



October 30, 2022

The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

**Psalm 32:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup> Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

<sup>3</sup> While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

<sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**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: "Voluntary"**

Stanley Leonard (b. 1931)

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet* and Stanley Leonard, *Timpani*

**Announcements**

**\* Call to Worship**

*We cry out to God for the help we need.*

*How will we know we have been heard?*

**God stands with us through life's trials and temptations.**

**God sends visions of new possibilities.**

*God's righteousness is everlasting, and God's law is truth.*

*Listen to all God would teach us, hear the Word of God.*

**We seek to grow in faith and in love for one another.**

**We would learn to do good and to work for justice.**

*Let us worship God.*

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| <p>1. A mighty fortress is our God,<br/>A bulwark never failing;<br/>Our helper He, amid the flood<br/>Of mortal ills prevailing:<br/>For still our ancient foe<br/>Doth seek to work us woe;<br/>His craft and power are great,<br/>And, armed with cruel hate,<br/>On earth is not his equal.</p> <p>2. Did we in our own strength confide,<br/>Our striving would be losing;<br/>Were not the right Man on our side,<br/>The Man of God's own choosing:<br/>Dost ask who that may be?<br/>Christ Jesus, it is He;<br/>Lord Sabaoth, His Name,<br/>From age to age the same,<br/>And He must win the battle.</p> | <p>3. And though this world, with devils filled,<br/>Should threaten to undo us,<br/>We will not fear, for God hath willed<br/>His truth to triumph through us:<br/>The Prince of Darkness grim,<br/>We tremble not for him;<br/>His rage we can endure,<br/>For lo, his doom is sure,<br/>One little word shall fell him.</p> <p>4. That word above all earthly powers,<br/>No thanks to them, abideth;<br/>The Spirit and the gifts are ours<br/>Through Him Who with us sideth:<br/>Let goods and kindred go,<br/>This mortal life also;<br/>The body they may kill:<br/>God's truth abideth still,<br/>His kingdom is forever.</p> |
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**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession**

All-knowing God, we confess our participation in the hatred and evil that is consuming this planet. We gladly accept for ourselves the power and advantages that come our way. We seldom consider the cost to others for our prosperity. We tolerate poverty, hunger, and homelessness for people we do not know. We think our small efforts too insignificant to make a difference. Wash away, O God, the evil that paralyzes us, that we may become rescuers of the oppressed and seekers after justice. Create in us a right spirit that prompts us to live by faith and dare great things for you. *(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 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

*<sup>1</sup> Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. <sup>4</sup> Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. <sup>11</sup> To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, <sup>12</sup> so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

*<sup>19</sup> He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup> A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup> All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:**      **Sermon Series:** *Face Time with Jesus*

**Sermon:** "Out on a Limb"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**Anthem: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

John Rutter (b. 1945)

**The Chancel Choir**

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. The purple-headed mountain, The river running by, The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky; The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one; He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

**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**

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love siblings whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see. 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 #455: "All Creatures of Our God and King"**

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| <b>1. All creatures of our God and King,<br/>Lift up your voice and with us sing,<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Thou burning sun with golden beam,<br/>Thou silver moon with softer gleam,<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>       | <b>3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,<br/>Make music for thy Lord to hear,<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Thou fire so masterful and bright,<br/>That givest us both warmth and light,<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>   |
| <b>2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,<br/>Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,<br/>O sing ye! Alleluia!<br/>Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,<br/>Ye lights of evening, find a voice!<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</b> | <b>4. Thou fertile earth, that day by day<br/>Unfoldest blessings on your way,<br/>O sing ye! Alleluia!<br/>The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,<br/>Let them God's glory also show!<br/>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</b> |

**\* Commission and Blessing**

*Greet the challenges of this week as opportunities.*

*Let your faith grow as your love for others increases*

**We will pray for one another as we serve.**

**We will look to God for the strength we need.**

*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: "The Rejoicing"**

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Matthew Sonneborn, *Trumpet* and Stanley Leonard, *Timpani*

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

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow**, *Pastor*

**Sue Van Fossen**, *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.

**Matthew Sonneborn**, *Trumpeter*

**Stanley Leonard**, *Timpanist*

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

**The Chancel Choir**

**Gordon Black**, *Pianist*

**Greeters:** Becky Wheat & Nadine Gaylord

**Ushers:** Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro  
(Head Ushers), Bill & Geri Payne, Greg & Julie  
Borden, Patti Runkel

**Audio/Visual Technician:** Victoria Bonavita

The flowers on the chancel  
are donated with thanks to God  
for my little brother, Jim  
by Molly Cochran.



**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**November 6: The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**First Reading: Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38**

**Sermon Series: "Face Time With Jesus"**

**Sermon: "Persistent Engagement"**

**VPC NEWS**

**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!

**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!



**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.



#### 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 [mlandon711@gmail.com](mailto:mlandon711@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)

**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](mailto: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! **Halloween is tomorrow!!**

**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!



**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.

### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

- **HURRICANE IAN RELIEF:** VPC is collecting donations for hurricane relief funding. Funds will be split between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the "Collier Comes Together Hurricane Fund" of the Collier Community Foundation. To make a donation, send a check or go online and put ***Hurricane Ian Relief*** in the memo. We are also still taking non-perishable food donations, but **not** other items (household, clothing, etc.)
- **WEEKEND POWER PACK: Thursday, November 10, 2022** is our next packing event in Fellowship Hall at 10:30am. Volunteers are needed to help pack approximately 300 bags for those children living at poverty levels who attend Sabal Palm Elementary. The packing should take about an hour. If you can volunteer, please contact Becky Wheat at [sportbroad@comcast.net](mailto:sportbroad@comcast.net).

**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.



- **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!

\*Doug Dunn 11/1  
 Rob Kaderly 11/1  
 Olivia Trees 11/2  
 Jim Folliard 11/3  
 Harriet Shouldice 11/3

### \*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!

There are no anniversaries to celebrate this week.

### 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  
 Cynthia Arnold  
 Chris & Dawn Bertler  
 Linda Burwinkel  
 Adriana Caruso  
 Patricia Robin Chegwiddden  
 Ron Davis  
 Loren Dawley  
 Annette & Bill Dietrich

Marlene Everson  
 Jim & Wealtha Flick  
 Jim Folliard  
 Mary Hart  
 Sandra Johnson  
 Chester Kauffman  
 Barbara Lang  
 Jean Lee  
 Josie Magnani

Judy Malone  
 Zachary Mazzola  
 Marilyn McKee  
 Joan Mountford  
 Pat Peters  
 The Family of Tania  
 Peterson Roldán  
 Jeff Smith  
 Al Starr

Barbara & Russ Thomas

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



### Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Financial Results as of September 30, 2022

	9/30/22 YTD	YTD Budget	Estimated Year End	9/30/21
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 870,505</b>	<b>\$1,026,500</b>	<b>\$1,150,000</b>	<b>\$ 964,640</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 968,481</b>	<b>\$ 982,800</b>	<b>\$1,346,500</b>	<b>\$ 876,201</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$ 97,976)</b>	<b>\$ 43,700</b>	<b>(\$ 196,500)</b>	<b>\$ 88,439</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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