



November 6, 2022

The Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 17:1-9

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

² From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.

⁴ As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.

⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,

O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

⁸ Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings,

⁹ from the wicked who despoil me, my deadly enemies who surround me.

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: Chorale Prelude on "For All the Saints"

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Announcements

A Moment for Mission

Dan Hardy, Chaplain, Helps Outreach

*** Call to Worship**

We call on God, who is as near as our next breath.

We gather to meet God, who has promised to bless us.

God is great and greatly to be praised.

Through many generations, God has acted among us.

Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Make a joyful noise and break forth in song.

Our mouths will speak the praise of God.

Let our flesh bless God's holy name.

Let us worship God.

1. For all the saints,
who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith
before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock,
their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain
in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear,
their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O blest communion,
fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle,
they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

All-knowing God, we are reluctant to identify weakness or wickedness in ourselves. We do not recognize violent behavior or lawless rebellion as a personal problem. We would not think of elevating ourselves to take your place. Yet we find ourselves viewing the world from the narrow perspective of our own self-interest. Our anger at others spills over into our words and deeds. We ignore you in our decision making and fail to give thanks to you in our daily living. Without your forgiveness and transforming love, there is little hope for us. Hear us and save us, 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 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel Reading

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." ³⁴Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

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

Sermon: "Persistent Engagement"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Anthem: "Crossing the Bar"

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

The Chancel Choir

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar, When I put out to sea, But such a tide as moving seems asleep, Too full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turns again home. Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, When I embark; For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crost the bar. - Alfred, Lord Tennyson

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

Remembrance of the Saints

*Number us among your saints, O God, and join us with the faithful of every age,
especially the saints whose lives we remember and celebrate this day:*

Lake Walton	December 2, 2021	Alfred Williams	June 2, 2022
David Daughtery	January 6, 2022	Mason Colby	July 18, 2022
Spiridon "Dan" Suciu	January 19, 2022	Jean Hahm	August 5, 2022
Gretchen Davison	February 5, 2022	James Winemiller	August 5, 2022
J. Finley Lee	February 13, 2022	Byna Hood	August 26, 2022
John Rist	March 29, 2022	Phyllis Sharp	September 2, 2022
Dorothea "Doffy" Teasdale	April 20, 2022	Ernie Sartorius	September 7, 2022
Jim Fligg	May 8, 2022	Clark Smith	September 8, 2022
Townsend "Gene" Blanchard	May 22, 2022	Kay Schoenfuss	October 1, 2022

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. - Psalm 116:15

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

God of glory, in this holy feast, you have made us one with Christ And with the great multitude of the faithful - Those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn: "Shall We Gather at the River"

Robert Lowry

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| <p>1. Shall we gather at the river?
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?</p> <p>2. Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.</p> | <p>3. Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.</p> <p>4. Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.</p> |
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* Commission and Blessing

A kind and just God sends us out into the world.

We are bearers of truth beyond our understanding.

We have been comforted and strengthened this day.

We have good news to share with the world.

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: "Prelude in G Minor"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

November 13: The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

Sermon Series: "Face Time With Jesus"

Sermon: "Distraction and Focus"

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: Joan Butler & Jan Fern

Ushers: Becky Wheat (Head Usher), Gwen Salyer, Dianne Westerlund, Harley Ruppert, Tim Hall, Doug Dunn, Joan Butler

Audio/Visual Technician: Victoria Bonavita

The Fellowship Hour is sponsored by the Deacons

The flowers on the chancel are donated in celebration of Bill Payne's 80th birthday by his family and to celebrate the life of my dear father, Adm. W.K. Romoser, and brother, W.K. Romoser, Jr., and in honor of their military service by Babs Brock.

VPC NEWS

ADVENTURES IN MEMBERSHIP! Are you interested in joining our church family? 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 Home Communion **beginning November 6, 2022**. 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.

ADVENT INVITATION: Would you consider writing a short devotion? The theme for our 2022 Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Advent Devotional is: "**A Living Sanctuary.**" Email Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org by **November 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** meets Wednesdays at 6pm in the Library.
- **Friends in Faith** gathers every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 10am in Harp Hall & by Zoom.
- **Wisdom Seekers** meets on November 16 at 12:30pm 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.

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 will organize a small group of people to go out for lunch together after the worship service (Dutch treat). Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or you can call the office. Our new members will meet on Sunday, **November 13** with Pastor Rob.



OUR NEXT CONCERT IS COMING SOON! On **Sunday, November 13 at 4pm** organist, Edward Alan Moore, will be the featured guest artist. Dr. Moore has an all Franck program planned in honor of the composers 200th birthday. The concert is free, but a donation will be received. Doors open at 3:30pm. You won't want to miss this beautiful afternoon of music.....bring a friend and come relax the afternoon away!

**PICK UP THE SEPARATE SHEET WITH LOTS OF INFORMATION
ON MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!**

- **HELPS OUTREACH:** VPC is collecting dry goods (mac & cheese, canned tuna or chicken, and other non-perishable foods) for Hunger and Homelessness Sunday. Bring your donations by **Sunday, November 13.**
- **HURRICANE IAN RELIEF:** VPC is collecting monetary donations for hurricane relief. Funds will be split between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the "Collier Comes Together Hurricane Fund." To make a donation, send a check or go online and put *Hurricane Ian Relief* in the memo.
- **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 children living at poverty levels. If you can volunteer, please contact Becky Wheat at sportbroad@comcast.net.
- **COLLIER HARVEST:** The next packing event is **Monday, November 14 at 5pm** at 4451 Mercantile Ave. Volunteers help pack bags of groceries for students in need. Email Pete Rodino at pvrodino@aol.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!

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. 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!

Michael Smith 11/6
 *George Morton 11/7
 *Linda Firestone 11/8
 Linda Teti 11/8
 Myrna Carew 11/9
 *Bill Payne 11/10

*Jim Hawkins 11/10
 Barbara Henry 11/10
 *Michael Bevilacqua 11/10
 Patti Runkel 11/12

Happy Anniversary!

Robert & Janet Kassing 11/12

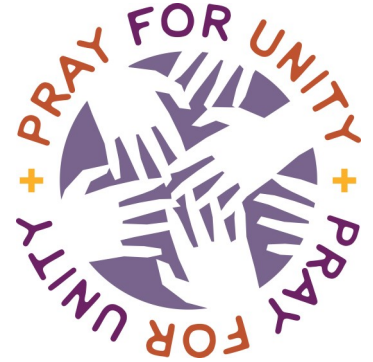
*Birthday Club

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 Folliard	Joan Mountford
Chris & Dawn Bertler	Mary Hart	Eric Muir
Linda Burwinkel	Sandra Johnson	Al Starr
Adriana Caruso	Chester Kauffman	Barbara & Russ Thomas
Ron Davis	Barbara Lang	
Loren Dawley	Jean Lee	All of us, affected by
Annette & Bill Dietrich	Judy Malone	Hurricane Ian, and those
Marlene Everson	Zachary Mazzola	suffering due to the war
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Marilyn McKee	in Ukraine.



Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Financial Results as of September 30, 2022

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

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.

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

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.



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