



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



December 29, 2019
9:30 am & 11:00 am—First Sunday of Christmas

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. Large print hymnals are available upon request. See an usher.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prayer of Preparation

Redeemer of all who place their trust in you, we seek your presence here. Re-create us in your own image so we may be true to your intentions for us and in tune with your purposes for our life together. In our times of distress, pour out your love that we may know that we are not alone. Lift us up and carry us when our strength fails. We gather now to praise and honor your name. Amen.

Prelude: Prelude on “In Dulci Jubilo”

Zachau

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 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 the words in **bold print**.

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Responsive)*

Praise God, all who dwell on this earth.

Praise God in the heights and depths of life.

We will recount the deeds of God.

Surely God has shown us goodness and mercy.

Let God's name be praised and exalted.

God's glory is above heaven and earth.

By God's steadfast love, we are drawn to worship.

Our gracious Savior leads us in new ways.

Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn: # 28 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!"**

IN DULCI JUBILO

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Oh God, we have been so busy with things that do not satisfy. We have tried to fill our emptiness with activities and possessions that drain our energies rather than give life meaning. We do not know how to live, and we are afraid to die. We excuse our own sin at the same time that we deplore the abuse and violence we see in others. We deny the witness of the One who shared our common lot, for we are not willing to take the risks of genuine love.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri # 579**

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**

Children's Moment *(9:30 am only)*

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

We welcome and celebrate the presence of children in worship. After the "Children's Moment," 3-year-olds through Middle Schoolers are invited to the 9:45am Sunday School.

Sacrament of Baptism

Elder, Dixie Bibb

Presentation of *Alana Grace Thomas and Oliver Mark Hood*

Commitment Questions to the Parents

Commitment Questions to the Congregation

Profession of Faith/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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

(Pew Bible page 693 OT)

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

(Pew Bible page 2 NT)

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

"The Hopeful Truth"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn # 25 "Away in a Manger"**

MUELLER

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music: "When the Angels' Song is Silent"

Mary Kay Beall

***Doxology # 592**

**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

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.

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn # 29 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain!"

GO TELL IT

*Commission and Blessing

Surely we are loved, welcomed, and blessed.

Wherever we go, we can count on God's care.

God's presence goes with us in all we do.

Whatever we face, Christ will meet us there.

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: "Carol for Christmas"

Traditional

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.



The staff of the church would like to thank the congregation for the very generous Christmas gift. We are blessed to work with such a thoughtful congregation. Merry Christmas!



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*

Suzanne Zelinka, *Liturgist*

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

The Chancel Choir

Ushers:

9:30am: George Morton, Dianne Westerlund, Carol Schwiers, Greg Hudson, Barbara Hurst, Peggy Landon, Tom Hurley, and Bill Koppelkam.

11am: Sue & Bill Van Fossen, Dixie Bibb, and Greg Hudson.

The flowers on the Chancel have been donated by Jason & Heather Mikes “To the Glory of God and in honor of our 17th wedding anniversary and God’s greatest blessings—our family.”

Scripture Passages for the following week: January 5, 2020

Epiphany Sunday

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 60:1-6

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

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 Mission 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. Be sure to visit the Featured Ministry of the Week table in Fellowship Hall. See how you can become involved.

Youth Center (west end of our building): Thank you to John Rist for sponsoring today’s goodies in the Youth Center. Families with young children especially enjoy this time together in the relaxed atmosphere of the Youth Center.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Sunday, January 5, 11am in Harp Hall—Malignant Melanoma and the Harmful Effects of Ultraviolet Radiation. This educational presentation will be focused on recognizing the signs and symptoms of melanoma, a form of skin cancer, as well as the role UV radiation plays in causing harmful skin conditions. Presented by Rachel Marrow, PA-S

WHOLISTIC HEALTH PROGRAM

Friday, January 10, 10am in Harp Hall.—Emotional Challenges for Seniors—Coffee and Conversation—Join us for an engaging discussion about our emotional challenges as we journey the 2nd half of life. Moderator: Victoria Elkins, MSW. Ms. Elkins has expertise in addiction; depression; anxiety and dialectical behavioral therapy. Please register for this program in Fellowship Hall between services.

