

Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Glorify
YOUR
NAME

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: Variation I on "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Don Freudenburg
(d. 2007)

Call to Worship

The days are surely coming, says our God;

The day is here to affirm a new covenant.

We call on God's steadfast love and mercy.

We seek a strong and vital relationship with our God.

God offers us the joy of salvation.

Our brokenness can be healed and wholeness restored.

We are open to the new and right spirit God offers.

We seek guidance for our daily living.

Let us worship God.

A Moment for Splendid Giving

Mary Lynn Myers

Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

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

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. We know more of our own transgression than we have been willing to admit, even to ourselves. We cannot escape from the sin that clings so closely. By our actions and our neglect, we have done what is evil in your sight. May your judgment help us to face the truth about ourselves. Then wash away the stain of our iniquity. Create in us clean hearts, and renew our spirits. We are ready for a new life. 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.

First Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: “Wash me Thoroughly”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1810-1876)

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin. For I acknowledge my faults.

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"We Are God's People"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "He, Whom Angels Worship"

Traditional Irish

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

arr. Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship, Should pour his love upon the human race, Or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers, To bring all back within the fold of grace. But this I know, that he was born of Mary, When Bethlehem's manger was his only home, And that he lived and labored in Nazareth, And so the Savior of the world is come. I cannot tell how silently he suffered, As with his peace he graced this place of tears, Or how his heart upon the cross was broken, The crown of pain to three and thirty years. But this I know, he heals the brokenhearted, Forgives our sin, and calms our inmost fear, And lifts the burden from the heavy laden, For yet the Savior of the world is here. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship When, at his bidding, every storm is stilled, Or who can say how great the jubilation When all on earth with love are filled. But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture, And countless throngs of human voices sing, And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer, 'At last the Savior of the world is King!'

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 people of God, accepted and loved.

We are followers of Christ, commissioned for service.

Where Christ leads, we will follow.

Where our service is needed, we will go.

Alleluia!

Amen.

Sung Benediction: "The Irish Blessing"

Owen Goldsmith
(b. 1932)

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back; may the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Postlude: Variation III on "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Freudenberg

Please remain seated until the end of the Postlude.

**The flowers on the chancel are donated in In loving memory
of my husband, ALAN GEARY from Joyce Geary.**



**The sanctuary flowers are given by the Vanderbuilder's Sunshine Group in deep appreciation of
our dear friend and colleague Ed Haller, who passed away on March 9 at Avow Hospice.
His unforgettable spirit will continue to inspire and enliven our group.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor
Suzanne Zelinka, Liturgist for virtual worship
Mary Lynn Myers, Liturgist for Sunday worship
Drake DeBaun, Christian Education Intern
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.
Michele Byrd, Soprano for virtual worship

David Curtiss, Baritone for Sunday worship
Stanard Swihart, Tenor for Sunday worship
Greeters: Priscilla & Steve Kutler
Ushers: Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head Ushers*), Sue Van Fossen, Bill Van Fossen, Cherie Baines, David Baines, Jean Rawson
Soundboard Operator: David Curtiss (virtual) and Victoria Bonavita (Sunday)



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

March 28: Palm Sunday

Psalm Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-11

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. 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.

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.

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!



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 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.

Grateful and Generous Prayer

Heavenly Father and Creator of all we enjoy, we give you thanks for the countless people who have gone before us in the leadership of this church. We know that the Holy Spirit inspired some as they longed for this church, others as they built this church and still others as they lovingly and boldly led this church through times of abundance and times of scarcity. Help us to be bold as we model giving of time and money to this community. Make our bold and generous pledge a symbol of both our integrity and our gratitude. Then help us to encourage giving with one tenth of what we do and say, just as you did while physically teaching among your disciples. ~ 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>

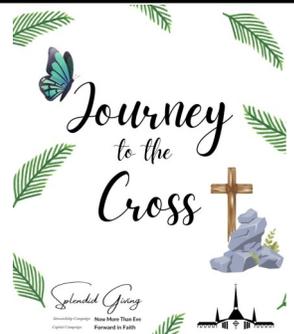
MUSIC FOR VIOLIN, VOICE AND KEYBOARD TO CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY! Our March Virtual Concert grew out of a beautiful friendship. It features Michele Byrd, *Soprano* and her friend, Ian Jessee, *Violin*. These two talented musicians met in Eisenstadt, Austria 12 years ago at the Classical Music Festival and have collaborated many times over those dozen years. The three of us decided to put this concert together after preparing the music for our worship services. We had a ball making this beautiful music come alive. Check the website under the Sermon Library for the Spring Concert. www.vpcnaples.org.



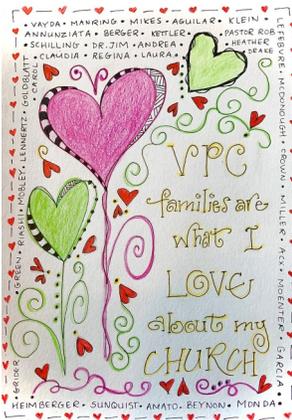
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

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

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. You'll make five short stops on your journey, receiving items to help reflect on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Dedication Sunday. 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. 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.



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.



"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 & Stewardship Campaign — *Splendid Giving*. Bring your posters to the church or send via email to Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org. **Thank you, Beth McDonough, for this work of heart! What a beautiful reminder of our church family.**

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 or David Dehnart at 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.

COLLIER HARVEST/FEED 5000: On Monday, March 22, 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. The event usually lasts about an hour. We can only bring 9 VPC volunteers to this event, so if you are available and would like to join us, send an email to Cherie Baines at ctfl.baines@gmail.com.

WEEKEND POWER PACK: On Wednesday, March 24, 2021, VPC volunteers are needed to pack bags of food for homeless children. 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. Please contact Cherie Baines at ctfl.baines@gmail.com for more information.

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 239-238-1526 (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!

Bill Cattrell	3/21
*Karen Hiller	3/21
Marsha Bennett	3/22
*Ewald Forsbrey	3/22
*Carmen Campbell	3/23
Judith Jacobs	3/24
Ellie Desorcy	3/26
Lynn Greenblatt	3/26
Brendan Barber	3/27
Pamela Barber	3/27
Bruce Hobbs	3/27
Ruth Schulte	3/27



***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!

Ann & Bill Hoffman	3/23
Karen & Richard Talford	3/25



DO YOU NEED HELP SCHEDULING A COVID VACCINE?

As some of you know, the VPC office staff have been trying to help members and friends of VPC get a **COVID-19 VACCINE APPOINTMENT**. In an effort to reach out to this congregation and others in need, we would like to extend the offer to families and friends. If you, or someone you know, needs help getting an appointment, let them know that VPC is here to help. It does not matter if they are members, Presbyterian or Catholics... we are all walking the Christian walk. To have an appointment scheduled for you, or for more information, please call **BARBARA BONAVIDA** at **(239)597-5410** during office hours, **Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.**



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



Please keep **Karen Chappler** in your prayers on the death of her son, Alexander Kelley-Ferris Chappler, at the age of 40 on March 11. Memorial services will be held in Kentucky.



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.

The Haller Family would like to thank the congregation of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church for their loving care and concern upon the recent death of Ed. This Sunday, March 21, following the 10am service, the family will gather on the courtyard in front of the church. Anyone that wishes to greet them will be welcome. Thank you for your kindness at this difficult time.

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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