

October 9, 2022

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 111

¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

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: Variations on "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Announcements

* Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; Sing your praise to the glory of God's name.

Great and awesome are the works of God.

The whole universe sings of God's power.

Gather to remember all that God has revealed. Come to discover what God is doing among us.

God is faithful and just in all things.

The promises of God are trustworthy and true.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #255: "Now Praise the Lord"

ST ANNE

- Now praise the Lord, all living saints, Sing praises that endure.
 Our children God does surely bless, Our future is secure.
- God brings us peace in midst of strife,
 Our borders to protect.
 All those who trust the Lord for strength
 Need never fear neglect.
- God's Word runs swiftly o'er the earth,
 The seasons to command.

 Spring, summer, winter, autumn, all
 Display that wondrous hand.
- 4. Your life filled Word brings order to The chaos of our days. In love You claim us as Your own; What better cause for praise?

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Forgiving God, once more we seek your pardon and protection. We find ourselves in exile from the best we know. We have focused so much of our attention on our own concerns that we have neglected the welfare of our community. We see our own hardships more readily than we feel the vast suffering around us. We forget the mercy we have received. We are angry when we should be grateful. Restore us to covenant faithfulness, we pray. (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 2:8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself. ¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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Message: Sermon Series: Claim Your Faith

Sermon: "Present Yourself to God" The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Anthem: "Praise Ye the Lord! J. Jefferson Cleveland (1937-1986)

The Chancel Choir

Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord. Praise God with the sound of the trumpet, Praise God with the lute and the harp; Praise God with timbrel and dancing, Praise God wherever you are. Praise God with holy cymbals, Praise God with strings and with pipes; Praise God with clashing cymbals, Praise God with all of your might. Praise God in the holy temple, Praise God for almighty deeds; Praise God for those bountiful mercies, For God fulfills our needs. Praise God on top of the mountains, Praise God both day and night; Praise God down in the low valleys, Praise God because it's alright.

Reception of New Members

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

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** #417: "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

REGENT SQUARE

- 1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
 Christ the head and cornerstone,
 Chosen of the Lord and precious,
 Binding all the church in one;
 Holy Zion's help forever,
 And our confidence alone.
- 2. To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today; With Your wonted lovingkindness Hear Your people as they pray. And Your fullest benediction Shed within its walls alway.
- 3. Here bestow to all Your servants
 What they ask of You to gain,
 What they gain from You forever
 With the blessèd to retain,
 And hereafter in Your glory
 Evermore with You to reign.
- 4. Laud and honor to the Father,
 Laud and honor to the Son,
 Laud and honor to the Spirit,
 Ever Three and ever one;
 One in might and one in glory
 While unending ages run.

* Commission and Blessing

Your faith, however small, holds powerful potential. Your trust in God will grow as you employ it.

We will sing the praises of our God.

We will seek to know and follow God's commands.

Alleluia.

Amen.

* Benediction Response: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Copyright 1955 by Jan-Lee Music. Renewed 1983. Used by permission.)

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 C Major" Pachelbel

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
Steve Woodring, Liturgist
Devon Grider & Riley Mikes, Youth Liturgists
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

Youth Acolyte, Ayden Carver

Greeters: Nadine Gaylord & Priscilla Kutler

Ushers: Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro (Head Ushers), Karen Chappler, Bill & Geri

Payne, Gwen Salyer

Audio/Visual Technician: Victoria Bonavita



The Fellowship Hour is sponsored in appreciation of Bill & Sue Van Fossen by Shar & Lynn Rosser.

The flowers on the chancel are given in loving memory of David Munchoff on the anniversary of his passing by his dearest friend, Rosie, and his daughters, Stephanie and Melissa, and his family and in honor of Bill's birthday by his loving wife, Mary Koppelkam.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK October 16: The 19th Sunday after Pentecost First Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8 Guest Preacher: Rev. Jennie Thomas, NCH Chaplain

Congratulations to **Jerry and Mari-Bea Warnken**, proud grandparents to Elizabeth Blair McKinley. Parents, Katie and Josh, announced that their daughter was born 3:06am on Friday, September 30. She arrived three weeks early and weighed 5 pounds and 13ounces.



Dear Lord, we are a community that is suffering. Send your Holy Spirit to be among us and strengthen us with grace to soothe deep hurt, altered life, and prepare us to serve you and one another in the days ahead. Bless all our neighbors and those who are suffering due to Ian, through lesus Christ. Amen.



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

- *Cooling and Charging Center*: The VPC Fellowship Hall will be open from the hours of 10am 4pm as a "Cooling and Charging Center" for the community. You can volunteer your time to be in Fellowship Hall to help visitors and offer them a drink or a snack. We would also like donations of snacks and water bottles.
- *Local Staging Area*: The power companies that are arriving to help our community regain full power need a place to park. We have offered our parking lot to the Collier County Sheriff's Office to be used for this purpose.
- *Volunteer Coordination:* The staff is here to help coordinate "those who are willing to assist others" with "those who require assistance" within our congregation. Perhaps there are some small cleanup assistance needs that we, as volunteers, are able to accommodate. If you have a small task that we can help you complete, let us know!
- *Financial Collection*: VPC will begin a collection drive for hurricane relief funding ASAP. 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*: Through our partnership with Pinecrest Elementary School we are collecting: Canned goods, non-perishable items, water, Gatorade, Propel, gift cards to Walmart or Winn-Dixie, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, feminine products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, all sizes of new or gently used clothes to help the families of this school.
- *Blood Drive*; **Sunday, October 16 from 9am 12pm,** VPC is hosting a blood drive. Please, donate if you are able. Call or email the office to sign up.
- 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.

VPC NEWS

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

LUNCH BUNCH! We are looking for VPC members, friends, family, and potential new members to join us for lunch! Sign up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall. Our new members will meet **TODAY, Sunday, October 9** with Pastor Rob and his wife, Beth. Other groups are also available.



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!

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. Let's fill our sanctuary with members, friends and music lovers from our neighborhood!



EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Midweek Small Group Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6pm in the Library.
- Friends in Faith every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 10am in Harp Hall & by ZOOM.
- Wisdom Seekers the 1st Wednesday of every month at noon in the Library.
- VPC Book Club resumes on Monday, November 21 at 1:30pm in Harp Hall.

Our book is "Among the Beautiful Beasts" by Lori McMullin. Contact Peggy Landon at mlandon711@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
- **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 chancel flowers or 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. 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!			
Gloria Hagopian	10/10		
Sherry Hardgrove	10/10		
Diana Amato	10/11		
Jo-Ann Degelmann	10/11		
Louise Eliot	10/11		
Stan Swihart	10/11		
Don Corcoran	10/12		
Gary Karnes	10/12		

Riley Mikes	10/12
Ann Windley	10/15

*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 this week.

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

We are saddened to announce the death of Kay Schoenfuss on October 1, 2022 at the age of 95.
Kay was a member of VPC for over 21 years and recently moved to Ponte Vedra to be with her family. Please keep them 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.

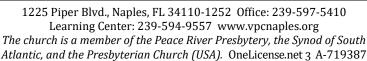
VPC VISION

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.