



**Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.**

## **WELCOME TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

Just a few reminders as we gather together for in-person worship. The following guidelines have been established for the health and safety of our congregation:

- Bring an open heart, mind and spirit.
- Hand sanitizer is available as you enter the church.
- Masks are required and must cover your nose and mouth for the entire service.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet apart. Pews are marked to help.
- Please use the sliding glass doors at the porte-cochere for entry/exit.
- Ushers will seat you at the beginning of the service and dismiss by row following the postlude.
- There will be no congregational singing, however, you may join in the spoken responses with the liturgist.
- 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**.
- You are encouraged to take your bulletin home for reference.
- The East and West wings are closed.
- Offering plates are in the Narthex. You may also donate online.
- Restrooms will be open however, please limit to 2 people at a time and keep the main doors propped open.

## **November 22, 2020** **Christ the King Sunday**

### **Psalm 100**



*<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.*

*<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.*

*<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.*

*It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.*

*Give thanks to him, bless his name.*

*<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Announcements

**Prelude:** "Prayer"

Léon Boëllmann  
(1862-1897)

### Call to Worship

*Come, God is seeking to gather us together.*

*Like a shepherd searching for lost sheep, God calls us.*

**We come, in need of healing, seeking a blessing.**

**Our faith draws us here, in spite of our doubts.**

*Come, above all else, to worship and give thanks.*

*Make a joyful noise to the creator of all worlds.*

**God's steadfast love becomes real to us here.**

**We are reminded of God's immeasurable greatness.**

*Let us worship God.*

**Hymn:** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

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*Please remain seated and enjoy as the soloist sings the hymn.*

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| 1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!<br>His the scepter, His the throne!<br>Alleluia! His the triumph,<br>His the victory alone!<br>Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion<br>Thunder like a mighty flood;<br>Jesus out of every nation<br>Hath redeemed us by His blood. | 4. Alleluia! King eternal,<br>Thee the Lord of lords we own;<br>Alleluia! Born of Mary,<br>Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.<br>Thou within the veil hast entered,<br>Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;<br>Thou on earth both Priest and Victim<br>In the Eucharistic feast. |
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### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**All-knowing God, you are aware of our comfort-seeking weakness. We ignore strangers in need as if they were no concern of ours. We resist programs that might threaten our privileges. We do only enough good to keep us from feeling guilty. We give grudgingly of our time and resources, instead of overflowing with thanksgiving and joyous sharing. We treat the church as our possession rather than letting Christ rule as head of the body. O God, we pray we have not wandered beyond your reach. Amen.**

#### Affirmation of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

#### Gloria Patri

Henry Greatorex

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, Amen.

Jesus loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
 Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.  
 Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.  
 Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

**The First Reading**

Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Solo:** "Loving Shepherd of thy Sheep"

Philip Ledger

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1937)

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, Keep thy lamb, in safety keep; Nothing can thy power withstand, None can pluck me from thy hand. I would praise thee every day, Gladly all thy will obey, Like thy blessed ones above Happy in thy precious love. Loving Shepherd, ever near, Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear; Suffer not my steps to stray From the straight and narrow way. Where thou leadest I would go, Walking in thy steps below, Till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

**Prayer for Illumination****The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will

answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

"An Extraordinary Surprise"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**Offering**

**Offertory:** "Ride On, King Jesus!"

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Hall Johnson (1888-1970)

**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.**

**Commission and Blessing**

*Go forth in faith, with love for all the saints.*

*Open your eyes to see the good in all you meet.*

**We believe that God is empowering our ministry.**

**God's love enables us to love even in difficult times.**

*Alleluia!*

**Amen.**

**Benediction Response:**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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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:** "Prelude in D Minor"

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor**

**Bill Payne, Liturgist for Thursday recording**

**Sue Van Fossen, Liturgist for Sunday worship**

**Heather Mikes,**

*Interim Director of Christian Education*

**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.*

**Michele Byrd, Soprano**

**Greeters:** Priscilla & Steve Kutler

**Ushers:** Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Tom Maish, Jean Rawson, Rebecca Beavers, Sue Van Fossen, Nellie Cummins

**After Church Goodies:** Jill Peterson

**Soundboard Operator:** David Curtiss

Scripture Passages for the following week:

November 29—First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37



VPC NEWS

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:**

This new worship opportunity continues today at 10:00 am. ***It is not intended to replace our ongoing virtual worship.*** Individuals in our community who are not feeling well or are included in other at-risk categories are asked to stay home and worship virtually. You must sign up **EACH** week if you wish to attend. Call us (597-5410) if you need assistance of any kind.

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?**

If you are looking for a church home in Naples and would like to find out more about Vanderbilt, we would love to tell you about our church and learn more about you. If you have any questions or would like to learn about membership options at VPC, please contact the church office (597-5410). Pastor Rob would love to talk with you!!

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION**

**ZOOM IN FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR:**

This Sunday morning, from 11—11:30am, join the meeting to connect with your fellow church members. The **Meeting ID is: 896 7928 1614** and the **password is 4Wp4kK**. Missing your church family? Zoom in to say HI! We hope to see you there!

**ZOOM LUNCH WITH YOUR PASTOR:**

The Zoom lunch with your Pastor is canceled for this Tuesday, November 24. It will resume next week.

**ZOOM IN FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR ROB:**

Bible Study is canceled for this Wednesday, November 25. This will resume next week.

**ZOOM IN FOR THE LADIES VIRTUAL BRUNCH:**

Ladies, celebrate Christmas with your VPC family! Saturday, December 12, 2020 from 11am—1pm. The afternoon will include a presentation by VandeReaders, music from our beloved choir, a blessing given by Rev. Dr. Fred Schulz and of course fellowship! Call Lisa at the church to sign up/get zoom link or Lois at [lafolliard@gmail.com](mailto:lafolliard@gmail.com).

**OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP**

**4 MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVENT:**

***Each of these worthy organizations have been selected for your consideration during the season of Advent. All monetary donations will be accepted through the church website, [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org).***

***Be sure to note where your gift should be applied. Thank you.***

1. The **Christmas Joy Offering** has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. Make sure to put "**Christmas Joy Offering**" on your check or online donation.



2. **Misión Peniel Christmas Toy Drive**—Many of the farm worker families in Immokalee have been impacted by COVID-19. Vanderbilt is running a Christmas toy drive for the children of the farm workers in Immoklaee - **specifically for boys and girls ages 1-5**. The item(s) can be anything you desire as long as it does not promote violence (like toy guns or toys/games promoting fights). Please bring your unwrapped toy(s) to the church no later than Tuesday, December 15th in a bag marked "Peniel Christmas". They will be delivered to Immokalee and distributed prior to Christmas Day. If you'd rather just donate money, simply write a check to the church or donate online by Sunday, December 13th and put "**Peniel Christmas**" in the memo. If you have any questions email Pete Rodino at [pyrodino@aol.com](mailto:pyrodino@aol.com). Thank you for your support of the Misión Peniel farm worker mission.
3. Be a blessing! Donate to the **Salvation Army Angel Tree** and adopt an angel boy or girl during the Christmas season. Our Missions Team is committed to sponsoring 200 children in the Angel Tree Program this Christmas. VPC has received a \$5,000 matching gift for the "Angel Tree," so we are halfway to our goal to raise \$10,000 to spread Christmas cheer to children and families in need! We are not able to collect toys this year. All donations, whether online or by check, must be delivered to VPC by **November 30, 2020** with "**Angel Tree**" in the memo. No child should be without Christmas joy, cheer, and gifts. This is an excellent opportunity to spread our love!
4. VPC has a long tradition of alternative giving to **Heifer International**. Instead of purchasing another unneeded thing for a family member or friend, make a contribution to Heifer International in their honor. Heifer works to alleviate hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to needy small-scale farmers and by educating young girls in developing countries. Donations may be made before or after services on December 6th, 13th, and 20th OR online through the VPC website. Please put "**Heifer**" in the donation line of your check or online gift. For more information, contact Leslie Loughran at [leslie.loughran@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.loughran@gmail.com).



### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP**

#### **VPC STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP:**

Know someone in need? Maybe you? Maybe a family member, friend or neighbor? Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers that are a phone call or email away to walk beside you, listen and provide ongoing support. We currently have 15 active Stephen Ministers at VPC, some with care receivers and others waiting to help when called. Call for yourself or someone in need. To get started, call our Stephen Leader Referrals Coordinators: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847([dsherman249@gmail.com](mailto:dsherman249@gmail.com)) or Kay Beernink at 239-238-1526 ([leskaybee@aol.com](mailto:leskaybee@aol.com)).

#### **ADVENT DEVOTIONS INFORMTION:**

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29, 2020. We welcome this opportunity to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. To guide us on our journey together through Advent this year, we are using the great tradition of the Jesse Tree created by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS). Information was emailed on Wednesday. If you need assistance or did not receive the email, call us at 239-597-5410.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: October 2020:

	<b>October</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Operating Income	\$ 60,165	\$1,079,314	\$978,600
Expenses	\$101,152	\$ 920,302	\$998,000
Deo Mortgage Balance	10/31/2020	\$1,692,757	



### 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)

**LTJG 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 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 & Roberta McMaster's  
granddaughter's husband)



### **Happy Birthday!**

Kathe Hall	11/15
Ben Hood	11/15
*Mary Giles	11/17
Dan Meeuwssen	11/17
Janet Minch	11/17
*Linda Swihart	11/17
*Pete Rodino	11/20
*Wayne Firestone	11/21
Ruth Forsythe	11/21
Jake Jackson	11/21
*Tom Maish	11/21



#### **\*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 Team uses the interest income from the Birthday Club exclusively for Youth Activities! Please consider becoming a member of the Birthday Club. Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

### **Happy Anniversary!**

Robert & Shirley Schwindt	11/15
Bruce & Heidi Stryker	11/18



## PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our church family 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 friend of 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.

The Annunziata Family	Charlie Henningsen	The family of Christopher Parent
David Barrientos	Paul Heroy	Harry Patchell
Edna Benton	Chloe Bell Indelicato	The Power Family
Mary Brown and Family	Inspired Living at Bonita Springs	Carol Rodkey
Lilia Cagua	Jack	Charlene Roth
Natalie Cantey	Michael Jeskey	Metty Ryan
Adriana Caruso	Sandra Johnson	Robin Ryan
Mason Colby	Jonathan	Carol Schweirs
Pat Colby	Dennis Jones	Eleanor & Gary Shepherd
Pat Counts	Bob Kassing	Jim & Patty Shields
Vicky Crosby	Brooke Kirchner	Deborah Smith
Margaret Degler	LaDonna Lass	Liz Nowry Smith
Dan Dorty	Judy Malone	Scott A. Smith
David Elliott	Millicent Marshall	Arlene Sniffen
Bob Fahnestock	Marilyn McKee	Alan Swailes
Jim Fligg	Don Neer	The Tetlak Family
Tom Freehan	The Nelson & Sletto Families	The Waskey Family
Ali Frimpter	Matt Nulph	Kathy Whitcroft
Gary Gorran	Cassidy Otto & Family	Will & Heather & Family
Jake Hellihan	Domenico Paglia	Connie Wilson
		Diana Woodward

Prayers for the earth and the people on the earth.

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. Amen.*



## 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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