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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

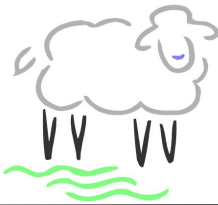


THE GOOD SHEPHERD

LAYS DOWN HIS

LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.

JOHN 10:11



May 3, 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.
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: Concerto for Oboe and Strings in F Major
Adagio
Allemanda

Arcangelo Corelli
(1653-1713)

Andrew Snedeker, Oboe

Call to Worship

Praise God for all the signs of new life.

Praise God for all we can do together.

Praise God for the life and ministry of Jesus.

Praise God for all who share that ministry today.

Christ came to offer us abundant life.

We are here today to reclaim that gift.

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

We want to follow in the steps of Jesus.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we do not want to admit that our possessions possess us. Yet we do seem captive to all the things we have acquired and all the things we want. We are reluctant to share too much, lest we be deprived of the comforts we cherish. We do not want to suffer for our faith. There are limits to our willingness to follow Jesus. O God, help us trust you beyond these limits. Amen.

Moment for Children

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Hymn: "Let us Break Bread Together"

LET US BREAK BREAD

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

The First Reading:**Acts 2:42-47**

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Solo: "Give Me Jesus"

Michele Byrd, Soprano

arr. Moses Hogan
(1957-2003)**Prayer for Illumination****The New Testament Reading:****John 10:1-11**

¹ "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Message

"The Gate"

Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering**Offertory:** "Far Away" for English Horn

Andrew Snedeker, English Horn

Charles Koechlin
(1867-1950)**Prayers for the People****THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION****The Invitation to the Lord's Table****The Apostle's 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.

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

Prayer after Communion

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.

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3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
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O Lord, have mercy on me.

Commission and Blessing

Easter continues, for Christ lives in us.

Jesus came that we might have abundant life.

We find our lives in giving them to others.

In Christ, we discover the joy of service.

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: Concerto for Oboe and Strings in F Major

Arcangelo Corelli

4. Giga

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

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.*

Andrew Snedeker, oboe

Andrew Snedeker, Co-Principal Oboe of the Naples Philharmonic, earned his B.M. degree from the Conservatory at Baldwin-Wallace College and his M.M. degree from the Ohio State University. Snedeker has performed with the Pro Musica Chamber Orchestra of Columbus, Ohio, the Miami Opera and the Royal Ballet of London, England. With pianist James Cochran and harpist Dickie Fleisher, he produced the compact disc *The Enchanting Oboe*. Snedeker has been a member of the Naples Philharmonic since 1989.

Michele Byrd, soprano

Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita & Dave Curtiss

**Scripture Passages for the following week:
 May 10, 2020—The Fifth Sunday of Easter
 New Testament Reading: Acts 7:55-60
 Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14**

VPC NEWS

The VPC Session met on April 27, 2020 and decided to extend the suspension of our public worship gatherings, activities, and programming until **May 17, 2020**. The staff, Session and Worship, Music and Liturgical Arts Ministry Team will be formulating a plan for keeping you safe when we are able to hold public worship services again. We will maintain proper social distancing protocols and come up with a system for contact-free services. As soon as we have a plan, we will let you know. During this time, VPC will continue to record our weekly services of worship and post them to the Sermon Library, found on our website (www.vpcnaples.org). Sermons and other video materials, such as Pastor Rob's Daily Psalm Reading, are also available on the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Facebook page. 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. The Session will meet on Monday, May 18, 2020, to decide how best to proceed at VPC. Please keep them in your prayers.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

STRESSED? FEELING DOWN? NEED ENCOURAGEMENT?: Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you're feeling down, lonely, stressed, or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life! Find out more by talking 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).

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND—At the April 27th meeting, the Session also established the "COVID-19 Relief Fund" at VPC. We will promote our current mission partners who are working to relieve food insecurities and housing/utility expenses as a result of the current COVID-19 health crisis. The Mission Ministry Team will allocate the proceeds of this fund to assist those in urgent need. Mission partners include, but are not limited to, Café of Life, HELPS Outreach, Collier Harvest, and Mision Peniel. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please indicate "COVID-19 Relief fund" in the memo.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING! The ministry of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church will continue during these difficult times. Moving to virtual worship has greatly reduced the offerings collected over the past month. Measures are being taken to reduce expenses where we are able to do so. This is typically a time period when we are building reserves to offset the reduced income of the leaner summer months. The Session would like to thank you for your generous contributions! We encourage you to mail your contributions to the church or consider giving online at our website. The "GIVE" button is found on the main page of our web site.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: March 2020:

	March	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$ 104,651	\$ 436,519	\$ 453,100
Expenses	\$ 94,475	\$ 294,633	\$ 297,800
Deo Mortgage Balance	3/31/2020	\$ 1,733,558	



Happy Birthday!

