



September 18, 2022

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 79:1-9

¹ O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
² They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food,
the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.
³ They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.
⁴ We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us.
⁵ How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?
⁶ Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you
and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name.
⁷ For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.
⁸ Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.
⁹ Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.



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: "Diapason Voluntary"

John Stanley (1712-1786)

Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

There is a balm in Gilead. There is a physician who heals.

Jesus Christ is our mediator, healer and savior.

We bring all our pain and unresolved anger.

We come in all our confusion to seek answers.

Bring all your urgent prayers and honest laments.

God is eager to offer salvation and open us to truth.

We cry out to God for deliverance from our sin.

We cry out for relief from our suffering.

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn #142: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

CORONATION

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| <p>1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!</p> <p>2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!</p> | <p>3. Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!</p> <p>4. O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

O God, we have not managed well the wealth of the earth, which is our trust from you. We have modified your commands to suit our own egos and desires. We have wasted resources while hoarding for our own use what is meant for all to enjoy. Our concerns are narrow and our compassion is weak. We are restless and unfulfilled for we have not tried your ways. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us into your new day. *(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 8:18-9:1

¹⁸ My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick. ¹⁹ Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") ²⁰ "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." ²¹ For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken, I mourn, and horror has seized me. ²² Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored? ^{9:1} O that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Sermon: "Faithfulness in Community"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Anthem: "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Traditional Spiritual

The Chancel Choir

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Some times I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you can't preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say He died for all.

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**

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.

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 #477: "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim "**

HANOVER

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| 1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol,
His kingdom is glorious He rules over all. | 3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne,"
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the
Lamb. |
| 2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still He is nigh--His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall
sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King. | 4. Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love. |

*** Commission and Blessing**

*Seek to be faithful in all things, great and small.
Acknowledge God's ownership of all you possess.*

We seek to be honest managers and generous stewards.

We are grateful servants of a loving God.

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: "Trumpet Voluntary"

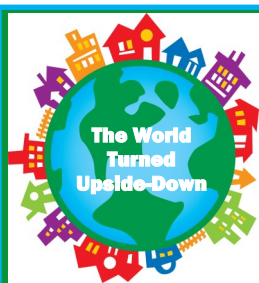
Stanley

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
Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Joan Butler
Ushers: Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro (Head Ushers), Bill & Geri Payne, Becky Wheat, Bill & Sue Van Fossen
Audio/Visual Technician: Victoria Bonavita



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK
September 25: The 16th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31
Sermon Series: "Journey with Jesus"
Sermon: "The World Turned Upside-Down"

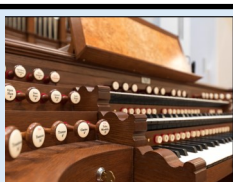
The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Deacons. 

In Loving Memory

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of Clark Smith by his family.

In Loving Memory

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE: The Session, at its 9/14/22 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 and **Don Fern** to fill a vacancy on the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Endowment Trust.

Richard A Hilton, Clerk of Session



Don Fern and his wife Jan began wintering in Naples in 2006 and started attending VPC. In 2017 they moved to Naples permanently and transferred their church membership from Main Street United Methodist Church of Peru, IN to VPC. Don is a retired attorney, having practiced 48 years. He was the managing partner of his law firm, Fern, Grund and Grund. His legal experience is multifaceted having experience in all areas of law, mediation and arbitration. Don has served on the Board of Directors of Stonebridge Country Club, Naples and chaired numerous committees. Don and Jan have three married children and six grandchildren. He hopes that some of his past experiences can be a contribution to VPC and the Endowment Board of Trustees.

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.

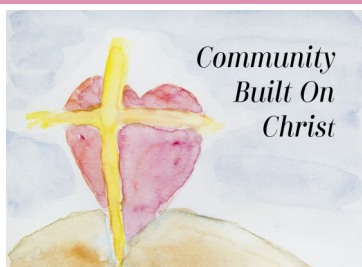


Our Sunday worship service is **live streamed** directly to our website and Facebook. Go to www.vpcnaples.org or on **Facebook** at 10am on Sunday mornings to watch! Questions? Call the office at 597-5410



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 on **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. If you would like to come, simply call the office or show up on the 2nd! Childcare is available. New members will be recognized on October 9 during worship. We're excited to see what God has in store!

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). We hope this will help to foster community within our faith family and give you a way to get to know each other. 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.



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, there are opportunities for everyone from preschool to high school. Families are invited to stay in Fellowship Hall or the Student Center.
TEACH AND SERVE! We are looking for small group leaders to share teaching opportunities during Christian Education Hour, immediately following worship. For more information, call or email Heather Mikes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: Children & Youth groups meet next week, **September 21**. Dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. Study/Serve/Pray/Play, 6-7pm.



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." 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.

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.**



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! Mark your calendar!

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!** Opportunities are available in November and December. Call Barbara!
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. tonimkeefe@hotmail.com. **We would love to have you join us!**
- **Collier Harvest's** next packing event is on **Monday, September 26 at 5pm**, 4451 Mercantile Avenue. Volunteers are needed to help pack bags of groceries for the families of students in need. Email Pete Rodino at pvrodino@aol.com.
- **Misión Peniel** is in need of personal hygiene items. Please bring small containers of shampoo, 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.



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!

*Martha Fligg	9/19
*Christine Rockhold	9/19
Brooke Vayda	9/19
Sandra Johnson	9/20
*Jim Reed	9/20
Tammy Wilson	9/20
Steve Acx	9/21
Odamis Houston	9/21
John Millard	9/22
*Nena Beynon	9/24
Lillian Walker	9/24

Happy Anniversary!

Merle & Sharon Wylie 9/22

*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!

GATHER WITH YOUR VPC FRIENDS!

Midweek Small Group Bible Study:

Wednesdays at 6pm in the Library

Friends in Faith: September 28

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

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	Jim & Wealtha Flick	Doris Martin
Andy	Jim Folliard	Marilyn McKe
Rich Annunziata	Mary Hart	Joan Mountford
Cynthia Arnold	Casey Hunt	Marcia Dee & Herb Newman
Tom Bevan	Judy Jacobs	Pat Peters
Charlyn Bonk	Sandra Johnson	The Sartorius Family
Linda Burwinkel	Chester Kauffman	The Sharp Family
Adriana Caruso	Jean Lee	The Smith Family
Ron Davis	Josie Magnani	Jeff Smith
Annette & Bill Dietrich	Judy Malone	
Marlene Everson	Lauren Marquis	

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Ernie Sartorius** on September 7, 2022 and **Clark Smith** on September 8, 2022. Please keep their families in your prayers at this difficult time. Emails were sent late last week with more information.*



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.

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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