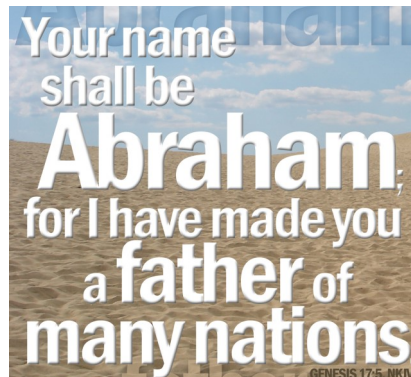




February 28, 2021  
Second Sunday in Lent



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:** "When We are in Deepest Need"

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

### Call to Worship

*We are invited to walk with God.*

*We are welcomed by God as people of the covenant.*

**How awesome to stand in the presence of our Creator!**

**We bring our praise to glorify God.**

*God calls us by name and gives us new names.*

*We are summoned to faithfulness and fruitfulness.*

**God not only speaks to us but also listens.**

**God hears our cries and meets our need.**

*Let us worship God.*

### A Moment for Splendid Giving

Leslie Loughran

**Hymn:** "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

MARTYRDOM

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

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| 1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed,<br>And did my Sovereign die!<br>Would He devote that sacred head<br>For sinners such as I!   | 2. Was it for sins that I have done<br>He suffered on the tree?<br>Amazing pity! Grace unknown!<br>And love beyond degree |
| 4. But drops of grief can ne'er repay<br>The debt of love I owe;<br>Here, Lord, I give myself away;<br>'Tis all that I can do. |   |

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God of our ancestors, we come to you, confessing that we have set our minds on human things. We have sought to gain the world—so many things to buy, so many things to do. Yet we are not satisfied. Life's meaning eludes us. Your ways seem out of date; your promises appear as the hopes and dreams of a past generation. But in our hearts we sense an eternal design which is for all generations, a way of life more satisfying than we have allowed ourselves to explore. O God, we confess our need for you. 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.

### First Scripture Reading

Romans 4:13-25

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Solo:** "I Give to You a New Commandment"

Peter Nardone

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1965)

I give to you a new commandment, a new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you. Amen.

### Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Message

"Hand in Hand with God"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

### Offering

### Offertory: "God Will Make a Way"

Don Moen (b. 1950)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

God will make a way where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me. He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side; With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way. By a roadway in the wilderness He'll lead me, and rivers in the desert I will see. Heaven and earth will fade, but His Word will still remain. He will do something new today. He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! What e'er I do, where're I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me! He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me; His faithful follower I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me. He will make a way.

### 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

*Dare this week to follow where Jesus leads.*

*Dare to love the unlovable and care about others.*

**We will trust the promises of God.**

**We go out to live as covenant people.**

*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:** "Voluntary in D Major"

John Stanley  
(1712-1786)

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



**The flowers on the chancel are donated  
In Celebration of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church from Molly Godley.**

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow**, *Pastor*  
**Suzanne Zelinka**, *Liturgist for virtual worship*  
**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 virtual worship*  
**David Curtiss**, *Baritone for Sunday worship*  
**Greeters:** Priscilla & Steve Kutler  
**Ushers:** Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Jim Hawkins, Joe Trees, Karen Chappler, Tom Maish and Jerry Warnken  
**Soundboard Operator:** Victoria Bonavita

**Jesus answered them,  
"DESTROY this temple and I will  
RAISE it again the three days."**

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

**March 7: Third Sunday in Lent**

**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

**Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22**

**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. If your plans change before 3pm on Friday, please call and let us know.



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.”

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

As part of the Splendid Giving Campaign, we will have a special Bible study series on Lifestyle Stewardship, led by our Capital Campaign Bible Study Director, Jill Peterson and Pastor Rob Marrow. The four week class begins on Wednesday, March 3rd at 7pm via Zoom. To join the Zoom meeting use Meeting ID: 884 1314 7006, Passcode: zLCUX6. The materials for the class are found on the church website [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org) with the Splendid Giving information or you may pick up a copy at the church office or on Sunday morning. Links to the PDF will be sent via email as well.

