

Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



January 5, 2020
9:30 am & 11:00 am—Epiphany Sunday

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 mystery and grace, whose revelation comes to those willing to hear and see and feel, send your word, your star, your dreams, to confront us with the gospel of salvation, that we might respond with a radiance that is contagious to those around us and faithful in proclaiming your praise. Amen.

Prelude: “Air” from the Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major
“Simple Gifts”

J. S. Bach
arr., Aaron Copland

Barry Ross, Violin

Dr. Barry Ross is Concertmaster Emeritus of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra and Professor of Music Emeritus at Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He and his wife, Jane have been special friends of Vanderbilt Church for over twenty years! We welcome them back to SW Florida for their annual week at the beach!

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**.

A Moment for Stewardship

"Generosity Empowers Our Vision"

Jill Peterson

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

Have you seen the star? Have you heard the good news?

God, who created all things, has come to earth.

We have heard of a baby born in Bethlehem.

We have seen evidence that God is with us.

God's call to us is for justice, beyond generosity.

Are you ready for God's eternal purpose in Christ?

We have been afraid to trust God completely.

Yet we want to respond to God's dream for us.

Let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn: # 63 "As With Gladness Men of Old"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Just and righteous God, we tremble before your all-knowing awareness of us. You have blessed us with riches we have not fully appreciated. Our gratitude is found wanting before your judgement. Our attention to the needs of others is less than you desire. Forgive us, God, for our misplaced anger and callous disregard of ways that trample others. We seek redemption from oppression in order to embrace new life in Christ.

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

Special Music: *Meditation* from the Opera "Thais"

Jules Massenet

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 60:1-6

(Pew Bible page 690 OT)

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

(Pew Bible page 2 NT)

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“Following the Star”

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

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: “What Star is This, with Beams So Bright” PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

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 by Intinction (*Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*)

Communion Music: Chorale Preludes on “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

Johann Christoph Bach and Dietrich Buxtehude

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn # 66** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

***Commission and Blessing**

Go forth in boldness and confidence, we have received grace upon grace.

How exciting it is to proclaim God's praise.

God's work of justice is our work.

We are servants of God's purposes.

Alleluia!

Amen!

***Congregational Response:**

"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!

Postlude: Prelude in D Major

J. S. Bach

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 flowers on the chancel are donated by Dave and Cherie Baines to the Glory of God and in celebration of our children and grandchildren: Kelly, Becky, Dru, Jason, Erin, DJ, Sebastian, Fin, Rosie, Ellie, and Tyler.



Scripture Passages for the following week:

January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. Lou Thompson, *Parish Minister and 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

Crucifer: Reed Riashi

Communion Servers:

9:30 am: Becky Wheat, Chuck Lewis, Jonas Rockhold, Wayne Peters, Eliza Nevin, Sally & Jim Muir, Ron Davis, John Miles, Sally & Dan Meeuwsen, and Jim Hawkins.

11am: Bill & Sue VanFossen, Bill & Geri Payne, Dave Baines, Jerry Warnken, Mary & Bill Koppelkam, Mary Thompson - Serving with Pastor Lou and Cherie Baines - Serving with Pastor Rob.

Ushers:

9:30am: Jane Little (*Captain*), Ron & Jody Nowry, Paula Mahoney, Terry Mountford, Tim Hall, and Don & Joanna Throckmorton.

11am: Carolyn Magarro (*Captain*), Debbie Dawley, Marilyn McKee, Jill Peterson, Sue & Bill Van Fossen, Teri Wilding, and Suzanne Zelinka.

Soundboard Operators: 9:30am: Pete DeBaun and 11am: Caroline Halliwell

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 Worship, Music and Liturgical Arts 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 The Beynon 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.

VANDEBUILDBERS POTLUCK SUPPER: FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Open to all members and attenders. Join us for a social hour, bring a dish to share. Vanderbuilders is a group of people (usually 8) who connect with each other through similar interests: i.e.: Dining Out, concerts, fun & games, sporting events, Bible study etc. It is wonderful way to meet new people & get to know others better. Please join us: Sign up: In Fellowship Hall on Sundays, phone church office weekdays 9am-4pm at 597-5410 or vpcnaples.org/events.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB will hold a reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 in the VPC Library at 5:30 PM. We'll decide on meeting frequency, books to read, etc. If you're a bookworm who likes to talk about what you read, join us! Info? Call or text Molly Cochran at [757-291-4034](tel:757-291-4034) or e-mail mollyknits@yahoo.com.

