



February 21, 2021  
First Sunday in Lent



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:** Meditation on "Wondrous Love"

John Barr  
(b. 1938)

### Call to Worship

*Welcome to the time of covenant renewal.*

*The God of our salvation greets us here.*

**We are reminded of God's promises to us;**

**We remember the promises we have made.**

*Sense the Spirit descending on us now.*

*Hear God's welcoming voice.*

**Surely God is with us.**

**We can hear God calling our names.**

*Let us worship God.*

**Hymn:** "What Wondrous Love is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

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

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| 1. What wondrous love is this,<br>O my soul, O my soul,<br>What wondrous love is this, O my soul!<br>What wondrous love is this<br>that caused the Lord of bliss<br>To bear the heavy cross<br>for my soul, for my soul,<br>To bear the heavy cross for my soul! | 2. To God and to the Lamb<br>I will sing, I will sing,<br>To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;<br>To God and to the Lamb<br>Who is the great I Am,<br>While millions join the theme,<br>I will sing, I will sing;<br>While millions join the theme,<br>I will sing! | 3. And when from death I'm free.<br>I'll sing on, I'll sing on,<br>And when from death I'm free,<br>I'll sing on;<br>And when from death I'm free,<br>I'll sing and joyful be,<br>And through eternity,<br>I'll sing on, I'll sing on,<br>And through eternity, I'll sing on! |
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## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Have mercy on your church, O God, for we forget the covenant into which you call us. We muddle along in our self-serving schemes rather than waiting on your word. We follow the path of least resistance without seeking your higher way. We forget our baptism into a faith community built on trust and forgiveness. We turn from the vision of heaven to the treacherous hell of competing egos. O God, we turn to you to lead us to a new day. According to your steadfast love, forgive us, we pray.  
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

Drake DeBaun

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 25:1-10

- <sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.  
<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.  
<sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.  
<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.  
<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.  
<sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Solo:** "If Ye Love Me"

Malcolm Archer

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1952)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you  
another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **The Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup> God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup> When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

"The Promise of God"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

### **Offering**

**Offertory:** "A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester"

Leonard J. White

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1910-1973)

O holy Jesus, Most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, May I know Thee more clearly,  
Love Thee more dearly, And follow Thee more nearly, Day by day. Amen.

## 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

*God will teach you and lead you in truth.*

*God's mercy and steadfast love will surround you.*

**We will live as people of the promise.**

**We go out rejoicing in our baptism, in Christ.**

*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: "Sortie in F Major"

César Franck  
(1822-1890)

*Please remain seated until the end of the Postlude.*

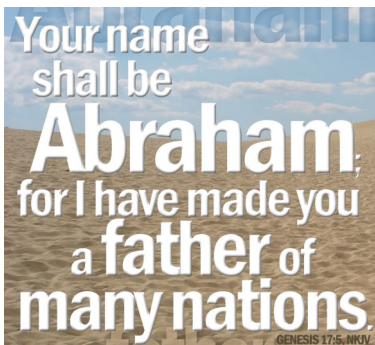


**Flowers on the chancel are donated in memory of Peggy Rowley, and in honor of Paul Rowley, for their many years supporting Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, and Habitat for Humanity of Collier County – from John Paalman & Carolyn De Vries**

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow**, *Pastor*  
**Susie Hilton**, *Liturgist for virtual worship*  
**Karen Chappler**, *Liturgist for Sunday worship*  
**Drake DeBaun**, *Christian Education Intern*  
**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*

**Sherry Hardgrove**, *Soprano for Sunday worship*  
**Greeters:** Priscilla & Steve Kutler  
**Ushers:** Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Tim Hall, Harley Ruppert, Doug Dunn, and Molly Godley  
**Soundboard Operator:** David Curtiss, *virtual worship*  
Victoria Bonavita, *Sunday worship*



## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

February 28: Second Sunday in Lent

First Scripture Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

## 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](mailto:bbonavita@vpcnaples.org)).



We are launching two giving campaigns on Sunday, February 28, 2021. The Annual Stewardship Campaign, to generate pledges for support of our operating budget, and the Capital Campaign, to eliminate the existing mortgage debt related to the Deo Gloria project. We ask that you prayerfully and joyously participate in both of these *Splendid Giving* initiatives. Take a moment to consider the abundant grace and blessing that God has poured out upon you and examine how you might use those blessings to the benefit of others. We greatly appreciate your prayerful consideration and timely response. Join us in *Splendid Giving* – for both the Annual Stewardship Campaign, “Now More Than Ever” and the Capital Campaign, “Forward in Faith.”

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

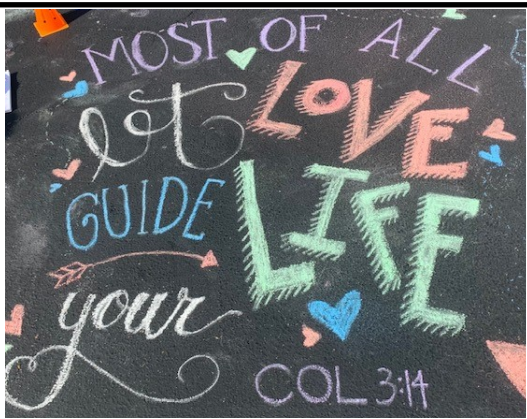
### ZOOM IN FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

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.





## "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](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org).

For campaign questions, contact Molly Godley at [godleyym@comcast.net](mailto:godleyym@comcast.net).

### SHARING THE LOVE!

Thank you VPC kids, youth and families who participated in "Chalk the Lot" last weekend. They covered the parking lot with meaningful Scripture, colorful art, and inspiring designs! Keep your eyes open, as we share what they love about our church.



## OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP



### THANK YOU FOR TACKLING HUNGER WITH US!

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.

### 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](mailto: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!



### CAFÉ OF LIFE:



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 while the regular person is out sick. Any age

teacher is fine. The lessons are held at the Café of Life office in downtown Bonita springs. Each lesson is a half hour each. There is more information about the music program on the Café of Life website. Please contact Eliza Nevin to volunteer or for more information. Thank you! [elizanevin@comcast.net](mailto:elizanevin@comcast.net).





## FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: January 2021:

	January	Budget
Operating Income	\$120,109	\$1,363,000
Expenses	\$110,641	\$1,363,000
Deo Mortgage Balance	1/31/2021	\$1,672,393



### 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. Grasseti**

(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



#### **Happy Birthday!**

Clive Ozard	2/21
John Miles	2/22
*Andrea Daggett	2/23
Thomas Loughran	2/23
Gee-Gee Schilling	2/23
*Dave Windley	2/23
*Emily Beynon	2/24
Yvonne Van Rooyen	2/24
Andrew Royan	2/25
Mauricio Aguilar	2/26
*Shirley Blanchard	2/26
*Joyce Geary	2/26
Mary Ann Koppelkam	2/26

*Terry Mountford	2/26
Ed Haller	2/27
June Johnson	2/27
Carson Kepen	2/27

#### **Happy Anniversary!**

Elizabeth & Al Todd	2/28
Gina & Todd Truax	2/28



#### **\*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 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.



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

*We are saddened to report the death of Bob Landon. Bob joined the Church Triumphant on February 14, 2021. Bob was a faithful member of Vanderbilt for over nineteen years. Please keep his wife Peggy and his family in your prayers. A memorial service will be held at a later date.*



### 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 Coordinator: Kay Beernink at 239-238-152 (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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