



September 15, 2019

10:00 am | Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Vanderbilt! We rejoice that you are here to worship God with us. Nursery care is available for children in kindergarten and under. Worship bags and sermon notes are also available in the Narthex for children to use during the Worship service. Please ask an usher if assistance is needed. If you would like to share a joy or concern, please write it on a yellow card. We will collect these cards with the offering. As a courtesy to others, please remember to turn off cell phones during the service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prayer of Preparation

God of all people, you sent Jesus to be a friend with tax collectors and sinners. Fill us with compassion and love for all of your children. Help us to join in your rejoicing when anyone responds to your love and enters into your service. Amen.

Prelude:

"Aria in F Major"

G. F. Handel

The Tolling of the Bells

Welcome: Please take a minute to sign the green friendship pads found in each pew. Then note the names of those seated near you, so you can greet each other by name. The "*" in the bulletin indicates the congregation 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 the words in bold print.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Call To Worship

The winds of God blow among us to winnow and cleanse.

We look to Jesus Christ for wisdom and truth.

Create in us clean hearts and renewed spirits, O God.

We seek to know you and grow in understanding.

Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

"O God, We've Prayed in Wind and Rain"

ST. ANNE

Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

O God, we've prayed in wind and rain
And now we pray once more
For those who felt the hurricane
And heard the waters roar.

We pray for others far away
Who've seen destruction, too;
We look beyond ourselves, for they
Are also loved by you.

We pray for those who watched the storm
Destroy the life they knew,
Who wait in shelters, tired and worn,
And wonder what to do.

We pray that leaders of our land
Will heed creation's cry,
And bravely care and take a stand
For earth and sea and sky.

We thank you, God, for acts of love
Not bound by race or creed,
For hands that reach across the flood
To all who are in need.

Where rains flood cities, homes and towns
May we go out to be
A witness that your love abounds
In each community.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We have said in our hearts, "There is no God." Our deeds deny you. Our plans do not include you. We grumble and complain, criticizing those who embody your love for all people. We have turned aside from the way you commanded. Our greed is robbing this fruitful land and creating a desert. The world is full of suffering people who should not be ignored. Help us to care for them. Amen.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri # 579

GREATOREX

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!

*Passing of the Peace

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Rev. Rob Marrow

We welcome and celebrate the presence of children in worship: reserved chairs are available for them in the front with front row pews on both sides for their families, at the 10:00am worship service. Baptized children are invited to receive communion with their parents.

Congregational Response: **"Jesus Loves Me"**

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!

The Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

(Pew Bible Pg. 702 OT)

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

(Pew Bible Pg. 78 NT)

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

"Rejoice With Me"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** (*Unison*)

(The Apostles' 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.

***Hymn #170**

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

CRIMOND

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

"Hallelujah! Amen!"

G. F. Handel

***Doxology # 592**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer 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.

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn #482

"Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty!"

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Commission & Blessing

Give thanks daily that the lost ones have been found.

How wonderful that God reaches out to claim us!

Let us join in seeking those who are in need of God's mercy.

Praise God for the ongoing experience of grace in our lives!

Alleluia!

Amen!

*Congregational 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:

"Hornpipe" from Water Music Suite

G. F. Handel

Worshippers are invited to remain seated and listen to the Postlude or exit quietly to the Narthex and Fellowship Hall to greet and converse with one another.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Liturgist: Thomas Iacovino

Dr. James Cochran, Organist, playing the *Richard and Patricia Fors Organ* to the Glory of God and in honor of James Cochran, organist.

The Chancel Choir

Ushers: Geri & Bill Payne (co-captains), Jean & Finley Lee, Becky Wheat, Steve Blad, Gene Blanchard, Nena & Emily Beynon

The flowers on the Chancel have been donated by members and friends of the congregation in honor and loving memory of friends and family.

This week's arrangement has been donated in Memory of my Grandmother, Ella Heefner, 1st Deaconess of 1st Presbyterian Church, Goshen, Indiana, by Jan Conrad.

