



Vanderbilt
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



February 9, 2020

9:30 am & 11:00 am—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Prelude: Partita on “Christ is the World’s True Light”

Johann Pachelbel
(1653 – 1706)

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”

Pete Rodino

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

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

We delight to draw near to you, gracious God.

We rejoice in the many gifts you have given us.

We lift up our hearts and voices in praise.

We humble ourselves before the God of all worlds.

We gather to remember God’s commandments.

We seek for ourselves the wisdom God imparts.

The wisdom of God is not like any other.

It draws us away from the world's agenda.

God sends us into the world with new priorities.

We are grounded in the Spirit that we might be discerning.

We are filled with the mind of Christ.

We are already citizens of God’s realm.

Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn: # 276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, you call out to us, saying, "Here I am," but we do not listen. You pour out on us spiritual gifts, but we do not discern them. You call us to build a more just society but we cling to our advantages. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change. Help us so to know and understand Jesus Christ that we might reflect the God of glory in our daily living. Create in us a generosity that reflects your own. Pour out your spirit on this congregation that we might understand and use it to build and repair and restore. Amen.

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*)

Sue Van Fossen

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 58:5-9a

(Pew Bible page 688 OT)

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:14-16

(Pew Bible page 4 NT)

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz

"If You Were Arrested for Being a Christian, How Much Evidence Would There be to Convict You?"

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.

Hymn # 527 "Near to the Heart of God"

McAFEE

1. There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet,
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain

3. There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music: "The Call"

Alexander Brent Smith
(1889 - 1950)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joyes in love.

*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

Second Offering and Dedication of the 2020 Pledges

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 # 415 "Come, Labor On"

ORA LABORA

1. Come, labor on.
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain
While all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today."

2. Come, labor on.
Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
To young and old the gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.

3. Come, labor on.
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here;
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill
God's righteous will.

4. Come, labor on.
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
"Well done, well done!"

*Commission and Blessing

*The wisdom of God empowers us to live wisely.
God's generosity prompts us to be generous.*
**We go forth to share what we have learned.
We reach out to give as we have received.**
*The Spirit has touched our spirits and changed us.
Our spiritual awareness has been deepened.*
**How amazing are the gifts of God to us!
We cannot hide the light God entrusts to us.**
*God will guide us continually.
God will satisfy our thirst with living water.*
**We cannot hold back our shouts of joy!
We have received the Spirit that is from God.**
*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: Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

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 in loving memory of our parents:
Betsy & Eddie Franklin, Edmond & Dolores Riashi, and Carol & George Yovanovich.**

**Scripture Passages for the following week:
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37**

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz, *Parish Associate*

Sue Van Fossen, *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 Koppelkam (*Captain*), George & Margie Mackie, Jan & Don Fern, Clive & Nancy Ozard and Jon Hall

11am: Geri & Bill Payne (*Co-Captains*), Judy & Tom Maish, Sandra Johnson, Bill Cornell, Gene Blanchard, and Ben Hood

Soundboard Operators: 9:30am: Victoria Bonavita and 11 am: Dave Curtiss

VPC NEWS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

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 Buildings & Grounds 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 Aguilar 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.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH? We are in **urgent** need of more ushers for both the 9:30 am and 11:00 am Worship Services, as well as the VPC Concert Series. Serving as an Usher is an easy and worthwhile way to get to know our members while presenting the welcoming face of VPC. We urge you to prayerfully consider joining one of our the Usher Teams, which serve on a rotation once every four weeks. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please email Andrea Daggett (andrea.daggett@comcast.net) or speak to an usher today! Please know that ushering is an extension of our worship service experience and those who serve are remembered and appreciated by all.

VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS FROM OUR RECYCLED CARDS MINISTRY TEAM: Stock up on your greeting cards before Valentine's Day comes!! We have a wonderful selection on the card rack, located by the weekday entrance, on the right hand side. The card recyclers meet at the church on the **first and third Monday of the month, 9am to 12pm**. If interested in joining this group, just come in... and enjoy the fun: new members are always welcome!!!

JOIN THE WHOLISTIC HEALTH TEAM ON THE 21ST ANNUAL WALK FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE—
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020, Time: Registration—9am, Walk/Run, Place: Baker Park, 50 Riverside Circle, Admission: Adults \$25/Children \$10/Pets 5, Breakfast and lunch will be served. Register online: www.parkinsonassociationswfl.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION

THE SUNDAY SEMINAR: Today, 11 a.m., Harp Hall. This season's class is studying some of the so-called "lost scriptures" — early Christian writings that were not included in the Bible. Today's 'rejected' book is *The Gospel of James*, an alternative account of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus, attributed to Jesus' brother James. All are welcome.

WHOLENESS & HEALING MINISTRY PRESENTS: "The Mind Game Called Life and How to Play it" - Stress Management Techniques for Caregivers, **Friday, February 14** from 10am-12pm in Harp Hall. A program of relaxation, behavior modification, and letting go of negative emotions. Don't miss this engaging and informative program presented by Dr. Al Tatarunis.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB will meet on February 19th at 5:30 pm in the VPC Library. Be prepared to discuss "Sleeping Dogs...The Awakening" by John Wayne Falbey. Our second book is "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins. At this meeting we'll select the remainder of our books for this season. Bookworms please join us! Info: Molly Cochran at 757-291-4034 or Mollyknits53@yahoo.com.

