



**March 14, 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

<sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup> Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction;

<sup>18</sup> they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

<sup>19</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress;

<sup>20</sup> he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

<sup>21</sup> Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

<sup>22</sup> And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

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:** "Cavatina" for Violin and Piano, Opus 85, No. 3  
Ian Jessee, *Violin*

Joachim Raff  
(1822-1882)

**Call to Worship**

*Awake from your sleep; God is asking for your best.*

*Remain alert; much will be required of you.*

**We want to be faithful in our work and witness.**

**We seek to honor Christ in worship and service.**

*God offers you the tongue of a teacher.*

*God sustains you with the strength of Christ.*

**We will listen for God's word.**

**We will speak on behalf of justice and truth.**

*Let us worship God.*

**A Moment for Splendid Giving**

Amber Grider

**Hymn:** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

ST. FLAVIAN

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

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| 1. Lord, who throughout these forty days<br>For us didst fast and pray,<br>Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins,<br>And close by Thee to stay | 2. As Thou with Satan didst contend,<br>And didst the victory win,<br>O give us strength in Thee to fight,<br>In Thee to conquer sin. |
| 3. And through these days of penitence,<br>And through Thy Passiontide,<br>Yea, evermore, in life and death,<br>O Lord, with us abide.        |   |

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

O God, we are not worthy to bend our knees before you. Too often, our actions have shouted, "Crucify!" Our fears have led to denial. Our self-interest has prompted false witness. We have compromised our integrity to avoid criticism. We have bowed down to false gods whose fleeting promises seem momentarily attractive. We are so confused! We want to do what is right, but we do not want to suffer. We would like to get rid of the burden of our mistakes, but we find it difficult to change. O God, deliver us from ourselves. 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

Proverbs 11:24-28

<sup>24</sup> Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. <sup>25</sup> A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water. <sup>26</sup> The people curse those who hold back grain, but a blessing is on the head of those who sell it. <sup>27</sup> Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to the one who searches for it. <sup>28</sup> Those who trust in their riches will wither, but the righteous will flourish like green leaves.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Solo:** "*Vidit suum dulcem natum*" from *Stabat Mater*

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

Michele Byrd, *Soprano* & Ian Jessee, *Violin*

(1710-1736)

*Vidit suum dulcem natum moriendo desolatum dum emisit spiritum.*

She saw her sweet child die desolate, as he gave up His spirit.

### Prayer for Illumination

## The Gospel Reading

Mark 14:3-9

<sup>3</sup> While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. <sup>4</sup> But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup> For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup> But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup> For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup> She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

"Hooray for the No-Names!"

Pastor Allen Walworth

Teaching Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Bonita Springs

Exec. Vice President, Generis Inc. (Generosity Consulting)

## Offering

**Offertory:** "Adoration" for Violin and Piano

Ian Jessee, *Violin*

Felix Borowski

(1872-1956)

## 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

*We are appointed as teachers and listeners.*

*We are equipped for trusting servanthood.*

**The cost of love is worth any price.**

**To live by love is to find fulfillment.**

*Alleluia!*

**Amen.**

**Postlude:** "Meditation" from *Thais*

Ian Jessee, *Violin*

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

Jules Massenet

(1842-1912)




**The flowers on the chancel are donated in loving memory  
of my husband TOM MAGARRO from Carolyn Magarro.**

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow**, *Pastor*  
**Pastor Allen Walworth**, *Guest Preacher*  
**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** given to the  
 Glory of God and in honor of James Cochran, Organist.

**Ian Jessee**, *Violinist for worship*  
**Michele Byrd**, *Soprano for virtual worship*  
**David Curtiss**, *Baritone for Sunday worship*  
**Greeters:** Priscilla & Steve Kutler  
**Ushers:** Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Doug Dunn, Tim Hall, Jerry Warnken, Karen Chappler and George Morton  
**Soundboard Operator:** Victoria Bonavita

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Due to the challenges of the pandemic and our sanctuary seating capacity, we are unable to have in-person worship for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. All of these services will be available as a virtual worship service on our website, [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org). We **WILL** have our special event—***Journey to the Cross***, on Palm Sunday, **March 28 at 10am**, outside in the parking lot. Please know that we have made these decisions in an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy. Thank you for understanding.