**Prayer of Faithful Stewardship**

*Gracious and generous God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. We acknowledge that all that we have is from you. We offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given. You are with us always. In each dark hour, you are here. In each bright hour, you are here. Blessed by your grace, may we show gratitude by sharing what we have been given. By serving our brothers and sisters, we serve you. We remain ever grateful for your constant love, the gift of your Son Jesus, and the presence of your Holy Spirit with us. Protect and guide us on our journey, and guide those who are involved in church stewardship and capital campaign leadership. We seek to be your faithful stewards. Amen.*

**Stewardship and Capital Campaign Prayer**

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for your many blessings, and turn to you with grateful hearts in anticipation for what is yet to be. Bless our combined stewardship and capital campaign journey as we move forward, placing our trust in You, with a deepening devotion to prayer, a spirit of hope, and a generous sacrificial heart. Send us your Spirit as we envision new ways we can share Jesus. Help us grow in love and mercy as we generously share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. In the name of your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

**Link to a daily prayer calendar for the Splendid Giving Campaigns:**

<https://vpcnaples.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Scriptures-Prayer-Calendar-FINAL.pdf>



## ANNUAL MEETING:



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Congregational Nominations Committee, and Directors for the VPC Endowment Trust Board, approve the 2021 Terms of the Pastoral Call, and to receive the 2020 Annual Report.

## EASTER LILIES:

Dedicate Easter lilies in honor or memory of your loved ones. Members and friends wishing to assist in funding the cost (any amount is appreciated) may do so by completing the form, available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, with your donation marked "Easter Lilies". To be included in the bulletin, please send your donation and dedication by March 25. 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, 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).

### SHARING THE LOVE!

Thank you VPC kids, youth and families who participated in "Chalk the Lot". 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.



### VPC GIVING TREK:



Join us for an adventure in giving! We're inviting VPC Kids & Families to explore God's world! God has given us all that we need. In response to God's love we are to care, share, love, serve and give to others. Your trek will begin outside on March 7th in the west parking lot, adjacent to the Student Center, immediately following conclusion of our in-person worship service (approximately 11:15 a.m.). We welcome you to register for in-person worship service and/or meet us outside afterward - whatever you are comfortable with. Get your passport stamped at four interactive stops, before returning to the customs tent where you'll receive a coin bank to take home. Collect your offering and return the bank on Dedication Sunday, March 28th. YOU can make a difference in our Stewardship and Capital Campaign! Please email Heather Mikes at [hmikes@vpcnaples.org](mailto:hmikes@vpcnaples.org) to book your adventure or Molly Godley at [godley@comcast.net](mailto:godley@comcast.net) for campaign questions.



## 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!**

Marcy Dietz	2/29
Will Goodchild	3/1
Roberta Hobbs	3/1
*Shirley Schwindt	3/1
Dale Tremblay	3/1
Amy Breton	3/2
Cheryl Desorcy	3/2
Lesley Dey	3/2
Barbara Feddern	3/2
Shar Rosser	3/2
Dixie Bibb	3/3
Danny Mitchell	3/3

Bill Dersch	3/5
Charles Rainbolt	3/5
Frank Schmitt	3/5
Ronald Kellogg	3/6

#### **Happy Anniversary!**

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

*Congratulations*  
**To our new Birthday Club Members!**

Helen Bechthold—January 17

Molly Cochran—February 6



#### **\*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	Karen
Bruce Berkinshaw	The Landon Family
Joyce Bibb	Judy Malone
Cameron Rasley	Millicent Marshall
Bayne Carew	Mary Jo McMaster
Adriana Caruso	Emily Orr
Nancy Diederich	Steve Oyer
Frank Duggan	Domenico Paglia
Jeffrey Elliott	The Parker Family
Roxanne & David	Lynne Schneider
Ezell	Carol Schwiers
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Ron Sieling
Jim Fligg	Deborah Smith
Pattie Fruth	Dennis Smith
Family of Joe	Liz Nowry Smith
Garrett	Patricia Smith
Ed Haller	Ann West
Quinten Hawkins	The Yeomans Family
Inspired Living at	
Bonita Springs	
Sandra Johnson	

*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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