



February 14, 2021
Transfiguration of the Lord



MARK 9:5

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Prelude: "Reflections on Balm in Gilead "

Mark A. Radice
(b. 1951)

Call to Worship

God gathers those faithful to the covenant.

Be quick to respond to God's invitation.

We seek a double share of the prophet's spirit.

We look for a vision to claim our souls.

Open your ears to the good news of the gospel.

Open your eyes to the glory of God.

We have come to share knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We gather, seeking transformation and empowerment.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

DUKE STREET

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

1. Jesus shall reign where're the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.
5. Let every creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

When the gospel is veiled from us, mighty God, we feel alone. How easy it is to lose our direction and go the wrong way! At times, we feel as if we are perishing under the demands of our day, unable to see clearly what is most important. We become enslaved to our routines and enticed by shallow distractions. We fill all our hours with doing so there is no time for reflection and prayer. Forgive us, O God, and restore balance to our lives. 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.

Reading from the Psalms

Psalms 50:1-6

¹ The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
³ Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.
⁴ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,
that he may judge his people:
⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Solo: "Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

Cyril Vincent Taylor

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1907-1991)

Jesus on the mountain peak Stands alone in glory blazing; Let us, if we dare to speak, Join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia! Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming, in its thunder, Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia! This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before Him, First and last and only One. All creation shall adore Him! Alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-9

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"A New Light"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Traditional Spiritual

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain; But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you can preach like Peter, if you can preach like Paul, go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all."

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

Light from the gospel has been revealed to us.

We are becoming lights to the world.

It is an awesome responsibility to reflect God's glory.

Ours is a wonderful opportunity to show God's love.

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.

The flowers on the chancel are donated in memory of Annette Kocal from Jean Rawson.

Because we cannot take them to hospitals during this pandemic time; they will be on the table as you leave and we invite you to take flowers from the bouquet home and remember all of your loved ones.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
Bill Payne, *Liturgist for virtual worship*
Molly Godley, *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 virtual worship*
David Curtiss, *Baritone for Sunday worship*
Greeters: Priscilla & Steve Kutler
Ushers: Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Joe Trees, Jerry Warnken, George Morton, Sue Van Fossen, & Bill Van Fossen
Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

February 21: First Sunday in Lent

Psalter Reading: Psalm 25:1-1

Old Testament: Genesis 9:8-17

VPC NEWS

IN-PERSON WORSHIP:

As we continue to navigate our Sunday morning worship services, it is important that we have a good handle on the number of people planning to attend. Each week, emails are sent with instructions on how to register online, or you may always call the church office (597-5410) during the weekdays, to sign-up. It is important that you sign up **EACH** week if you plan to attend the in-person worship service. With the influx of seasonal residents and guests, we need to be sure that we are mindful of the number of people that are coming into the building. If your plans change before 3pm on Friday, please call and let us know to remove your name from the list.

INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

Pastor Rob invites you to learn more about being a Presbyterian and especially Vanderbilt (VPC). Join him for an informal exchange and information session via **ZOOM** on **Tuesday, February 23 at 7pm**. Please register by calling the church **597-5410**. We will send you the ZOOM link ahead of time.

FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL:

If you would like to honor a loved one or celebrate a special event, consider donating the flowers that adorn our sanctuary during worship. We have many dates available. Call or email Barbara Bonavita for more information (597-5410 or bbonavita@vpcnaples.org).

ASH WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL SERVICE:

Prepare for the season of Lent by joining our Virtual Worship Service on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. You will receive an email on the 17th with the link to watch the service or you can go directly to our website, and look under the Sermon Library. Today (2/14/21), following the 10 am in-person worship service, you will have the opportunity to pick up a cup with communion and individual ashes for your use for the Ash Wednesday service. If you are not at the in-person service, we will have cups available, by the front desk, during office hours (9am-4pm), on Monday, 2/15, and Tuesday, 2/16. Questions? Call the office (597-5410).



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**. We hope to see you there!