	<p><b>SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK</b></p> <p><b>March 21: Fifth Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p><b>Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34</b></p> <p><b>Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33</b></p>
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**REMEMBER! TODAY IS TIME CHANGE SUNDAY!**  
**SPRING FORWARD! SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR!**  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP WILL TAKE PLACE**  
**AT 10 AM IN THE NEW TIME!!**

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

**WELCOME IAN JESSEE, OUR GUEST VIOLINIST:** Ian Jessee is an active chamber musician, orchestral player and teacher throughout the United States and Europe. Mr. Jessee earned his bachelor's degree in performance from the Ohio State University where he studied with Michael Davis and chamber music studies with Kronos Quartet and Cavani Quartet. An avid performer, Mr. Jessee performs regularly with the West Virginia Symphony, the River Cities Symphony Orchestra, the Ohio Valley Symphony, and the Classical Music Festival in Eisenstadt, Austria, where he met Michele Byrd. He plays a Thomaso Eberle violin made in 1771.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** At its February meeting your Session approved **March 14, 2021 (TODAY)** as the date for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. The meeting will be held virtually, online using the Zoom meeting format at 12:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the next class of VPC officers (Elder, Deacon), members of the 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. Copies of the Annual Report and the Nominations are available in the Narthex and online. Use the link [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86236449316\\_pwd=SkxHblBOTVBQMkVyeUNacklFbTh1QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86236449316_pwd=SkxHblBOTVBQMkVyeUNacklFbTh1QT09) or use the following Meeting ID: 862 3644 9316 and Passcode: 325034 to log in on Zoom.



**ZOOM FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** is canceled this morning due to the Annual Meeting.



**Splendid Giving:** 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 is in full swing. 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. The four week class continues this Wednesday 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 or on Sunday morning. Links to the PDF will be sent via email as well.

### A Prayer for Offering

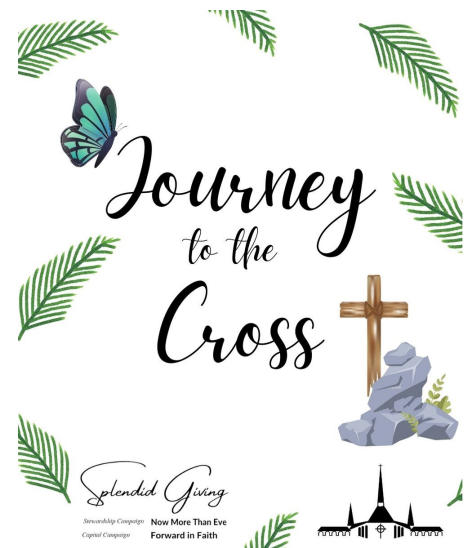
*Gracious God, giver of all we have and hold as keepers; grant the people of this church a deep and abiding awareness that all things come from you – our health, our incomes, our jobs, our talents and our generous impulse. Send your Holy Spirit to help us as we swim against the rising tides of materialism, envy, individualism and greed in our culture. When we are tempted to think of money as a private matter, remind us that you have asked for part of what we are given, to be returned to you as a symbol of our awareness that you give all we have. And further, help us to help each other in this grace of giving, for you are the lover of our souls and call us to nothing less than transformation in Jesus Christ our Lord. ~ 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>

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

**COME WITH US ON A JOURNEY TO THE CROSS**, an outdoor worship event exploring Holy Week from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection. Beginning at 10 am on Sunday, March 28, we invite you to drive through the porte-cochère anytime between 10-10:45 am - much like our Christmas Connection Caravan. You'll make five short stops on your journey, receiving items to help prayerfully reflect on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Dedication Sunday (Stewardship & Capital Campaigns). As you exit, please park in the lot facing the church and remain in your car OR bring your lawn chair and come sit, socially distanced, to enjoy a string trio in the Reserved Lot. Chalk art will be available. At 10:45 am, Pastor Rob will offer a time of worship, including a special time for the dedication of campaign pledges. This is intended to be a meaningful way for all to participate safely in the service and dedication. We will experience the joy, sorrow and incredible grace of God together. All are welcome. As we work our way through the challenges of this pandemic, we are creating ways to provide opportunities for our congregation to worship safely; ensuring that all are welcome, so we never have to turn anyone away from VPC. Our traditional Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter services will be held virtually. Based on historical attendance, Easter Sunday cannot be accommodated safely. Thanks for understanding.





