



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday in Lent

FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT

Psalm 23

"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long."

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: "Contemplation" based on Tallis Canon

Richard Purvis
(1913-1994)

Prayer of Confession

Great Shepherd, we thank you for finding us and bringing us to this time of prayer. We have wandered far from the paths of integrity, justice, and peace that you have set before us. We are ashamed of some things we do when we think no one will find out. We are quick to judge others and to excuse ourselves. We want to decide who is acceptable to you and who is not. Surely, we persuade ourselves, you prefer people like us and not those who appear, believe, or act differently. Even as we say those words, we know we are not in tune with your way. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change. Amen.

Moment for Children

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Prayer for Illumination

The First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has

the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Message

"Stay Healthy, Stay Connected"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Solo: From *Requiem*
Pie Jesu

Gabriel Fauré
(1845-1924)

Michele Byrd, Soprano

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.

Benediction

Postlude: "A Joyous Acclamation"

Lani Smith
(1934-2015)



Scripture Passages for the following week:

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Old Testament: Ezekiel 27:1-14

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Ed Byrom, substitute organist, *playing the Richard and Patricia Fors Organ to the Glory of God and in honor of James Cochran, organist.*

Michele Byrd, Soprano

Soundboard Operator: Pete DeBaun.

stay healthy
stay connected

VPC NEWS

The staff of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is well aware of the concerns regarding the spread of the Coronavirus. YOU, the people of this church, are the most important thing to us. If you need something, *please* let us know. The staff is taking precautions and working at the church, while using social distancing protocols and disinfecting surfaces regularly. We will update you with any changes to our schedule when more decisions are made. We will comply with the recommendations from the Federal, State and Local government and our Session.

Instead of coming into the church, please call us (597-5410) or email Barbara Bonavita (bbonavita@vpcnaples.org), Lisa Lloyd (llloyd@vpcnaples.org) or Michele Byrd (mbyrd@vpcnaples.org) if you need assistance of any kind.

In an effort to "flatten the curve" of the spread of the Coronavirus, the Session decided to suspend our public worship gathering through the end of March. This also includes any special services, Sunday school classes and other Sunday activities planned on those dates. There was also a decision that all church meetings are either canceled or are to be held as virtual meetings through the end of March.

During this time of constant change we want to stay connected to you. Please look on our website (www.vpcnaples.org).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION

THE SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN & CHILDREN ARE IN URGENT NEED of diapers. Please bring any size 5 or 6 diapers to the church office and we will make sure they get them. Thank you in advance for your help with this amazing shelter that helps women and children in dire need of support.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP



SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO ASK FOR HELP: We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. Galatians 6:2 says, "*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*" God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, and help you through a tough time. Find out more by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847 (dshearn249@gmail.com) or Jill Peterson at 239-597-7440

(petersji72@gmail.com).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: February 2020:

	February	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$ 161,738	\$ 331, 861	\$ 274,400
Expenses	\$ 91,308	\$ 200, 158	\$ 196,500
Deo Mortgage Balance	2/29/2020	\$ 1,739,824	

Happy Birthday!

*Loren Dawley	3/15
Elizabeth Lowe	3/15
Allison Bowman	3/16
Bill Hoffman	3/17
*Alayne Eastman	3/18
Grayson Trees	3/18
Maureen Clark	3/19
Hans Hoppner	3/19
Phil Jacobus	3/19
*Karen Talford	3/19
*Nancy Metcalf	3/20
Bill Cattrell	3/21
*Karen Hiller	3/21
Marsha Bennett	3/22
*Carmen Campbell	3/23

*Jim Davison	3/24
Judith Jacobs	3/24
Audrey Armstrong	3/25
Ellie Desorcy	3/26
Lynn Greenblatt	3/26
Brendan Barber	3/27
Pamela Barber	3/27
Bruce Hobbs	3/27
Ruth Schulte	3/27
Julianne Hobbs	3/28

Happy Anniversary!

Ann & Bill Hoffman	3/23
Karen & Richard Talford	3/25
Ann & Kevin Foote	3/28

***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!



MARCH
BIRTHDAYS

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.

Jerry Alfieri
Annie
Kathleen Bradford
Fernando Castillo
Jim Campbell
Ruth Cohen
David Daugherty
Connie Dawson
Margaret Degler
Asia Elsbree
Erin Falluca
Jim Fligg
Joseph Gagliano
Janel Geary
Gary Gorran
Linda & the Haggett Family

Michael Jeskey
Bob Kassing
Family of Annette Kocal
LaDonna Lass
Carolyn Magarro
Judy Malone
Mark
Henry Miller
Carolyn Moore
Estella Morroni
Nate
Domenico Paglia
Christopher Parent
Carol Rodkey
Marsha Rust
Metty Ryan

Robin Ryan
Christina Soriero
Suzanne Waylonis
Laura Warnken
CC Waskey

Please keep Jodi and Bill Reckmeyer in your thoughts and prayers on the death of their daughter, Michele Minnette Frank, who died Saturday, March 7th in their hometown of Skaneateles, NY.



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 Afghanistan
(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 (John & Roberts McMaster's granddaughter's husband)



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