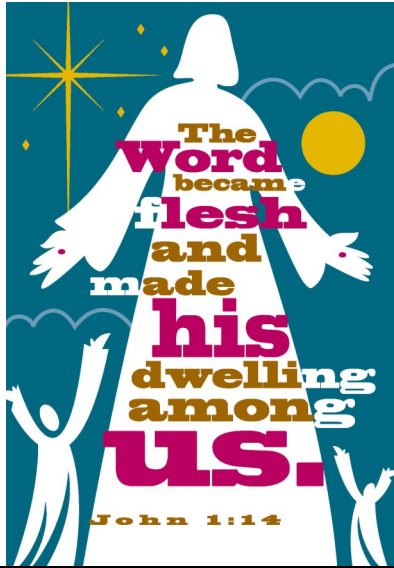


Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



January 3, 2021 Second Sunday of Christmas

Psalm 147: 12-20

- ¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
- ¹³ For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.
- ¹⁴ He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.
- ¹⁵ He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.
- ¹⁶ He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.
- ¹⁷ He hurls down hail like crumbs— who can stand before his cold?
- ¹⁸ He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.
- ¹⁹ He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.
- ²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.
- Praise the LORD!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: Dialogue on the First Tone

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
(1676 – 1749)

Call to Worship

God gathers us from the farthest parts of the earth.

God brings together a great variety of people.

Surely God will meet us here.

Surely God will save the people.

Come with radiant delight before our God.

Come with joyous dancing and singing.

God offers us life in a watered garden.

God brings us joy and gladness and abundance.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

CAROL

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

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| 1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From heaven’s all gracious King”:
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing. | 4. For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing. |
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, God of our ancestors, that we have heard your word but ignored its witness. We have nodded agreement with your truth, but we follow our own ways. Your commands are frozen on paper for we do not warm to their possibilities for our lives. As the word became flesh in Christ, we pray it may come alive in us. Melt our rigid perceptions and prejudices. Break down our resistance to change. Link us together in a community of faith, boldly receptive to the gospel. We want to be a communion of forgiven and forgiving sinners. 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.

Moment for Children

Heather Mikes

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 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "O Jesulein Süß" (O Jesus So Sweet)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

John 1: (1-9), 10-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"Children of God"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "Love Came Down at Christmas"

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

Eric Thiman

(1900-1975)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Apostles' 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

Loving and Gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

Commission and Blessing

Scatter with radiance in your hearts.

Go out to proclaim God's word by your deeds.

We seek to walk in the light God gives us.

We will act on the truth God reveals.

Alleluia!

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

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: Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

(1637-1707)

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
Bill Payne, *Liturgist for Thursday recording*
Sue Van Fossen, *Liturgist for Sunday worship*
Heather Mikes, *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 for recording*
David Curtiss, *Baritone for Sunday worship*

Greeters: Priscilla & Steve Kutler
Ushers: Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Jean Rawson, Nellie Cummins, Rebecca Beavers, Molly Godley and George Morton.
After Church Goodies: Membership & Involvement Team
Soundboard Operator: David Curtiss, *recording & Victoria Bonavita, Sunday worship*

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK

January 10: Baptism of the Lord
Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5
Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11



VPC NEWS

IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

This 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 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.

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 AND BIBLE STUDY RESUME THIS WEEK:

Tuesday at noon you can Zoom in and have lunch with Pastor Rob. Wednesday at 7pm is the Zoom Bible Study. Email Michele Byrd (mbyrd@vpcnaples.org) for the link to either meeting.



FRIENDS IN FAITH:

Friends in Faith is a caring group of women who support one another through study, prayer and friendship, as they explore God's word together. The group will reconvene on January 13, 2021 via Zoom and meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:00am until 11:30am. All ladies are welcome to read and discuss **"The Friendship of Women: The Hidden Tradition of the Bible"** by Joan Chittister. To join the Zoom meeting use: Meeting ID: 819 4499 3844, Passcode: 757147.

