



October 16, 2022

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Psalm 121**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

**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:** “Andante in G Major” from Sonata in E minor, BWV 1034

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Blair Francis Paponiu, *Flute*

**Announcements**

**\* Call to Worship**

*Open your eyes to meet God face to face.*

*Open your ears to hear God's instruction.*

**God take us by the hand to lead us.**

**The Word of God is written on our hearts.**

*Come to taste God's Word, which is sweeter than honey.*

*Come to touch the reality of God's presence.*

**Surely God will welcome us and protect us.**

**We will walk with new understanding of truth.**

*Let us worship God.*

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| <p>1. The God of Abraham praise,<br/>Who reigns enthroned above;<br/>The ancient of eternal days,<br/>The God of Love!<br/>The Lord, the great I Am,<br/>By earth and heaven confessed,<br/>We bow before Your holy name,<br/>Forever blest.</p> <p>2. Your spirit still flows free,<br/>High surging where it will;<br/>In prophet's word You spoke of old<br/>And You speak still.</p> | <p>Established is Your law,<br/>And changeless it shall stand,<br/>Deep writ upon the human heart,<br/>On sea, or land.</p> <p>3. You have eternal life<br/>Implanted in the soul;<br/>Your love shall be our strength and stay,<br/>While ages roll.<br/>We praise You, living God!<br/>We praise Your holy name;<br/>The first, the last, beyond all thought,<br/>And still the same!</p> |
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**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession**

We confess, O God, that we are not eager to wrestle with you or to take responsibility for sin in our lives. We see ourselves as basically decent, respectable people. Yet we have bent your commandments to our own conveniences. We listen only to the word we want to hear. We participate in the greed that is destroying your good earth, and we allow evil to triumph through our neglect. Shake us into awareness that brings change, and support us, we pray, on the difficult path toward greater faithfulness. *(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 3:14-4:5

*<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. <sup>1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Special Music: "Salut D'Amore", Opus 12

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Blair Francis Paponiu, *Flute*

### The Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

*<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Message

The Rev. Jennie Thomas

### Anthem: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

arr. Roy Ringwald (1910-1995)

The Chancel Choir

Precious Lord, take my hand, Bring me home through the night, Through the dark, through the storm, To thy light, I have been to the mount I have seen the promised land: Precious Lord, take my hand. Bring thy child home at last, Where the strife and the pain All are past: I have dreamed a great dream That thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, take my hand. Take thy child unto thee, With my dream of a world that is free For that day when all flesh Joins the glory thou hast planned Precious Lord, take my hand.

## 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

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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 #426: "Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak"

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| 1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak<br>In living echoes of Thy tone;<br>As Thou hast sought, so let me seek<br>Thine erring children lost and lone.  | 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach<br>The precious things Thou dost impart;<br>And wing my words, that they may reach<br>The hidden depths of many a heart. |
| 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead<br>The wandering and the wavering feet;<br>O feed me, Lord, that I may feed<br>Thy hungering ones with manna sweet. | 4. O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,<br>Until my very heart o'erflow<br>In kindling thought and glowing word,<br>Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.        |

### \* Blessing and Benediction

#### \* 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:** "Allegretto in B-flat Major," Opus 116

Benjamin Goddard (1849-1895)

Blair Francis Paponiu, *Flute*

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

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**The Rev. Jennie Thomas**, *Chaplain NCH*

**Karen Chappler**, *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.

**Blair Francis Paponiu**, *Flutist*

**Heather Mikes**, *Director of Christian Education*

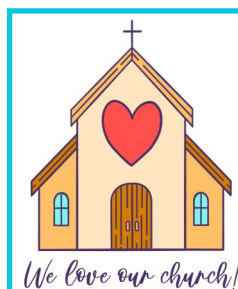
**The Chancel Choir**

**Julie Carver**, *Pianist*

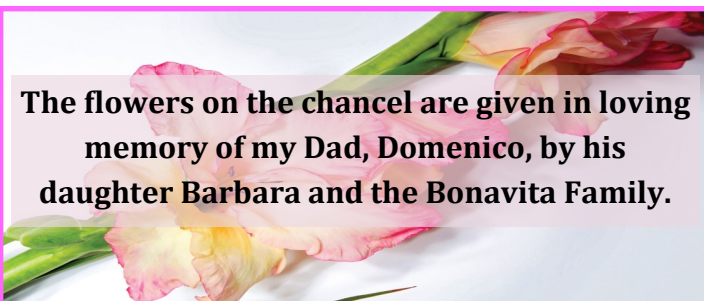
**Greeters:** Jan Fern & Priscilla Kutler