ZOOM LUNCH WITH YOUR PASTOR AND BIBLE STUDY:

Tuesday at noon you can Zoom in and have lunch with Pastor Rob. Wednesday at 7pm is the Zoom Bible Study.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 1:30PM—VPC BOOK CLUB will meet again by Zoom to discuss “*Rules of Civility*” by Amor Towles. As usual, please email PEGGY LANDON at mlandon711@gmail.com if you are planning to join the discussion. A link to join the Zoom meeting will be sent out few days before with a reminder. If you did not receive the link, please email Peggy or call 239-594-0847 and leave a message.

"WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MY CHURCH" ART EVENT

Tell us what you love about Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church! We invite you to share your love of VPC with us, visually. Create an artistic expression of what makes this a special place in the world. Share a video, write a song, make a collage or painting. Anything goes! You and your family are important to our church. We hope you will participate in all the activities of the Capital and Stewardship Campaign — Splendid Giving. Bring your posters to the church office or send via email to Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org. For campaign questions, contact Molly Godley at godley@comcast.net.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

THANK YOU FOR TACKLING HUNGER WITH US!



Our youth collected nearly \$900 and two bags of food for the Souper Bowl of Caring last Sunday. Thank you for your generous gifts to help care for those in our community struggling with food and housing insecurities. We will continue collection of monetary gifts and/or non-perishable food items through **February 28, 2021**. Please send checks via mail to the church office or donate online, indicating “Souper Bowl” in the memo. Food donations can be dropped off at the church office. You make a difference! Thanks for sharing God’s love.

WEEKEND POWER PACK: On Wednesday, February 24, 2021 *VPC volunteers are needed* to pack 120 bags of food for homeless children or those living at poverty level as part of the Weekend Power Pack Program. The bags are packed outside in the Baines’ home courtyard, and everyone wears masks. The packing takes about an hour. 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 their backpack before leaving school for the weekend. Please contact Cherie Baines at ctfl.baines@gmail.com or **239-776-5652** for more information or to volunteer. To donate, please make the check to VPC and write “Power Pack” on the memo line. Thank you!

COLLIER HARVEST/FEED 5000: On February 15, 2021, at 5:30 pm, Collier Harvest (Feed 5000) will have a packing event at their warehouse at 4451 Mercantile Avenue which usually lasts about an hour. If you would like to join us, please send an email to Cherie Baines (ctfl.baines@gmail.com) or call at 239-776-5652. To donate please make your check out to VPC and in the memo line put Collier Harvest. Thank you!

CAFÉ OF LIFE has special need for a volunteer piano teacher for its children’s program on Wednesdays, 5-6pm and also for a guitar teacher any time Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 4 pm on. They also need a chaperone during lesson times on Friday. Any age teacher is fine. Also, volunteers are invited to take part in a “Fruit Blessing” at 9:30 am, on February 18, and March 18. Contact Eliza Nevin, elizanevin@comcast.net.

Meet the Leaders of the Capital Campaign



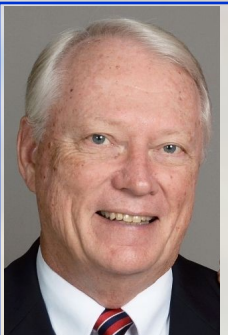
Steve Kutler
*Co-Chair—
Capital Campaign*
Church Involvement:
Elder
Music & Worship Team
Endowment Team
Chancel Choir

Leslie Loughran
*Co-Chair—
Capital Campaign*
Church Involvement:
Liturgist
Parish Life Ministry Team
Youth & Family Ministry



Susie Hilton
Prayer Director
Church Involvement:
Deacon, Elder, Stephen Ministry,
Liturgist, Chancel Choir, Choir
Communications Coordinator &
Co-Prayer Leader, Music &
Worship, VandeReaders,
Evangelism & Membership

Bob Martin
Lead Gift Director
Church Involvement:
Music & Worship Team
Chancel Choir