REVEALING THE MYTHS AND MAGIC OF HOSPICE :

The Wholistic Health Ministry Team invites you to join us by Zoom for our January program: The Myths & Magic of Hospice. This presentation will address many of the myths and misconceptions regarding hospice care, such as when hospice should be considered, where hospice services are provided, and how hospice provides care for terminally ill people. There will also be a discussion of how earlier involvement with hospice can lead to physical, emotional and financial benefits, and the barriers that keep people from receiving these benefits. This presentation will also give an in depth look at the role of the members of the hospice team and their effect on patients and family care givers. Date: January 15, 2021 at 10:00 am. To join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82706294888?pwd=ZlAvdUliUlBabFBQK1R3dFhMUFFSdz09>— Meeting ID: 827 0629 4888—Passcode: 716381.



OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP



THANK YOU!

The Blood Drive on December 20th was a huge success!
29 Donors Registered, 26 Units were collected and 78 lives were saved!
Thank you for your gift of life!

WEEKEND POWER PACK:

On Wednesday, January 13, VPC volunteers will pack 120 bags of food for homeless children or those living at poverty level as part of the Weekend Power Pack Program. Weekly, students in the program, receive a bag containing two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, and four snacks. The school guidance counselor puts the "power pack" in the student's backpack before they leave school for the weekend. Please contact Cherie Baines at ctfl.baines@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.



COLLIER HARVEST/FEED 5000:



On January 18, 2021, at 5:30 pm, Collier Harvest (Feed 5000) will have a packing event at their warehouse at 4451 Mercantile Avenue. Volunteers will pack 150 bags of food for the families of needy students from Golden Gate, East Naples, and Immokalee Middle Schools. The fare includes dry and canned goods. VPC has been participating in Collier Harvest packing events for years; it's such a great way to give back to the community! The event usually lasts about an hour. If you are available and would like to join us, please send an email to Cherie Baines (ctfl.baines@gmail.com) or call at 239-776-5652.

MISIÓN PENIEL:

On Friday, January 22, 2021, and Friday, March 19, 2021, our church is scheduled to serve at Misión Peniel, (following COVID protocols). A group of six volunteers will serve on each of these days, and you must provide your own transportation to Immokalee. If you are interested in signing up, email the date(s) you would like to participate to Cherie Baines (ctfl.baines@gmail.com).



OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

VPC STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE TO HELP:



Know someone in need? 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) or Kay Beernink at 239-238-1526 (leskaybee@aol.com).

The staff of the church would like to thank the congregation for the very generous Christmas gift. We are blessed to work with such a thoughtful congregation. Merry Christmas!

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: November 2020:

	November	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$ 95,820	\$1,176,634	\$1,067,300
Expenses	\$ 85,959	\$1,006,262	\$1,106,00
Deo Mortgage Balance	11/30/2020	\$1,686,229	

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

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)

LCDR 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 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 & Roberta McMaster's
granddaughter's husband)



Happy Birthday!

*Bill Cornell	1/3
Joan Haller	1/3
Carol Loeb	1/3
*Ron Sieling	1/3
Peter DeBaun	1/5
*Jean Lee	1/5
Lynn Asinger	1/6
Phyllis Macbeth	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



Happy Anniversary!

David & Cherie Baines	12/28
Joe & Sharon Doggett	1/5
Joan & Terry Mountford	1/9



***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!

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.

Bayne Carew	Domenico Paglia
Adriana Caruso	Harry Patchell
Pat Counts	Marianne Rapps
Dan Dorty	Leah Ray
David Elliott	Charlene Roth
Jeffrey Elliott	Metty Ryan
Bob Fahnstock	Carol Schweirs
Jim Fligg	Tony Shogren
The family of Bernie Froysland	Deborah Smith
Pattie Fruth	Liz Nowry Smith
Quinten Hawkins	Scott A. Smith
Karen Hiller	Alan Swailes
Chloe Bell Indelicato	Lee Weeks and Family (on the
Inspired Living at Bonita Springs	death of his sister, Debbie Weeks
Dennis Jones	Badalamenti)
Bob Kassing	Pat Wesley
Brooke Kirchner	The Wesley Family
Judy Malone	Dan Westerlund
Millicent Marshall	Diana Woodward
Marilyn McKee	
Joan Mountford	<i>Pray for the Otto Family upon the</i>
Don Neer	<i>passing of Cassidy, on Christmas</i>
Emily Orr	<i>Day.</i>

Holy God, all-glorious giver of grace, you are light, shining in darkness; you are life, the life of all people. Fill us with the light and life of Christ, through whom all things were made, so that we may be faithful disciples, bearing witness to your grace and truth; through Christ, your Word made flesh.

John 1:1-14



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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