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sunday, September 22, 2019

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Time: 10am

Music - Prayers - Scripture

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

VPC News

TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Vanderbilt offers two fellowship opportunities following worship so people can relax, mingle, and catch up with friends new and old. Each opportunity is sponsored by either a group/ministry team or family from the congregation – they provide some snacks.

Fellowship Hall: Thank you to the Board of Deacons for sponsoring today's treats in Fellowship Hall. The Parish Life Ministry Team provides setup, decorations and beverages, which are typically coffee (regular and decaf), hot tea and water.

Youth Center (west end of our building): Thank you to The Crown Family for sponsoring today's goodies in the Youth Center. Families with young children specially enjoy this time together in the relaxed atmosphere of the Youth Center.

ALL CHURCH BRUNCH

Sunday, Sept 22nd following worship. Please join us for this event to welcome our new members and greet old friends. Invite someone new to join you. This event is hosted by the Membership & Involvement Team. There is no charge, but please sign up so we can plan. Sign up today in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

WHOLISTIC HEALTH EVENTS

Friday, September 27, 10 am – 12 pm “**MEDICARE Update**” Hallie Devlon from SHINE will answer your questions and concerns about MEDICARE and supplemental insurance concerns.

Friday, October 11, 10 am – 12 pm in Harp Hall, “**SPIRITUAL JOURNEY**”. Join us as Rev Ann Hoffman leads us in a discussion; As we reach the last half of our life, how does our faith change, doubts, hopes and the dying process. **FREE LUNCH** to follow program. Registration is required. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or online.

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY STARTS ON SEPT. 15 AT 11:15 AM.

Join us as we focus on Paul's First letter to the Corinthians.

Why should you be interested in learning more about Paul's challenging letter?

1. It is a window into the pagan world shortly after Christ's death.
2. It contains helpful insights about church division and leadership.
3. It is a focused guide dealing with crucial issues of faith!

A study guide, authored by N. T. Wright is available for \$8. We will meet in Harp Hall and the time will change to 10:45 October 13th. Let Jon White know if you will be joining us for this journey, 254-0324 or whitej987@cs.com.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS? Is the study that begins **Oct. 6 AT 11:00 AM** This class will explore what our values are regarding current news items that confront us daily i.e.: racism, abortion, sexual promiscuity, homosexuality, immigration, ethics in church, crime and capital punishment. Can we be honest with one another in the Church? Is there a base Christian ethic that we live by in these situations? And, can we apply this base to how we function as a Christian Congregation in the midst of North Naples. This brief course will be led by Dr. Thompson with the assistance of Finley Lee. Finley has taught business ethics on the Masters level and will share his insights working with graduates in business. Our source books will be: “Christian Ethics: an Essential Guide” by Robin Lovin, “Christian Ethics: Four Views” by Steve Wilkens, and “Christian Ethics in Plain Language” by Kerby Anderson. The Anderson book will be our basic text. Sign-up sheet will be out on Sept. 15; cost for the book will be \$10.00.

SAFE COMMUNITY EVENT

Tuesday, October 8 5-8 pm Collier County Sherrif's Office will be in our parking lot celebrating Safe Communities. There will be food vendors, entertainment and demonstrations by the CCSO. A fun event for all ages and FREE! More details to follow.

VASES FOR FLOWERS

We are accepting donations of small flower vases to be used by our Deacons for homebound and hospital visits. They may be dropped off at the church office. / 5

STRESSED? FEELING DOWN? NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?

Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you're feeling down, lonely, stressed or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life! To find out more, talk with one of our Stephen Leader Referral Coordinators: Talk with, or email one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847 (ds Sherman249@gmail.com) or Jill Peterson at 239-597-7440 (petersji72@gmail.com). Stephen Ministers are there to care!