**"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 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.

**ZOOM LUNCH WITH YOUR PASTOR AND BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday at noon, have lunch with Pastor Rob. Wednesday at 7pm is the Zoom Bible Study.

**ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?** Members from the several Ministry Teams are needed for a sub-committee of Buildings & Grounds. Chaired by David Curtiss, this group will evaluate existing technology infrastructure as we progress to a comprehensive digital upgrade for the church. With your interest please contact via email David Curtiss at [dwcurtiss@gmail.com](mailto:dwcurtiss@gmail.com) or David Dehnart at [ddehnart@vpcnaples.org](mailto:ddehnart@vpcnaples.org).

### OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WITH MISSIONS



**IT IS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MONTH!** Why not volunteer at Habitat for Humanity of Collier County? Wednesdays at 7:30 am we meet at VPC to go out to Habitat for Humanity. To join us, just wear comfortable work clothes and bring your own lunch. At 2pm we load up and head back to the church. For more information, please call John Paalman (818-642-2976) email: [johnpaalman@yahoo.com](mailto:johnpaalman@yahoo.com).

**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. The lessons are held at the Café of Life office in downtown Bonita springs. Also, volunteers are invited to take part in a "Fruit Blessing" at Café of Life, at 9:30 am, on March 18. Please contact Eliza Nevin to volunteer or for more information, [elizanevin@comcast.net](mailto:elizanevin@comcast.net).



**WEEKEND POWER PACK:** On Wednesday, March 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.



### 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](mailto:leskaybee@aol.com)).



## 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. 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!**

Asia Elsbree	3/14
Al Fletcher	3/14
Kevin Houston	3/14
*Sim Willey	3/14
*Loren Dawley	3/15
Elizabeth Lowe	3/15
Allison Bowman	3/16
Bill Hoffman	3/17
*Alayne Eastman	3/18
Elle Shepherd	3/18
Grayson Trees	3/18
Maureen Clark	3/19
Hans Hoppner	3/19
Phil Jacobus	3/19
*Karen Talford	3/19
*Nancy Metcalf	3/20



#### **\*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!**

There are no anniversaries this week.

### **EASTER LILIES**

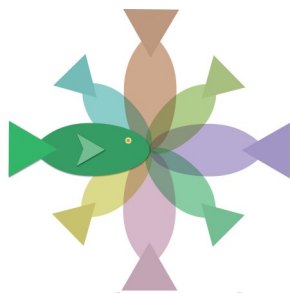
Dedicate Easter lilies in honor or memory of your loved ones. Members and friends wishing to assist in funding the cost (any amount is appreciated) may do so by completing the form, available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, with your donation marked "Easter Lilies". To be included in the bulletin, please send your donation and dedication by March 25. Questions? Call the office—597-5410.



## 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	Judy Malone
Bruce Berkinshaw	Emily Orr
The Bibb Family	Domenico Paglia
Cameron Rasley	Carlos Perez
Adriana Caruso	Twila Rowe
Gretchen Davison	Carol Schwiers
Nancy Diederich	Ron Sieling
Jeffrey Elliott	Deborah Smith
The Ferguson Family	Dennis Smith
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Liz Nowry Smith
Jim Fligg	Patricia Smith
Pattie Fruth	Ann West
Richard Grunert	
The Haller Family	
Quinten Hawkins	
Inspired Living at Bonita Springs	
Sandra Johnson	
Karen	
The Landon Family	
Larry MacDonald	



United in Christ



*We are saddened to report the death of **Tom Ferguson**. Tom passed unexpectedly on March 2, 2021. He was a regular attender of Vanderbilt. Please keep his wife Melinda and his family in your prayers.*

*Longtime affiliate member, **Ed Haller**, joined the Church Triumphant on March 9, 2021. Please keep his wife, Joan, and their family in your prayers. There will be a private memorial service at a later date.*

*Please keep VPC member, Dixie Bibb, and her family in your prayers on the death of her mother, **Joyce Bibb**. She passed away March 10, 2021 in Tennessee surrounded by her family.*

*Please keep choir member and regular attender, Russell Ramsey, in your prayers on the death of his daughter, **Sally Ramsey** on March 6, 2021.*

## 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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