



December 8, 2019

9:30 am & 11:00 am—Second Sunday of Advent

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

God of the prophets, whose salvation is freely offered to all flesh, open our imagination to participate in these moments in the study of your truth. May ancient words hold for us a fresh message that engages our best efforts. Straighten the crooked ways and smooth out the rough places in our lives that we may be about the same ministry in the world. Amen.

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Wilbur Held

Solo: Distant Chimes Jon George

Amber Grider, Piano

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)*

Listen. Listen for a message from God.

The way is being prepared for Christ's coming.

We are here to listen for a word from God.

We have gathered to prepare for Christ's advent.

Come with your joys and sorrows, laughter and tears.

There is a place for you in the company of seekers.

We thank God for our acceptance in the church.

We are glad God is doing a new thing among us.

Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn: # 22 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"**

REGENT SQUARE

Advent Candle Litany *(Responsive)*

The Grider Family

Jeremiah prophesied, "The days are coming, declare the Lord, when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah... I will make a righteous branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land."

(Jer. 33:14-15)

We light the candle for every child of God who is far from home. We light this candle committed to making the world a safe home for all people.

We light these candles to proclaim that God's light has come into the world and the darkness will not overcome it. Let us pray.

God of Advent, you are our heart's home: safe, loving, and eternal. You chose to incarnate yourself into a family that had little else but love on the night you were born. Help us see and touch the lost and needy people around us. Draw us closer to your light as we draw closer to Christmas.

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Sing as the candles are lit.)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

O God, we have tried to cover up our sins, yet you know the disorder we have caused in our lives. You have witnessed our poor choices and our destructive habits. We have denied our baptism and ignored the responsibilities of discipleship. The good we do is often self-serving, while we avoid the full claims of gospel partnership. Hear our cries of repentance and turn our lives around, that we may know the wonder of your forgiveness.

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**

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

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.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

(Pew Bible page 630 OT)

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

(Pew Bible page 2 NT)

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

"Who Has Patience?"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

***Hymn # 309 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"**

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

arr. Robert Lau

***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 # 31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

MENDELSSOHN

***Commission and Blessing**

God will be with you wherever you go.

All flesh will see the salvation of our God.

The good work begun in you will be brought to completion.

We now go into the world, to live in covenant with our Creator.

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: Chorale Prelude on "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Wilbur Held

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*

Mary Lou Myers, *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: Bill and Mary Koppelkam (Co-Captains), Becky Wheat, Jon Hall, George and Margie Mackie, Tim and Pat Peters

11am: Geri & Bill Payne (Co-Captains), Judy & Tom Maish, Steve Blad, Sandra Johnson and Jean & Finley Lee.

The flowers on the Chancel have been donated by Ron and Judy Davis in Memory of our son, Christopher Davis.

Scripture Passages for next week: December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

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 Social Justice Congregational 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. This week's featured ministry is the Social Justice Team. 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 The Manring Family 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.

ADVENT BANNER

The Advent Banner was created by our very own local artist, *Page Penna*, a member of VPC, for the Phil's annual *Festival of Trees*, where it was purchased and anonymously donated to VPC. The bottom of the Banner represents mankind awaiting the birth of the Christ child. As your eyes move further up the Banner, the days are growing shorter until finally the Star shines brightly over the place where Jesus lay.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Delight in an **Advent Noon Time Concert; December 11 & 18. 12-12:30pm.**

Chancel Choir Christmas Concert; TODAY at 4pm. This service of lessons, choir carols and congregational carol singing is sure to put you in the Christmas Spirit! The Chancel Choir and the VandeReaders will present the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols made popular by the King's College Cambridge, UK.

December 15 Naples Brass Christmas Extravaganza! At 7:30pm. Seven of the best brass players in SW FL, including players from the Naples Philharmonic, 2 percussionists and keyboard player bringing you Christmas spirit in carols and songs of the Holiday Season. Steve DeLadurantey will conduct.

SALVATION ARMY "ANGEL TREE"

This year the response to the Angel Tree was wonderful! Our 160 tags were fulfilled by members of the church and families in the Pre-School. The gifts will be dedicated and blessed this morning during the worship service. Thank you for making a needy child's Christmas joyous!