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) seeks your help in nominating church officers – Elders, Deacons, Youth Deacons, and members-at-large to the CNC. All nominees must be “Active” versus “Affiliate” members of VPC, be persons of strong faith, active in the life of our congregation, encourage and participate in the Church's mission in the world, and possess the necessary gifts and abilities for the position to which they are called. **Elders** – persons of dedication and sound judgment who can exercise leadership, strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation, and encourage people in the worship and service of God. **Deacons/Youth Deacons** – persons of brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment who can minister to those in need, to the sick, to any in distress. (Youth Deacons serve one-year terms.) **CNC Members-at-Large** – persons with a broad knowledge of our membership that enables them to select church officer and CNC nominees.

You may **submit your suggestions** by filling out one of the green nomination forms available in the Narthex, then placing it in the Officer Nomination Box also located in the Narthex. Self-nominations are welcomed and encouraged. If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please be certain that individual is willing to serve.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

The Congregational Nominating Committee has called for a meeting of the congregation on September 15, 2019 for the purpose of electing officers to fill unexpired terms. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary around 11:00 AM immediately following the 10:00 AM service.

The following individuals are nominated to fill the vacant positions :

Elder

Jody Nowry: When my husband and I moved, we researched many Presbyterian churches because we wanted a church that was inclusive and welcoming to all, and one that lived its mission statement. We believe that VPC is a great fit for our spiritual needs and we are very happy to be members of VPC. I am a member of the Holistic Health Team and an usher. I have enjoyed working at Mision Peniel, the Backpack Ministry, Café of Life and the New Horizons programs. We have four children in our blended family and six beautiful grandchildren.

Dixie Bibb: Dixie calls Stonebridge home and comes by Letter of Transfer from 2nd Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was born and grew up in Tennessee and was educated at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, receiving a MBA from Butler University. She is employed by Eli Lilly as Manager of Medical Affairs. A life-long Presbyterian, Dixie has served as an Elder and taught High School Sunday School. She has two daughters.

Congregational Committee Member

John Monda: I've been an active member in each and every church that God has called us including serving as both a deacon and elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Miami. We are thankful to have established a home here in Naples with our two boys: Roman and Colton. We look forward to answering God's call in our life and serving you sincerely and promptly.

Twila Rowe: I was a long time educator and enjoyed being a Teacher, Principal, and Assistant Superintendent. After retirement I was a Grant writer and taught and coordinated Continuing Education for teachers and administrators. It's been a pleasure to be involved and serve on many VPC teams in the 15 years I've been an active member. I have served as a Deacon and Elder. Currently I am a member of two teams: Membership & Involvement and Personnel Oversight, as well as a Stephen Ministry Leader, Rachel Circle Leader, and Friends in Faith Bible Study leader.

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)

CPTN Sterling W. Dawley

US Navy, Pacific Fleet
(Loren & Debbie Dawley's son)

ENSIGN Wyatt R. Dawley

US Navy Intel
(Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)

LT Col. Jessica D. Grasseti

(Claudia Polzin's niece)

LT Adam Endrelunas

US Navy
(Cherie & Dave Baines son-in-law)

CPTN Allen Fujinaka

US Army
(LaVerne Perrollaz grandson)

Christian Kurz

US Navy, USS Nitze
(Joyce Geary great nephew)

CPTN Jennifer Giles

USMC, Philippines
(Mary Giles granddaughter)

CPTN Jeremy Giles

US Army Special Forces,
Ft. Bragg, NC

(Mary Giles grandson)

MAJ Robert Gruber, USMC

LT CDR Marjorie Gruber, US Navy
Camp Pendleton, CA
(Bob Gruber & Marion Johnson's son &
daughter in law)

LT Michelle Lea

US Navy
(Cherie & Dave Baines daughter in law)

LT Kevin McCormick

US Army - USA
(Friend of Dick & Sharon Learn)

Austin Schwartz

USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA
(Patricia Schwartz's grandson)

Marshall Shepherd

US Navy
(Family of John & Roberta McMaster)

MAJ Matthew Smith,

USMC, Kuwait
(Son of Linda Smith)

EM Xzavier Whitaker

US Navy
(John & Roberta McMaster's granddaughter's husband)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our members and friends facing illness, injury and hardship.

