



September 25, 2022

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

- ¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
² will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence;
⁴ he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and defense.
⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day
⁶ or the pestilence that stalks in darkness
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.
¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.



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: "Prayer for Organ"

Julius Chajes (1910-1985)

Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

Come, all who live in the shelter of the Most High.

Gather together, all who trust in God Almighty.

God reigns through all generations.

We will praise God as long as we live.

Worship God, who richly provides us with all things.

Give thanks to the one who dwells in unapproachable light.

God, who made heaven and earth, keeps faith forever.

We will pour out our thankfulness in words and deeds.

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn #306: "Fairest Lord Jesus"**

CRUSADER'S HYMN

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| <p>1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.</p> <p>2. Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.</p> | <p>3. Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.</p> |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

All-powerful God, we have become so comfortable with our advantages that we forget who makes them possible. We are so eager for riches that we wander away from faith. We consider ourselves more worthy than others to enjoy your bounty. We look down on people less industrious or differently gifted than we. We turn away from the plight of neighbors who need our helping hand. O God, forgive our misplaced priorities. Have mercy on us and melt our hardened hearts so we may participate in the joy of your realm here and now. *(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

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—

²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Sermon: “The World Turned Upside-Down”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Anthem: “Blest Are They”

David Haas (b. 1957)

The Chancel Choir

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow, They shall be consoled. Rejoice and be glad. Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad, Yours is the Kingdom of God. Blest are they, the lowly ones, They shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst, They shall have their fill. Blest are they who show mercy, Mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart, They shall see God. Blest are they who seek peace, They are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith, The glory of God is theirs. Blest are you who suffer hate, All because of me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom, Shine for all to see.

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**

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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 #285: "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"**

AUSTRIAN HYMN

1. God, You spin the whirling planets,
Fill the seas and spread the plain,
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
Call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in Your image,
Would a true reflection be
Of Your justice, grace and mercy
And the truth that makes us free.
2. You have called us to be faithful
In our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship
Joined in one community.

When we blur Your gracious image,
Focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as Your people,
We move onward toward Your goal.

3. God, Your word is still creating,
Calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
Where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion.
Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in Your image,
We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

*** Commission and Blessing**

Pursue righteousness and godliness, today and always.

Face life with gentleness and endurance.

The love of God sends us out to share love.

The riches of God inspire our generosity.

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: "Prelude in D Minor"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Mary Lynn Myers, 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: Geri & Bill Payne

Ushers: Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro
(Head Ushers), Jerry Warnken, Nancy Guthy,
Joyce & Bill Dersch

Audio/Visual Technician: Victoria Bonavita

The flowers on the chancel are given
in honor of Bill & Mary Koppelkam on their 64th wedding anniversary
and in loving memory of our parents, Lucille & Melvin Packard
and Margo & Bernard Thompson,
whose anniversaries were September 23rd & 30th
by Nancy & Charles Thompson.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK October 2: The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10

Sermon Series: "Claim Your Faith"

Sermon: "Rekindle the Gift"



The Fellowship
Hour is
sponsored in
honor of VPC
Stephen Ministers
by Pete & Carol Schwiers.

VPC NEWS

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 **TODAY**, 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



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!

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. We will be collecting costumes **through Sunday, October 2.**



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!

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.



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!

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



ALLELUIA CHOIR! Sundays 11:30am-12:00pm in Cochran Music Hall.
TEACH AND SERVE! We need group leaders to share teaching opportunities after worship.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS: Children & Youth groups meet every other week.
 Dinner in Fellowship Hall: 5:30pm. Activities 6-7pm.

Community
Built On
Christ

THE 2022-2023 CONCERT SERIES BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE! If 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. www.vpcnaples.org



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



www.vpcnaples.org/live/

- **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 consider sponsoring chancel flowers or fellowship hour!** Needed for November and December.
239-597-5410

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Collier Harvest's** next packing event is on **Monday, September 26 at 5pm**, 4451 Mercantile Avenue. Email Pete Rodino at pvrodino@aol.com.
- **Misión Peniel** is in need of personal hygiene items. Please bring small containers to the church before **September 30**.
- **Peace and Global Witness Offering** envelopes are available in the Narthex for the PCUSA's Peace & Global Witness Offering.



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



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Julie Borden	9/25	*Jackson Bell	9/28
*Peggy Landon	9/26	Max Gould	9/28
*Stan Leonard	9/26	*Laura Marzano	9/28
Ann Lienemann	9/26	*Mac McDonald	9/28
*Mary Ann Portman	9/26	Carol Wood	9/28
Lou Grady	9/27	*Pat Rose	9/30
Rachel Heimberger	9/27	*Mary Thompson	9/30



*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!

Bill & Mary Ann Koppelkam	9/27
Alexander & Julianne Hobbs	9/28
Nancy & Ron Guthy	9/28
Joe & Barbara Feddern	9/28

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

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Dr. Al Tatarunis** on September 15, 2022 at the age of 96. Dr. Al was a member of the choir, regular attendee, guest lecturer, and avid supporter of VPC. Please keep his family in your prayers at this difficult time.*



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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