



September 4, 2022

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 139; 1-6,13-18

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days
that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

TOTAL
Commitment

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: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

Listen to the ordinances of our God;

Love God and walk in the way God commands.

O God, we will listen for your words.

We will seek to walk on the paths you intend.

Happy are those who delight in God's law;

Blessed are all who meditate on God's Word.

Wonderful are all your works, O God.

We are your creation; we are in your hands.

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn #288: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

ELLACOMBE

1. I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!

3. There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

*** Call to Confession**

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Awesome God, we confess that we have become slaves to our own narrow self-interest. We pay more attention to our possessions than to you. We try to hide from your all-seeing eye, for we are guilty of devotion to false gods. We are attracted to wicked advice and sinful pursuits that direct our steps away from you. We act without thinking or planning or consulting with you. O God, show us the way to a better life. *(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

Jeremiah 18:1-11

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.

⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Sermon: "Total Commitment"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Anthem: "Wondrous Love"

American Folk Hymn

The Chancel Choir

arr. Arlen Clarke

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul! To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, To God and to
the Lamb who is the great I Am, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing! And when from death I'm
free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, And through eternity, I'll sing
on, I'll sing on.

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 #370: "Just As I Am"

WOODWORTH

1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
2. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
3. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
4. Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

* Commission and Blessing

God welcomes your partnership in the gospel.

Accept the cross of Christ and carry it.

We are finding new patterns of faithfulness.

We are discovering new reasons for joy.

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: "Sent Forth with God's Blessing"

Wood

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Susie Hilton, 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: Jan Fern & Priscilla Kutler

Ushers: Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro
(Head Ushers), Joe Trees, Rebecca Beavers,
Nellie Cummins, Joyce & Bill Dersch

Audio/Visual Technician: Victoria Bonavita

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

September 11: The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

Sermon Series: "Journey with Jesus"

Sermon: "Growth out of Desolation"

For thus says the
LORD:
The whole land shall
be a desolation;
yet I will not
make a full end.
Jeremiah 4:27, NRSV

The flowers on the chancel are given in honor of
my best friend and sister, Joan Elliott
by Ron Sieling
&
In loving memory of Joseph Gagliano by his family.

The Fellowship Hour is
sponsored by Joan Butler.
"To celebrate my church
family!"

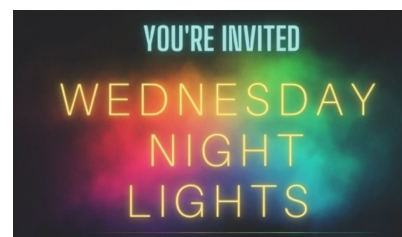


VPC NEWS

WATCH AT HOME
LIVESTREAM

Our Sunday worship service is live streamed directly to our website and Facebook. Go to www.vpcnaples.org or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/vpcnaples) at 10am on Sunday mornings to watch the service live! If you want to watch at a later time, it will be available on our website in the Sermon Library. If you have any questions, call the office at 597-5410.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS - Gear Up! Get Ready! Game On! Children & Youth groups (ages PreK-3 through high school) resume **September 7**. Wear your sports team jersey or favorite team! Check out our new schedule at the VPC website. **We will meet on Wednesdays every two weeks. 5:30pm Dinner in Fellowship Hall, 6-7pm Study/Serve/Pray/Play.** For more information, call or email Heather Mikes.



Thursday, September 8, 2022 is the next packing day for **Weekend Power Pack**. Fellowship Hall at 10:30am. To volunteer, email Becky Wheat sportbroad@comcast.net.

FALL EDUCATION KICK OFF IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11!

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 our faith, as we deepen our relationship with God in a variety of ways. What is God calling you to?



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

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.



SEPTEMBER IS PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION MONTH FOR MISSIONS.

Peace and Global Witness Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex for the PCUSA's Peace and Global Witness Special Offering. The words of Isaiah 55 convey a profound message to us: **"For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace."** **"Go out in joy."** When we look around our world these days, it is sometimes hard to feel joyful. Yet joy inherently embraces optimism. Joy is the companion of faith and hope. In our polarized world torn by war, famine, and marginalization of the poor, we are in desperate need of joyful and brave people who are willing to ask the hard questions & live the difficult solutions that make peace possible. **"Be led forth in peace."** 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. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

GATHER WITH YOUR VPC FRIENDS!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Midweek Small Group Bible Study: Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the Library
Friends in Faith: September 14 & 28 (2nd & 4th Wednesdays) **at 10am** in Harp Hall & by ZOOM
Wisdom Seekers: Wednesday, September 7 at 12pm in the Library - bring your lunch.
JOIN A SMALL GROUP! MAH JONGG Contact Geri Payne at 593-5529 or paynegnb@comcast.net
BRIDGE Contact Nadine Gaylord at 740-816-1628 or nanjan69@gmail.com

MEDICARE

The Wholistic Health Ministry Team invites you to a special presentation on **UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE AND MEDICARE CHANGES** on **Wednesday, October 5 at 10am** in Harp Hall. Hallie Devlin returns to VPC to answer all your questions!

WHO MIGHT RECEIVE CARE FROM A STEPHEN MINISTER? Care receivers may be hospitalized, grieving the death of a loved one, separated or divorcing, homebound, unemployed, adjusting to the birth of a child, or experiencing many other kinds of life difficulties. They may be members of our church, or friends, neighbors, and co-workers without any church home. Think about your life and the lives of the people around you. Are you, or is someone you know, going through a time of crisis or challenge? The care of a Stephen Minister may be exactly what's needed to help bring Christ's healing.



- **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. The hospital is changing their software and are unable to notify the church. The only way we know, is if you communicate to us directly.
- **PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH US!** Our database program is being converted to a new and improved version. This upgrade will be a huge improvement, but we need a bit of grace during the conversion. 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. You can do so in honor or memory of a loved one or just because you love your church! Call us to schedule a date!

239-597-5410

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. 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!

*Linda Addaman	9/4	Karen Schulz	9/8
Jane Repp	9/4	*Bruce Stryker	9/8
*Joseph Riashi	9/5	*Al Starr	9/9
Susan Hallin	9/8	*Carol Holzinger	9/9
Judy Istock	9/8	*Marsha Reed	9/10

*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 & Geri Payne	9/4
John & Mavelyn Millard	9/5
Fred & Barbara Minter	9/7
Don & Greta Corcoran	9/9
John & Anna Maria Miles	9/10
Gil & Lou Grady	9/10

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

*We are saddened to announce the death of **Byna Hood**, on August 26, 2022. Byna and her husband, Ben, have been members of Vanderbilt since 2019. Please keep her family in your prayers. A Memorial Service will be held in Texas at a later date. To send a card to Ben: 221 Palm River Blvd. #102 Naples, FL 34110*

*Give from
your heart...
for God loves
a cheerful
giver!*

2 Corinthians 9:7

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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