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Today we will have the Heifer Table in Fellowship Hall between services where you may make your contribution. VPC will send our donations to Heifer and Heifer will send our gift to someone in need, anywhere in the world including right here in the United States. Heifer gift cards will be available, for any contribution of \$10 or more, which you may send to those in whose honor you have made your contribution. Raffle tickets for the prizes will be available. Drawings for prize winners will be done today. Don't miss this wonderful mission opportunity!

ADULT EDUCATION OFFERING:

Today December 8, Dr. John Braun, will host a one hour class on "How We Got The Bible". Meet at 11am in Schock Chapel. We will be in for some great insights as John makes the Bible come alive.

LIFELINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on **Friday, December 13, 2019** at VPC. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Join us for the All Church Christmas Luncheon on **Saturday, December 14 at 12 pm**. Program provided by the Van-deReaders. A delicious lunch will be catered by Leslie Loughran. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or week-days, call the church office (9am-4pm) at 597-5410. \$25 per person.

MEMBERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE HELP:

The committee is looking for a member of the congregation who has a background in Public Relations to help get articles about the church into local publications and social media. If you have those skills and would like to help, please contact either Priscilla Kutler, ptkutler@yahoo.com or Mike Smith, mdsmith0614@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEER AT THE SALVATION ARMY TOY STORE

If you have a few hours to volunteer in the next two weeks then the Salvation Army's Christmas Toy Store would truly appreciate your help! Contact Maria Ramos at 239-285-2912. Hours are: 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday through Friday. The Toy Store is located at: 3420 Tamiami Trail East, right across from the Government Center.

FEED 5000/COLLIER HARVEST DECEMBER PACKING EVENTS

The VPC Feed 5000 Program supports Collier Harvest which assists low income families in Collier County and the homeless with food at no cost. Volunteers are needed to help bag groceries for families of children who attend local middle schools. To volunteer, please contact Cherie Baines at: ctfl.baines@gmail.com or 239-776-5652. Thank you!

THE SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The Shelter for Abused Women and Children is currently in need of personal care items such as: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, hair products, combs/brushes, and razors for their residents as well as the influx of people expected this coming season. Full family size products are being requested. There is a large box designated for this purpose in Fellowship Hall.

CAFÉ OF LIFE:

Café of Life is located in Bonita Springs and provides hot meals, a food pantry and clothing, Monday through Friday mornings. The Cafe of Life demonstrates a "caring, sharing and serving" response to 80-150 people a day. To make a donation to Café of Life please make your check payable to VPC and in the memo line at the bottom of the check please write Café of Life. The next volunteering opportunity will be on Wednesday, December 11. For additional information or to volunteer, please contact Eliza Nevin at elizanevin@comcast.net or www.cafeoflife.org.

POINSETTIAS

Members and friends wishing to assist in funding the cost of decorating the Sanctuary – including the purchase of poinsettias needed for our Christmas services – may do so by completing our form available at the front desk or simply sending a donation in with memo, "Decorating/Poinsettias". Donors names will be listed in the Christmas Eve worship service bulletins. Poinsettias will be delivered by Deacons to our shut-ins after Christmas.

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			

Prayer Concerns

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

Abigail	Trisha Gould	Marilyn McKee	We are sad to announce the death of:
Rich Annunziata	Lillia Guttschall	Kathy Meyer	• Frank T. Mohr , former VPC Pastor, on Sunday, December 1 st .
Tom Badiner	Jonathan	Susan Miller	• Shirley Cyrus , former member of VPC, on Thanksgiving Day. Please keep Ken and family in your thoughts and prayer.
Mitch Blackwell	Diane Hallock	Cassidy Otto	• Elizabeth Kurz , former member of VPC, on October 19 th in Newtown, PA. Please keep George and family in your thoughts and prayers.
Wendy Bennett	Henry Hansen	Christopher Parent	
The Butera Family	Hank Hanson	Robin Ryan	
Liz Capossella	Jim Hart	Marsha Rust	
Ruth Cohen	Brenda Himler	Sandy	
Denise Cross	Sandra Johnson	Christina Soriero	
Ken Cyrus & Family	Ann Kirwin	Stephanie	
Tom Fields	Annette Kocal	Ruth (Beth McDonough's Mom)	
Linda Fitzhugh	Fran Lauriat and Family	Carole Williams	
Jim Fligg	Diane Macadonia		
The Fors Family	Judy Malone		

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.

