



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 8, 2019

10:00 am | Twenty-third 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

Creator of all, you have demanded our complete devotion and obedience. Show us how to become fully engaged as disciples of Jesus Christ. Help us to straighten out our priorities so we can witness faithfully to your will. Amen.

Prelude:

“Prelude in G Minor”

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

*Hear the choices God sets before us,
Life and prosperity or death and adversity.
O God, you have searched us and know us.
You know our thoughts and every move we make.
Happy are those who delight in God.
Blessed are all who meditate on God's Word.
Wonderful are all your works, O God.
We are your creation; we are in your hands.
Let us worship God.*

*Opening Hymn # 455

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

(Please sing verses 1- 4 only.)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Awesome God, we confess that we have become slaves to our own narrow self-interest. We pay more attention to our possessions than to you. We try to hide from your all-seeing eye, for we are guilty of devotion to false gods. We are attracted to wicked advice and sinful pursuits that direct our steps away from you. O God, show us the way to a better life.

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 18:1 - 11

(Pew Bible Pg. 720 OT)

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25 - 33

(Pew Bible Pg. 78 NT)

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“Discipleship is Demanding”

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 #485

“To God be the Glory”

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

“With a Voice of Singing!”

Martin Shaw

*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 #464

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

*Commission & Blessing

God welcomes your partnership in the gospel.

We want to show God’s love in all we do.

We are shaped and reshaped by the potter’s hands.

We are finding new patterns of faithfulness and new reasons for joy!

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:

Postlude on “Hymn to Joy”

Hal H. Hopson

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: Bob Martin

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: Ron Nowry, Jody Nowry, Nancy Guthy, Jim Hawkins, Tim Hall, Millicent Marshall, Terry Mountford, Jane Little (Captain)

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 arrangements have been donated in Honor of Robert Schwindt on his 90th Birthday and by Fred and Karen Schulz.

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sunday, September 15, 2019

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Time: 10am

Music - Prayers - Scripture

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

(Jeremiah 4:11-12 / Luke 15:1-10)

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 Parish Life team 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 Education Ministry Team 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS

Sunday school begins today: **September 8th**. Children will be dismissed after the Children's moment to their classrooms. Call the church office if you have any questions or would like to volunteer with this program.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Do you know your numbers? Know your risk by knowing your blood pressure. Have your blood pressure checked today in the Library at 11:00 am.

JAZZ ON THE BEACH

Saturday, September 14th 6:30 pm- 9:30 pm, Join us for the Final summer performance when "Ari & the Alibis" perform at the Naples Beach Hotel, 851 Gulf Shore Boulevard. The concert goes on regardless the weather, but may be delayed due to thunder or lightning. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets for seating and join our VPC group on the beach by the tiki hut behind the hotel pool. Free parking available at Lowdermilk Park with free trolley service to resort and back for those with a beach sticker.

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY BBQ

First Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte is hosting a BBQ on Saturday, Sept 14, for all congregants. Presbytery called meeting begins 10 am, Worship at 11:00 am. Food and games to follow worship. RSVP Alesia by Sept 5th 941-426-8421. The cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. You may also contact our office to sign up for carpool.

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 Sundays in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall or weekdays at the church office in person or phone: 597-5410.

SAFETY TEAM ESTABLISHED

VPC is committed to keeping our campus safe. The first Safety Team meeting was held this week. The motto is "Safe. Secure. Aware." Psalm 16:1 "Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge."

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 (dsherman249@gmail.com) or Jill Peterson at 239-597-7440 (petersji72@gmail.com). Stephen Ministers are there to care!

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 on October 13th. Let Jon White know if you will be joining us for this journey, 254-0324 or whitej987@cs.com or sign up today in Fellowship hall.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS? This study begins **Oct. 6 at 11 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: and 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. You can sign up today in Fellowship Hall; cost for the book will be \$10.00.

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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: In an effort to accommodate all groups, please submit bulletin requests 10 days prior to your event or meeting. Submissions may be made to LLLoyd@vpcnaples.org.

2019 Weekly Attendance:

September 1 267

YTD Average 425

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

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. Grassetti

(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 granddaugh-
ter's husband)

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Chas Altman	Charles Hall	Collette Koch	Tebbs Moore	Ramona Stockman
Tina Berisha	Deborah Hamilton	Kristen Lapham	Ada Nuhn	Joanne Whitman
Christy	Jim Hart	Jean Lonergan	Paul	
Joe Cox	Sandra Johnson	Judy Malone	Marsha Rust	
Ellie Fiolka	Danielle Kirby	Carolyn Michel	Ernie Sartorius	
Jim Fligg	Annette Kocal	Vicky Mobley	Barbara Sletto	

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

1st Thessalonians 5:17 encourages us to pray continually. Pray for people who have been impacted by this devastating hurricane. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working with partners in the Bahamas to respond to immediate needs. You may donate by noting PDA on your check and dropping in the offertory basket or visiting www.Presbyterianmission.org/donate.

Happy Birthday!

Bob Gruber 9/8
Susan Hallin 9/8
Judy Istock 9/8
Karen Schulz 9/8
***Robert Schwindt 9/8**
Suzanne Smith 9/8
***Bruce Stryker 9/8**
***Carol Holzinger 9/9**
***Al Starr 9/9**
Marsha Reed 9/10
Sherri Bratt 9/11
Paul Rowley 9/12
***Jonas Rockhold 9/14**
Jenna Stewart 9/14

Happy Anniversary!

Don & Greta Corcoran 9/9
Lou & Gil Grady 9/10
John & Anna Maria Miles, II 9/10
Tim & Pam Mitchell 9/11
Scott & Claudia Cunningham 9/12

*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 8

10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
10:15 AM Sunday School Children & Youth
11:00 AM Fellowship & Coffee Time
11:00 AM Blood Pressure Screening
11:30 AM Prospective Members Orientation

Monday, September 9

7:37 AM Men's Assn. Golf (Arrowhead G.C.)
3:30 PM WMLA Tm
5:00 PM EMT Mtg
5:00 PM Stewardship Mtg
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 274

Tuesday, September 10

9:00 AM Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Passage Meditation
7:00 PM Board of Deacons
7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, September 11

10:00 AM FIF Friends in Faith
5:30 PM ALL CHURCH Bible Study@ VPC
-with Pastor Rob
5:30 PM Alleluia Choir
7:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

Wednesday, September 11

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 12

3:00 PM Vitas - A Bereavement & Peer Support Group
5:00 PM Capernaum

Friday, September 13

8:30 AM VLC Parent Team Mtg

Saturday, September 14

9:30 AM Peace River Presbytery BBQ Fellowship
10:00 AM Al Anon
6:00 PM Jazz at the Beach with VPC

Sunday, September 15

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

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.



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