Chas Altman

Tom Badiner

Tina Berisha

Fred Biere

Martha Broeker

Cassidy

Christy

Joe Cox

Ellie Fiolka

Jim Fligg

Trish Gould

Lou Grady

Charles Hall

Deborah Hamilton

Jim Hart

Sandra Johnson

Danielle Kirby

Annette Kocal

Kristen Lapham

Jean Lonergan

Judy Malone

Carolyn Michel

Vicky Mobley

Tebbs Moore

Ada Nuhn

Paul

Marsha Rust

Barbara Sletto

Reggie Smith &

Family

Ramona Stockman

Joanne Whitman

Memorial Service

It is with profound sadness that we announce the death of longtime VPC affiliate member Roger Broeker on September 6, 2019. A memorial service will be held for Roger on Saturday, September 21st at 11:00 am. A luncheon will be held immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.

Happy Birthday!

***Peggy Paulsen 9/17**

***Martha Fligg 9/19**

***Christine Rockhold 9/19**

Brooke Vayda 9/19

Sandra Johnson 9/20

James Reed 9/20

Tammy Wilson 9/20

Happy Anniversary!

No celebrations this week

***Birthday Club Members**

Interested in joining the Club? Birthday Club Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day! The VPC Endowment Board uses the interest income from the Birthday Club funds exclusively for Youth Activities! Please consider becoming a member of the Birthday Club! Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

If you have any joys and/or concerns, let us know as they are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. If you are hospitalized, please let the facility know you are a member or a friend of the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church so they can let us know! Please notice that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for a period of **30 days**, after which a new prayer request card should be resubmitted.

VPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 15

9:15 AM Parish Life Tm Mtg
 10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
 10:15 AM Sunday School Children & Youth
 11:00 AM Congregational Meeting
 11:00 AM Fellowship & Coffee Time
 11:10 AM Service of Wholeness & Healing
 11:15 AM First Corinthians Sunday Bible Study

Monday, September 16

7:37 AM Men's Assn. Golf (Arrowhead G.C.)
 9:00 AM Recycled Cards
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 274
 7:00 PM CNC

Tuesday, September 17

9:00 AM Men's Bible Study
 11:00 AM B & G Team Mtg
 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, September 18

2:00 PM Membership & Involvement
 5:30 PM ALL CHURCH Bible Study@ VPC
 -with Pastor Rob
 5:30 PM Alleluia Choir
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
 7:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, September 19

9:30 AM SM Leadership Team
 1:30 PM Budget & Finance

Friday, September 20

No Scheduled Meetings

Saturday, September 21

10:00 AM Al Anon
 11:00 AM Memorial Service-Roger Broeker

Sunday, September 22

10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
 10:15 AM Sunday School Children & Youth
 11:00 AM All Church Brunch
 11:15 AM First Corinthians Sunday Bible Study

2019 Weekly Attendance:

September 8 272

YTD Average 421

Financial Update - Operating Fund

Deo Gloria Mortgage Balance at August 2019: \$1,796,650

	Aug	Year to Date	Budget YTD
Operating Income	\$ 64,202	\$ 914,741	\$886,600
Operating Expenses	\$ 113,859	\$ 792,524	\$ 802,100

WE GATHER TOGETHER AT VPC

Mission Service ~ Choirs ~ Stephen Ministry ~ Youth Groups ~ Concerts ~ Women's Circles
 Lecture Series ~ Health Seminars ~ Wholeness & Health ~ VandeReaders ~ Recycled Cards
 Bible Studies for Men & Women ~ Senior Ministry ~ Book Studies ~ Confirmation ~ Quilters
 Handbells & More ~ Support Group Meetings.

We hope you are interested in becoming a member or affiliate member of this church. Please speak to the person at our Welcome Center in the Narthex or call the office at 239-597-5410.

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.