STARTING THIS MONTH - THE SUNDAY SEMINAR

This winter's class will examine several early Christian scriptures that were once contenders for a place in the emerging New Testament but were finally rejected. Plan to join the conversation as we read and discuss some of these recently recovered "lost scriptures" and ask why they were not included and what they reveal about the diversity within early Christianity. Sunday mornings, 11 a.m., Harp Hall. January 12 through April 5. Dr. John Braun leads the class.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

With the beginning of a new year right around the corner, so also is another Stewardship Season. Sunday, January 19, 2020 is the date for the Kickoff of our Stewardship campaign. Please prayerfully consider your offerings to the church for the upcoming year. Dedication Sunday is February 9th!

WHITE GIVING ENVELOPES

The white giving envelopes for 2020 have arrived. They will be in the Narthex for you to pick up at your earliest convenience.

MISIÓN PENIEL

Please join us on January 3, 2020 to serve at Misión Peniel! You will be glad you did! Misión Peniel, located in Immokalee, addresses the isolation and injustice among the migrant farm workers in Immokalee, Florida and provides support through spiritual and material care. Their pastor, Reverend Miguel Estrada, is a strong presence in the community. Each Friday volunteers from churches in Peace River Presbytery serve at Misión Peniel to provide a hot meal, distribute nonperishable foods, supplies, and clothing to the people of the community. VPC is an active participant in this mission! For more information or to volunteer please contact Pete Rodino at:

pvrodino@aol.com or visit the Misión Peniel website www.misionpeniel.com. To make a donation please make out your check to VPC and put Misión Peniel in the memo line. Thank you!

Financial Update—Operating Fund

	November	Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Operating Income	\$73,544	\$1,138,472	\$1,132,300
Operating Expenses	\$87,507	\$1,077,387	\$1,132,300
Deo Gloria Mortgage Balance at November 2019: \$1,781,575.45			

Happy Birthday!

Bayne Carew	12/29
Pat Jansen	12/29
*Nancy Thompson	12/30
Gracia Schmidt	12/31
Phyl Auman	1/2
Molly Godley	1/2
Bill Reckmeyer	1/2
Bill Cornell	1/3
Joan Haller	1/3
Carol Loeb	1/3

*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!

Happy Anniversary

Jerry & Sharon Anderson	12/29
Cheryl & Sterling Desorcy	12/30
Jim & Patty Shields	12/30
Shirley & Gene Blanchard	12/31
Chuck & Connie Lewis	12/31
Kristy & Mica Jackson	1/1
James & Lois Folliard	1/2

Happy Birthday!



Prayer Concerns

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

Abigail	Mary Kaugasian
Rich Annunziata	Judy Malone
The Barkley Family	Kathy Meyer
Liz Capossella	Miranda, Madison, Madeline, Meredith & their father
Carrie	Tebbs Moore
Denise Cross	Caden Ordanas
Ken Cyrus & Family	Cassidy Otto
Joy Davidson	Christopher Parent
Nancy Diederich	Robin Ryan
Asia Elsbree	Mike S.
Jim Fligg	Sandy
Janel Geary	Ruth Schulte
John Gianola	Ron Shaffer
Trisha Gould	Dennis Smith
Lillia Guttschall	Christina Soriero
Jim Hart	Rosalie Switzen
The Himler Family	Family of Perry Switzen
Bob Kassing	Laura Warnken
Toni Keefer	Joanne Whitman
Annette Kocal	



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's grandson)

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)

MAJ Matthew Smith,
USMC, Kuwait
(Son of Linda Smith)
EM Xzavier Whitaker
US Navy
(John & Roberts McMaster's grand-daughter's husband)



VPC WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 29

9:30 am Traditional worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School Children & Youth
10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Time
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

Monday, December 30

7:37 am Men's Association Golf (Arrowhead G.C.)

Tuesday, December 31—New Year's Eve 9am—12pm Office Hours

Wednesday, January 1—New Year's Day Office Closed

Thursday, January 2 Office Closed

Friday, January 3

1:00 pm Mision Peniel

Saturday, January 4

10:00 am Al Anon
11:00 am Marilyn Miller Memorial Service

Sunday, January 5

9:30 am Traditional worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School Children & Youth
10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Time
11:00 am "Malignant Melanoma" by Rachel Marrow
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service

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 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 need
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.



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