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.

<p>ENSIGN Francis Alvares US Navy, Pensacola, FL (Friend of Jay & Mary Chesslo)</p> <p>MSgt Kristopher Chesslo USAF (Jay & Mary Chesslo's nephew)</p> <p>CPTN Sterling W. Dawley US Navy, Pacific Fleet (Loren & Debbie Dawley's son)</p> <p>ENSIGN Wyatt R. Dawley US Navy Intel (Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)</p> <p>LT Col. Jessica D. Grassetti (Claudia Polzin's niece)</p> <p>LT Adam Endrelunas US Navy (Cherie & Dave Baines' son-in-law)</p>	<p>CPTN Allen Fujinaka US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz's grandson)</p> <p>CPTN Jennifer Giles USMC, Philippines (Mary Giles' granddaughter)</p> <p>CPTN Jeremy Giles US Army Special Forces, Ft. Bragg, NC (Mary Giles' grandson)</p> <p>MAJ Robert Gruber, USMC LT CDR Marjorie Gruber, US Navy Camp Pendleton, CA (Bob Gruber & Marion Johnson's son & daughter in law)</p> <p>LT Michelle Lea US Navy (Cherie & Dave Baines' daughter in law)</p>	<p>LT Kevin McCormick US Army - USA (Friend of Dick & Sharon Learn)</p> <p>Austin Schwartz USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA (Patricia Schwartz's grandson)</p> <p>Marshall Shepherd US Navy (Family of John & Roberta McMaster)</p> <p>MAJ Matthew Smith, USMC, Kuwait (Son of Linda Smith)</p> <p>EM Xzavier Whitaker US Navy (John & Roberts McMaster's granddaughter's husband)</p>
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Happy Birthday!

Chad Brodbeck	12/8
Joseph Tutton	12/8
Edna Benton	12/9
*Jo Miles	12/9
Michael Frimpter	12/10
Carly Jacob	12/11
Dan Suci	12/11

*Jean Hahm	12/12
George Mackie	12/13
*Mary Jane Stoner	12/13
*Mary Lou Gast	12/14
*Ada Nuhn	12/14

Happy Anniversary

No anniversaries 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!

VPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 8

9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
 9:30 am Heifer Advent Fair
 9:45 am Sunday School Children & Youth
 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Time
 10:45 am First Corinthians Sunday Bible Study
 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
 11:00 am Adult Education Offering
 11:15 am Blood Pressure Screening
 4:00 pm Choirs Christmas Concert
 5:30 pm Christmas Cookie Reception

Monday, December 9

7:30 am Men's Association Golf (Arrowhead G.C.)
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 274
 7:00 pm CNC

Tuesday, December 10

11:00 am B&G Team Meeting
 3:00 pm VandeReaders
 5:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
 6:00 pm Passage Meditation
 7:00 pm Board of Deacons—OFF SITE
 7:00 pm Grand Piano Concert
 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, December 11

7:30 am Habitat for Humanity—Meet at VPC

12:00 pm Advent Noontime Concert Series
 2:00 pm Personnel POT Meeting
 3:00 pm Masterclass
 5:30 pm Alleluia Choir
 6:15 pm Middle School Music
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir
 7:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, December 12

3:00 pm Vitas—Bereavement & Peer Support Group
 6:00 pm Annual VLC Christmas Program

Friday, December 13

8:00 am Life Line Screening

Saturday, December 14

10:00 am Al Anon
 12:00 pm Women's Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 15

9:00 am Deacons' Blood Drive
 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
 9:45 am Sunday School Children & Youth
 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Time
 10:40 am Service of Wholeness & Healing
 10:45 am First Corinthians Sunday Bible Study
 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
 11:00 am Parish Life Team Meeting
 7:30 pm Concert Series Naples Brass Extravaganza

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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