THE QUILTING SISTERS meet Mondays in Fellowship Hall. We construct quilts to be distributed to new homes in local Habitat developments. Anyone interested in quilt making is enthusiastically welcome to join us. We teach! The only skill necessary is to be able to sew a seam on a sewing machine. All materials and machines are available for your use. We meet from ten until two and bring lunch, but one may drop in at any time. Our first formal meeting of the season is January 6. We hope so see some new quilt makers!!

CHICKS WITH STICKS, VPC's knitting & crocheting ministry, will meet on a regular basis on the second and fourth Thursday morning of the month starting January 9, 2020 and continuing through June. Everyone who knits or crochets is welcome. Projects this year include chemo caps, pocket prayer squares, prayer shawls and blankets for Project Linus. Questions? Call or text Molly Cochran at [757-291-4034](tel:757-291-4034) or e-mail mollyknits@yahoo.com.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION—TODAY!

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

Sunday, January 19, 2020 is the date for the Kickoff of our Annual 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 are in the Narthex for you to pick up at your earliest convenience.

ATTENDANCE:

Total attendance for Sunday, December 29, 2019—389. Average attendance in 2019—409.

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!

Ron Sieling	1/3
Peter DeBaun	1/5
Jean Lee	1/5
Lynn Asinger	1/6
Heather Monda	1/6
Diana Woodward	1/6
Kay Beernink	1/7
Huguette Castaneda	1/7
Priscilla Kutler	1/7
Bob Bush	1/8
Dolores (Dee) Gregg	1/8

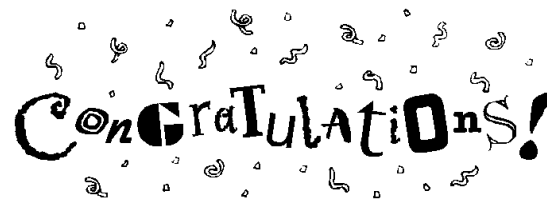
Marjorie Renth	1/8
Mary Chesslo	1/11
Loretta Jordin	1/11
Steve Kutler	1/11

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Sharon Doggett	1/5
Joan & Terry Mountford	1/9
Steven & Beverly Sunquist	1/10

***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!



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



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 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)

LT Col. Jessica D. Grasseti
(Claudia Polzin's niece)

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

Jacob Guzman
US Army—USA
(Cesar Guzman's son)

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 granddaughter's husband)



VPC WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Monday, January 6

- 7:37 am Men's Association Golf (Arrowhead G.C.)
- 9:00 am Recycled Cards
- 10:00 am Comfort Quilters
- 5:00 pm Stewardship Meeting
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts—Troop 274

Tuesday, January 7

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 3:00 pm VandeReaders
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, January 8

- 7:30 am Habitat for Humanity—meet at VPC
- 9:30 am PW Seekers & PW Ruth
- 10:00 am Friends in Faith
- 11:00 am WHMT Meeting
- 2:00 pm Personnel Meeting
- 5:30 pm All Church Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 9

- 10:00 am Chicks with Sticks
- 3:00 pm Vitas—a Bereavement & Peer Support Group
- 5:00 pm Capernaum
- 7:00 pm S.M. Continuing Ed. & Supervision Team
- 7:30 pm Corvette Club of Naples

Friday, January 10

- 10:00 am WHMT Seminar: Emotional Development in Seniors

Saturday, January 11

- 10:00 am Al Anon

Sunday, January 12

- 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School Children & Youth
- 10:30 am Blood Pressure Screening
- 10:30 am Fellowship & Coffee Time
- 11:00 am "The Sunday Seminar" - Adult Study
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 4:00 pm "Wrap Up on Christian Ethics" - Dr. Lou Thompson

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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