**Ushers:** Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro  
(Head Ushers), Bill & Mary Koppelkam, Dianne  
Westerlund, Rebecca Beavers, Nellie Cummins

**Audio/Visual Technician:** Victoria Bonavita



**The Fellowship  
Hour is  
sponsored by  
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## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK    October 23: The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

**First Reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 18:9-14

**Sermon Series:** "Claim Your Faith"

**Sermon:** "Full Throttle Living"

## VPC NEWS

**WELCOME JENNIE THOMAS TO OUR PULPIT TODAY.** Rev. Jennie Thomas, MDiv, BCC, MSW ACPE Certified Educator, NCH Director of Spiritual Care will fill in for Pastor Rob today, while he is out of town for a family wedding. Thank you Jennie!

**WELCOME OUR GUEST MUSICIAN**, Flutist, Blair Francis Paponiu. She is Assistant Principal/2nd Flute of the Naples Philharmonic. She performed with the New York Philharmonic as acting section flute for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 seasons, and has worked with renowned conductors including Bernard Haitink, Esa-Pekka Salonen, and Michael Tilson Thomas, among others. Mrs. Francis Paponiu has also performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, New World Symphony, and Oregon Symphony Orchestra.

**THE CONCERT SERIES BEGINS! Sunday, October 23 at 4pm** organist, Mark Pacoe, will open our 2022-2023 Concert Series. Please come to support this amazing musician and hear his dazzling talent on our mighty Lively Fulcher organ. The concert is free, but a donation will be received. Doors open at 3:30pm.



**HOME COMMUNION:** The Deacons are offering the following options for Home Communion **beginning November 6, 2022:** 1) homebound members who currently participate in worship via the Livestream broadcast and would like an Elder/Deacon to deliver pre-packaged Communion elements prior to Sunday; 2) homebound members who currently participate in worship via the Livestream broadcast and would like an Elder/Deacon to worship *with them* in order to participate in Communion in their residence during the worship service; and 3) homebound members who would like an Elder/Deacon Team to visit them in their residence following the worship service in order to participate in the Service of Extended Communion. If you would like to receive Home Communion OR if you are an ordained Elder or Deacon and would like to assist in this effort, please contact Michael Bevilacqua at [Michael@bevilacquaent.com](mailto:Michael@bevilacquaent.com) or 612-803-0767.



You're invited to **Trunk or Treat** at VPC! Come on by! Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aa8ac2ba0f9c25-vpctrunk> to host a decorated trunk with treats or a game, donate candy or volunteer to help. Naples Smoked BBQ available to purchase for dinner. Candy, DJ dance party and games are free to all. We also encourage you to consider allergy safe alternatives for those who need it. Setup at 5:30pm. Trick-or-Treating 6-7pm.

**ADVENT INVITATION:** Would you consider writing a short devotion? The theme for our 2022 Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Advent Devotional is: **"A Living Sanctuary."** We can light the lights that speak of our confidence and joy that God is among us and desires to be known. We can be a living sanctuary. Check your email for the Advent lectionary scripture passages. Please choose your scripture and date. Feel free to use one or part of one. Email your choice(s) and your devotion to Heather Mikes at [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org) by **Nov. 6**, so that we can ensure we have an author for each day of Advent. Thank you!

#### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Collier Harvest's** next packing event is on **Monday, October 24 at 5pm**, 4451 Mercantile Avenue. Volunteers help pack bags of groceries for students in need. Email Pete Rodino at [pvrodino@aol.com](mailto:pvrodino@aol.com).
- **Grace Place** helps the less fortunate in Golden Gate and is in need of monetary donations or food donations in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. [www.graceplacenaples.org](http://www.graceplacenaples.org).
- **Café of Life:** VPC Mission Team is hosting a meal on **Friday, October 28 at 9am**. We meet at Leitner Park, 26724 Nomad Dr., Bonita Springs 34135. Donations of food and volunteers to serve are needed. Email Eliza Nevin, [elizanevin@comcast.net](mailto:elizanevin@comcast.net), or call 412-720-3330 for more information.

