



October 23, 2022

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 84:1-7

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

² My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

³ Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴ Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶ As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

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: "Prelude in D Major/d minor"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

This is God's house, a holy temple.

We are in the midst of God's dwelling place.

My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of God.

My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Happy are those whom God has chosen to be here.

Blessed are all who God has forgiven and named.

Our voices rise in praise of God's awesome deeds.

Mountains and seas bow down before the Creator.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #307: "Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

1. **Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.**
2. **Run the straight race through God's good
grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**
3. **Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
God's boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**
4. **Faint not nor fear, God's arms are near;
God changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

How easily we have forgotten you, O God of our salvation. We imagine that our prosperity is of our own design. We wander into paths of self-righteousness and self-congratulation. We compare ourselves with those whose sins are public knowledge and consider ourselves better than they. O God, rescue us from the evil inside us that alienates us from others and from you. We humble ourselves before you, seeking forgiveness. *(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

Katherine Baron

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 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: "Ballade"

Stanley Leonard (b. 1931)

Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violin*

The Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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Thanks be to God.

Message: **Sermon Series:** *Claim Your Faith*

Sermon: "Full Throttle Living"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Anthem: "Guide My Feet"

African-American Spiritual
arr. Wendell Wahlum (1931-1987)

The Chancel Choir

Guide my feet while I run this race, For I don't want to run this race in vain!
Hold my hand while I run this race, Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm Your child while I run this race, Search my heart while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

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 #339: "Be Thou My Vision"**

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| <p>1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.</p> <p>2. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.</p> | <p>3. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true
word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.</p> |
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*** Commission and Blessing**

*Be glad and rejoice in God's wondrous works!
Praise God whose spirit blesses and empowers us!*
**All who trust in God are strengthened and blessed;
To God be the glory forever and ever.**
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: "Toccata in F Major"

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*

Suzanne Zelinka, *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.

Virginia Garner Cullison, *Violinist*

Katherine Baron, *Christian Ministry Assistant*

The Chancel Choir

Julie Carver, *Pianist*

Greeters: Becky Wheat & Priscilla Kutler

Ushers: Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro
(Head Ushers), Joe Trees, Sue & Bill Van Fossen,
Doug Dunn, Gwen Salyer

Audio/Visual Technician: Victoria Bonavita



The flowers on the chancel are donated in memory of Jo & John Rist, whose 67th anniversary would have been October 22nd by Leslie Loughran.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK **October 30: The 21st Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Sermon Series: "Face Time With Jesus"

Sermon: "Out on a Limb"

VPC NEWS

THE CONCERT SERIES BEGINS! TODAY! 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. Let's fill our sanctuary with members, friends and music lovers from our neighborhood!



CHURCH TOURS with our Membership & Involvement Team are available on **Sundays, October 30 & November 20**. Look for the **blue shirts!** Tours depart from the sanctuary after the 10am worship service. Come and explore the facility, you might be surprised at what you learn! Members, visitors, everyone is welcome.

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 (ruthfelipe@aol.com or 908-910-5091). They make great Christmas gifts too!

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

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. We need you!



ADVENTURES IN MEMBERSHIP! Are you interested in joining our church family? Take the next step in your faith journey. Please join us for worship on **Sunday, November 6 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. New members will be recognized on November 13 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, **November 13** with Pastor Rob. Other groups are also available.



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 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.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

- **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.
- **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, or call 412-720-3330 for more information.

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 by **Nov. 6**, so that we can ensure we have an author for each day of Advent. Thank you!



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 16 at 12:30 in the Library.
- **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 mldon711@gmail.com
- **Mah Jongg:** Contact Geri Payne at 593-5529 or paynegnb@comcast.net
- **Bridge:** Contact Nadine Gaylord at 740-816-1628 or 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.
- **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.

239-597-5410



www.vpcnaples.org/live/

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)
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!

John McMaster 10/23
 Kay Winemiller 10/24
 Devon Grider 10/25
 Chuck Henry 10/25
 Leslie Loughran 10/25
 Jeremy Barber 10/26
 Jason Heimberger 10/26
 Merle James Wylie 10/26

Shelby Gallo 10/27
 John Roth 10/27
 Greg Hudson 10/28
 Todd Truax 10/28

Happy Anniversary!

Farhat Naseem & Naseem Yousaf 10/23
 Herb Nelson & Peggy Paulsen 10/23
 Bill & Chloe Cornell 10/24
 Peter DeBaun & Jill Peterson 10/24
 Barbara & Chuck Henry 10/24

*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!

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 & Wealtha Flick	Zachary Mazzola	All of us, affected by Hurricane Ian, and those suffering due to the war in Ukraine.
Cynthia Arnold	Jim Folliard	Marilyn McKee	
Chris & Dawn Bertler	Mary Hart	Joan Mountford	
Linda Burwinkel	Sandra Johnson	Pat Peters	
Adriana Caruso	Chester Kauffman	Jeff Smith	
Patricia Robin Chegwidden	Priscilla Kutler	Al Starr	
Ron Davis	Barbara Lang		
Loren Dawley	Jean Lee		
Annette & Bill Dietrich	Josie Magnani		
Marlene Everson	Judy Malone		

prayers



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Love Your Neighbor

Jesus taught 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.

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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