return to formal Sunday school classes on Sept. 11th. At Vanderbilt, Fall Education Kick Off is for all God's children! It's a time for learning and growing in faith, as we deepen our relationship with God in a variety of ways. Join us in Fellowship Hall for Bible Trivia after worship. Visit each table for questions and turn in your answers to the Education Ministry Team for a special treat on your way out.



**COME BACK TO CHOIR!** Children and youth of all ages are invited to music with Dr. Jim and Mrs. Carver on Sundays 11:30am-12:00pm in Cochran Music Hall. Come sing with us and learn about musical opportunities for everyone from preschool - high school. Families are invited to stay in Fellowship Hall or the Student Center.

**TEACH AND SERVE!** We are also looking for small group leaders to share teaching opportunities during this Christian Education Hour, immediately following worship. Email Heather at [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org).

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE:** VPC Children & Youth Groups and Learning Center invite you to help us make a kid's Halloween special. Bring in gently used or new costumes for the Shelter for Abused Women & Children. Help kids have an awesome Halloween! We will be collecting costumes through Sunday, October 2.



Each of us has times when we are lonely, grieving, hurt, or in need of care. 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, and Twila Rowe.



**MEDICARE**

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

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE:** The Session, at its 8/22/22 meeting, approved a request of the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) to hold a Congregational meeting on **Sunday, September 25**, following the 10am worship service for the purpose of electing **Adam Day** to the CNC to fill an unexpired term.

*Richard A Hilton, Clerk of Session*



**Adam** and **Kristin Day** moved to Naples from Cincinnati, Ohio in early 2021. They have 3 children, Pierson, Lillian and Maia - the 2 youngest are in the Vanderbilt Learning Center. Adam is a financial planner and runs the Naples office of an independent wealth management firm. He helps on the Professional Advisory Council for the Collier Community Foundation and does some volunteer work through them. He loves spending time with his family. They really enjoy being part of the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church family.

*Notes From the Office*

- **Please let the office know if you are in the hospital.** If you or a member of your family are hospitalized, please call the church office.
- **Please be patient with us!** Our database program is being converted to a new and improved version. This process will take a few weeks and may affect the website and anything related to finance.
- **Please consider sponsoring chancel flowers!** We are in need of sponsors for Chancel Flowers. Call us to schedule a date!  
**239-597-5410**

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Mission Team Meeting** - the Mission Team's next meeting is **Tuesday, September 20 at 7pm** via Zoom. Email Toni Keefer if you would like to participate. [tonimkeefer@hotmail.com](mailto:tonimkeefer@hotmail.com). **We would love to have you join us!**
- **Misión Peniel** is in need of personal hygiene items. Please bring small containers of shampoo, razors, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc., to the church before **September 30**.
- **Peace and Global Witness Offering** envelopes are available in the Narthex for the PCUSA's Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other, as the Church, **together**, to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world and right here at home.



Our Sunday worship service is **live streamed** directly to our website and Facebook. Go to [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org) or on **Facebook** at 10am on Sunday mornings to watch! Questions? Call the office at 597-5410

**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)  
**RANGER Nolan Kelly**  
US Army - PCF-1, 75th Ranger Regiment  
Savannah, GA  
**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!**

- \*Debra Bevilacqua 9/11
- Paul Rowley 9/12
- \*Jonas Rockhold 9/14
- \*Peggy Paulsen 9/17
- Marie Walton 9/17

**\*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!**

- Scott & Claudia Cunningham 9/12
- Al & Linda Teti 9/17

**GATHER WITH YOUR VPC FRIENDS!**

**Midweek Small Group Bible Study:**

Wednesdays at 6pm in the Library

**Friends in Faith: September 14 & 28 at 10am** in Harp Hall & by ZOOM

**Mah Jongg:** Contact Geri Payne at 593-5529 or [paynegnb@comcast.net](mailto:paynegnb@comcast.net)

**Bridge:** Contact Nadine Gaylord at 740-816-1628 or [nanjan69@gmail.com](mailto:nanjan69@gmail.com)

**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.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Linda Addaman           | Marlene Everson         | Josie Magnani            |
| Andy                    | Jim & Wealtha Flick     | Judy Malone              |
| Rich Annunziata         | Jim Folliard            | Lauren Marquis           |
| Cynthia Arnold          | Gerry & Lynn Greenblatt | Doris Martin             |
| Tom Bevan               | Mary Hart               | Marilyn McKee            |
| Charlyn Bonk            | Casey Hunt              | Joan Mountford           |
| Brooke Borden           | Judy Jacobs             | Marcia Dee & Herb Newman |
| Linda Burwinkel         | Sandra Johnson          | Pat Peters               |
| Adriana Caruso          | Chester Kauffman        | Ernie Sartorius          |
| Ron Davis               | Jean Lee                | The Sharp Family         |
| Annette & Bill Dietrich | Margaret Mackie         | Tony & Yvonne Van Rooyen |

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Phyllis Sharp** on September 2, 2022. Phyllis joined Vanderbilt in March of 2022 thanks to her good friend, Patti Runkel. She moved back to Ohio in July to be near her family and friends. Please keep her family in your prayers.*



**FINANCIAL UPDATE - OPERATING FUND 2022**

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

**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.

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

**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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