Jerry Warnken
Communications Director
Church Involvement:
Personnel Oversight Team
Usher
Elder
Nominating Committee

Jill Peterson
Bible Study Director
Church Involvement:
Elder, Deacon, Usher, Education
& Family Ministries, Membership
& Involvement, Parish Life,
Personnel Oversight, Wholistic
Health, Stephen Ministry,
Committee on Ministry



Jason Mikes
Influence Gifts Director
Church Involvement:
Sunday School Teacher
Middle School Youth Group
Leader

Molly Godley
*Children and Youth
Director*
Church Involvement:
Family Ministries,
Elder, Chancel Choir,
Mission Ministry Team,
Presbytery Commissioner,
Mission to Cuba



Carolyn Magarro
*Stewardship Team
Moderator*
Church Involvement:
Clerk of Session, Elder,
Personnel Oversight, Stephen
Ministry, Wholistic Health
Ministry, Presbytery
Commissioner, Usher Captain

Allen Walworth
Campaign Director



David Dehnart - VPC Administrator
Rob Marrow - VPC Pastor
Heather Mikes—VPC Christian Education Director
Lisa Lloyd - Technical/Design/Admin. Support
Ruth Wade - Financial Admin Support

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: December 2020:

	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$1,308,364	\$1,219,000
Expenses	\$1,198,809	\$1,219,000
Deo Mortgage Balance	12/31/2020	\$1,677,940



In everything
give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB

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)
MAJ Allen Fujinaka
US Army
(LaVerne Perrollaz's granddaughter's husband)
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!

*Marlene Everson	2/14
Jody Nowry	2/14
*Jim Everson	2/16
Pat Peters	2/16
Ron Nowry	2/17
Heidi Holley	2/18
*Heather Mikes	2/18
*Patty Shields	2/18
*Dick Creviston	2/19
*Chuck Lewis	2/19
*Ward Powers	2/19
*Carol Schwiars	2/19

*Jan Conrad	2/20
Peggy Leonard	2/20



***Birthday Club Members**

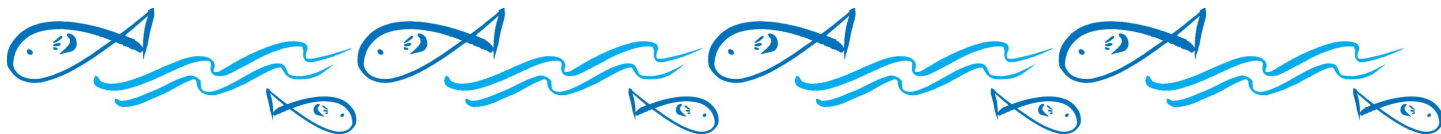
Interested in joining the Club? Birthday Club Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day. The VPC Endowment Team uses the interest income from the Birthday Club exclusively for Youth Activities! Please consider becoming a member of the Birthday Club. Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

Happy Anniversary!

Carol & Pete Schwiars	2/14
Dana & Joseph Riashi	2/16

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.



Joyce Bibb	Judy Malone
Bayne Carew	Millicent Marshall
Adriana Caruso	Mary Jo McMaster
Nancy Diederich	Elaine Nale
Frank Duggan	Don Neer
Jeffrey Elliott	Emily Orr
Jim & Wealtha Flick	The Otto Family
Jim Fligg	Domenico Paglia
Pattie Fruth	The Parker Family
Family of Joe	Lynne Schneider
Garrett	Fred Schulz
Quinten Hawkins	Carol Schwiers
Inspired Living at	Ron Sieling
Bonita Springs	Deborah Smith
Sandra Johnson	Liz Nowry Smith
Dennis Jones	Patricia Smith
Karen	Ann West
Danielle Kirby	The Yeomans Family

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. Call our Stephen Leader Referrals Coordinators: Don Sherman at 239-777-0847 (ds Sherman249@gmail.com) or Kay Beernink at 239-238-1526(leskaybee@aol.com).



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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