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

**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](mailto:ruthfelipec@aol.com) or 908-910-5091).

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

#### EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Midweek Small Group Bible Study:** will be taking a break until November.
- **Friends in Faith** every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 10am in Harp Hall & by ZOOM
- **Wisdom Seekers** next meeting is November 9 at 11:30 in the Library, following Friends in Faith.
- **VPC Book Club** resumes on Monday, November 21 at 1:30pm in Harp Hall. "Among the Beautiful Beasts" by Lori McMullin. Contact Peggy Landon at [mldan711@gmail.com](mailto:mldan711@gmail.com)
- **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)

**In an effort to help those in need following Hurricane Ian, Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is offering the following service opportunities:**

- **Financial Collection:** VPC is collecting donations for hurricane relief funding. Funds will be dispersed between two sources – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the “Collier Comes Together Hurricane Fund” of the Collier Community Foundation. We will split any donations received 50% between the two funds. To make a donation, send a check or go online and put **Hurricane Ian Relief** in the memo.
- **Food and Supplies Collection:** Helping both Pinecrest Elementary School and hard-hit Faith Presbyterian Church of Cape Coral, we are collecting: Canned goods, non-perishable items, water, Gatorade, Propel, gift cards to Walmart or Winn-Dixie, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, feminine products, diapers (for the pre-school at Faith Cape Coral), toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, all sizes of new or gently used clothes. If you have any donations, bring them to the office and we will find a place for them!
- **Volunteer to clean up:** Faith Presbyterian Church of Cape Coral needs help cleaning up. We are working on dates and times for volunteers. If you want to use your hands and help out, call the office and we will coordinate efforts to send a group of workers to the Cape.
- **Blood Drive; TODAY! Sunday, October 16 from 9am - 12pm,** Please, donate if you are able. Walk in donors are always welcome.
- **If YOU want to help** and you don't know what to do.....call the office. We will take your name and number and do our best to find a way for you to serve. 597-5410.  
*Thank you.*



- **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 our 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](mailto:leslie.loughran@gmail.com).

**239-597-5410**



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**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!

Gary Shepherd 10/16  
 Craig Grider 10/17  
 Lynn Rosser 10/17  
 Judith Brown 10/18  
 Ronald Davis 10/18  
 Rod MacLeod 10/18  
 Marion Truax 10/18  
 Sharon Doggett 10/19

### \*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!

Kathryn & Paul Higbee 10/16  
 Beth & Rob Marrow 10/21

### Love Your Neighbor

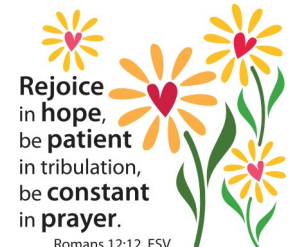
Jesus taught us to "love your neighbor as yourself". **Stephen Ministry** is one important, tangible way to carry out this commandment and show God's love to others. Our Stephen Leaders are Kay Beernink, Cherry Jacobus, Carolyn Magarro, Jill Peterson, and Twila Rowe. Let us know if you need our support.

### 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.

Rich Annunziata	Jim Folliard	Judy Malone
Cynthia Arnold	Gary & Gail Gorran	Zachary Mazzola
Linda Burwinkel	Mike Hargie	Marilyn McKee
Adriana Caruso	Mary Hart	Joan Mountford
Patricia Robin Chegwiddden	Sandra Johnson	Pat Peters
Ron Davis	Chester Kauffman	The Schoenfuss Family
Loren Dawley	Priscilla Kutler	Jeff Smith
Annette & Bill Dietrich	Barbara Lang	Al Starr
Marlene Everson	Jean Lee	
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Josie Magnani	

All of us, affected by Hurricane Ian, and those suffering due to the war in Ukraine.



### 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.

### 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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