Lew Bevan	5/03
David Bos	5/03
Joe Feddern	5/03
Bill Van Fossen	5/03
Kyle Vayda	5/03
Alice Lebo	5/05
Clifford Swaby	5/05

*Judy Peabody	5/06
Jane Raskauskas	5/06
*Bruce Muddell	5/07
Naseem Yousaf	5/07
*Rich Yovanovich	5/08
*Leah Ray	5/09
Harley Ruppert	5/09

Happy Anniversary!

Mary & Scott	
Wollaston	5/4



***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
 Jerry Alfieri
 Annie
 Kathleen Bradford
 Family of Carmen
 Cassidy
 Fernando Castillo
 Ruth Cohen
 Dan Dorty
 David Daugherty
 Connie Dawson
 Margaret Degler
 Erin Falluca
 Jim Fligg
 Joseph Gagliano
 Janel Geary

Gary Gorran
 Tim Hall & Family
 Barbara Hurst
 Michael Jeskey
 Bob Kassing
 Kristen
 LaDonna Lass
 Kristen Linfante
 Judy Malone
 Mark
 Henry Miller
 Carolyn Moore
 Nate
 Domenico Paglia
 Christopher Parent
 Mario Regoli

Carol Rodkey
 Marsha Rust
 Metty Ryan
 Robin Ryan
 Eleanor & Gary
 Shepherd
 Suzanne Waylonis
 Laura Warnken
 CC Waskey
 Will & Heather
 & Family



For people in this country and throughout the world suffering and coping with the Coronavirus disease.

For Doctors, Nurses, and Medical Teams giving their best to provide care for those suffering in hospitals and other medical facilities.

For leaders in government (Nationally, State, & Locally) and throughout the world making tough decisions during this difficult time.

For our church and all churches providing comfort to all and leading us in new ways of worship and service to each other.

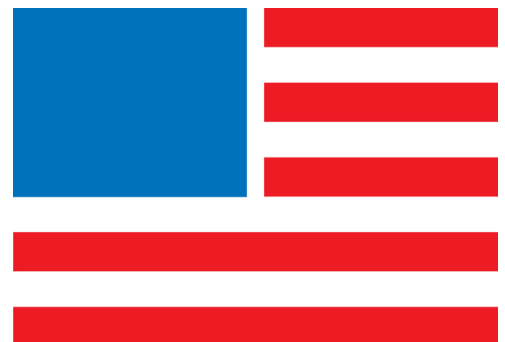
Please Pray for the men and women serving our country.

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. Grassetti
 (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 (John & Roberts McMaster's granddaughter's husband)



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL 27, 2020

In response to suggestions by some members of the congregation this feature will appear monthly to update the congregation. At the April 27 meeting, the Session approved the following:

- Approved a motion to continue the suspension of all worship services and activities until May 17, 2020. (Note: The Session will meet on May 18 to review the situation again.)
- Approved a motion requesting WMLA to create a plan for re-opening the church for worship, including social distancing, bulletin distribution, seating, etc. This plan would inform the Session to determine the steps needed to safely re-open and any phases in doing so.
- Approved the establishment of a COVID-19 Relief Fund. This money, administered by the Mission Committee, would be used to assist those with hunger and housing needs during the current pandemic crisis through our mission partners.
- Approved the appointment of the Clerk of Session, Richard Hilton, and the VPC Treasurer, Max Gould, to one-year terms beginning June 1, 2020.
- Approved the appointment of Officers of the Corporation for 2020-2021.
- Approved the ministry team assignments for the coming year.
- Approved the church's application for a loan/grant under the SBA's Payroll Protection Program which is part of the federal CARES Act.
- Approved an Adult Education class led by Dr. Lou Thompson and Finely Lee to be held on Sundays starting on September 20.
- Approved a motion by the Debt Reduction Task Force for VPC to enter into a contract with Generis Partners, LLC. Our consultant, Allen Walworth, will support our efforts in developing and implementing strategies to increase awareness and understanding of the theological foundations of generosity within the congregation. A feasibility study will be conducted to assess our readiness for raising funds in the future to retire debt and implement major capital improvements. This important study will be paid for by the Endowment Trust and not out of our church operating funds for this year.

Submitted by: Dick Hilton, Clerk of Session

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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