BIBLE STUDY CANCELED THIS WEEK: Tuesday, 2/ 11 & Wednesday, 2/12 meetings are canceled due to Pastor Marrow's trip to Cuba. Classes will resume next week.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION

CHICKS WITH STICKS will meet on February 13th and 27th at 10:00 am in the VPC Library. Projects include prayer shawls, prayer squares, baby blankets, chemo caps and more, knitted or crocheted with prayers & love for the recipients. All are welcome! Info: Molly Cochran at 757-291-4034 or Mollyknits53@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of the Youth Group on Souper Bowl Sunday. We collected 4 bags of food and \$1,881 to benefit the Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Collier County!

GUADALUPE CENTER: The 28th Annual Buddy Day will be held on Monday, February 17, 10am to 2pm at Hideaway Beach Picnic area. If you would like to be a Buddy to 2nd grader, now is the time to register. Contact Kelly Hammer, Director of Community Engagement, (239) 657-7158 Cell: 239-821-3531 www.guadalupecenter.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COLLIER COUNTY. Wednesdays at 7:30 am we meet at VPC to go out to Habitat for Humanity. To join us, just wear comfortable work clothes and bring your own lunch. At 2pm we load up and head back to the church. For more information, please call Bill Payne (239-593-5529) (Cell: 239-776-4018) email: paynegnb@comcast.net.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 274 CAR WASH: Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church's Troop 274 is conducting a car wash to be held in the west parking lot on Saturday, February 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. One of the lessons Scouts learn is *to earn their own way*. Please support the Scouts as they earn their own way to summer camp as they also clean the deteriorating chemical pollution from your car.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE THERE TO CARE: Are you going through a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. To find out more, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847 (dsherman249@gmail.com) or Jill Peterson at 239-597-7440 (petersji72@gmail.com).

ARE YOU NEW TO VANDERBILT PRESBYTERIAN? We would like to get to know you! Please stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex to fill out a **BLUE CARD**. We will have someone from the Membership Team contact you to answer any questions you have about our church.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8 between services. Please plan to attend to celebrate the many blessings of our church from 2019. Be aware....this is also Daylight Savings Day and the time will change on Saturday evening.

ATTENDANCE:

Total attendance for Sunday, February 2, 2020—587. Average attendance in 2020—588.

WHITE GIVING ENVELOPES: Are in the Narthex for you to pick up at your earliest convenience.

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: Updated Numbers for 2019:

	December	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$ 187,152	\$ 1,319,399	\$ 1,275,000
Expenses	\$ 123,745	\$ 1,201,132	\$ 1,275,000
Deo Mortgage Balance	12/31/19	\$1,751,365	

Happy Birthday!

Chuck Henry 2/9
Nicholas Barkley 2/10
Jean Suci 2/10
*Jim Cochran 2/11
Sonja Cookson 2/11
Susanne Pender 2/11
Ernie Sartorius 2/11
*Walter Lee 2/12
*Mason Colby 2/13

*Marlene Everson 2/14
Jody Nowry 2/14



Happy Anniversary!

Eleanor & Hans Hoppner 2/9
Vicki & Buck Evans 2/11
Janet & Michael Kromer 2/11
Carol & Pete Schwiers 2/14

*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.

Annie
Rich Annunziata
Lorraine Atkinson
Bob
Kathleen Bradford
Carrie
Fernando Castillo
David Daugherty
Joy Davidson
Margaret Degler
Asia Elsbree
Family of John Fenlon
Jim Fligg
Joseph Gagliano
Janel Geary
John Gianola

Gary Gorran
Trisha Gould
Linda & the Haggett Family
John Paul Halliwell
Rachel Harris
Jason
Jim Hart
Joseph Hodgson
Barbara Hurst
John
Jonathan
Roger K.
Bob Kassing
Mary Kaugasian
Annette Kocal
Janet Lindsey

Susy Lotze
Judy Malone
Ana Mederos
Tebbs Moore
Estella Morroni
Cassidy Otto
Domenico Paglia
Christopher Parent
Ira Rimerman
Marsha Rust
Robin Ryan
Mike S.
Sandy
Bill Scouler
Tom Sletto
Christina Soriero

Terry
Annie Throckmorton
Lucian Walker
Laura Warnken
Connor White
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)

E-3 Jacob Guzman
US Army—USA
(Cesar Guzman's son)

Lt. Devon Hennessey
Just returned to Texas from Afganistan
(Toni Hubbard)

Christian Kurz
US Navy, USS Nitze
(Joyce Geary's great nephew)

LCDR 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)

1st LT Andrew P. Vadyak
USMC
Okinawa, Japan

Hadley Vadyak
USNA Class of 2020

EM Xzavier Whitaker
US Navy

VPC WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 9: Stewardship Dedication Sunday

- 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

Monday, February 10

- 10:00 am Comfort Quilters
- 5:00 pm EMT Meeting
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts—Troop 274
- 7:00 pm CNC

Tuesday, February 11

- 3:00 pm VandeReaders
- 5:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
- 6:00 pm Passage Meditation
- 7:00 pm Board of Deacons
- 7:00 pm Grand Piano Concert
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, February 12

- 7:30 am Habitat for Humanity—meet at VPC
- 10:00 am FIF Friends in Faith

- 2:00 pm Personnel POT Meeting
- 5:30 pm Alleluia Choir
- 6:45 pm Middle School Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 13

- 10:00 am Chicks with Sticks
- 3:00 pm Vitas—A Bereavement & Peer Support Group
- 5:00 pm Capernaum

Friday, February 14

- 10:00 am Seminar: "The Mind Game Called Life"

Saturday, February 15

- 9:00 am Boy Scout Car Wash
- 10:00 am Al Anon

Sunday, February 16

- 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
- 11:00 am "The Sunday Seminar" - Adult Study
- 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 deed
- 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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