



March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

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

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: “Prelude in D Minor”

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Call to Worship

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

We celebrate the steadfast love of God, our Creator.

Surely God is faithful to all who live in covenant.

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom.

God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The ordinances of God are true and righteous.

In following them, we gain wisdom and strength.

Let us worship God.

A Moment for Splendid Giving

Tom Hurley

Hymn: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

LONESOME VALLEY

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

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
He had to walk it by Himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for Him,
He had to walk it by Himself.
2. We must walk this lonesome valley,
We have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us,
We have to walk it by ourselves.
3. You must go and stand your trial,
You have to stand it by yourself,
O nobody else can stand it for you,
You have to stand it by yourself.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We have come to your temple, loving God, because this is your place, not ours. We confess that we sometimes forget whose house this is. We forget that all the world belongs to you as we scramble for all we can claim for ourselves. Our actions deny your love, which is at the heart of your perfect law. Our minds have justified the bending and breaking of your law to suit current trends and feelings. We cry out for forgiveness and the opportunity for a fresh start. Clear us of hidden faults and redeem us from those we recognize and confess. 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.

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

¹ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹² Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "The Call" from Five Mystical Songs

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1872-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death. Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my
Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"The True Temple"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "One Bread, One Body"

John B. Foley (b. 1939)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.
Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the

Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, as you fed your people in the wilderness with unexpected food, so you feed us at this table with a simple loaf and cup. Here you transform us, by the working of your wondrous love. Now send us out to be Christ's body in your broken and beautiful world to bear your good news of hope and joy for all. Amen.

Commission and Blessing

You have been embraced by God's power and love.

Dare to face the world, bearing God's wisdom.

We proclaim the crucified one, Jesus Christ.

The power of love is not destroyed by death.

Alleluia!

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

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

Postlude: "Toccata in E Minor "

Johann Pachelbel

Please remain seated until the end of the Postlude.

(1653-1706)





The flowers on the chancel are donated in honor of loved ones by an anonymous donor.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
Jerry Grandey, *Liturgist for virtual worship*
Rev. Louis S. Thompson, *Parish Associate and*
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.

Michele Byrd, *Soprano for virtual worship*
David Curtiss, *Baritone for Sunday worship*
Greeters: Priscilla & Steve Kutler
Ushers: Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin (*Head*
Ushers), Rebecca Beavers, Nellie Cummins, Jean Rawson,
 Joe Trees, Sue Van Fossen, Bill Van Fossen, Becky
 Wheat
Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

March 14: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Guest Preacher: Pastor Allen Walworth

Sermon Title "Hooray for the No-Names!"

First Scripture Reading: Proverbs 11:24-28

Gospel Reading: Mark 14:3-9



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.



We launched *Splendid Giving* last week. 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. 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.

Generous and Loving God

Generous and loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all that we have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will. We are listening. Speak your words into the depth of our souls, that we may hear you clearly. We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives, whether it be at home, at work, or at school. We seek to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and the fervor to carry out our good intentions. We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbors. Help us to reach out to others as you have reached out to us. 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: At its February meeting your Session approved **March 14, 2021** 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 Nominations are available in the Narthex and online. The Epistle from Friday, March 5th also contained links to copies.



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.

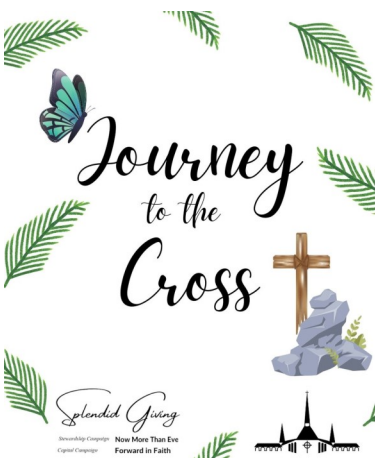
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

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 & Stewardship Campaign — *Splendid Giving*. Bring your posters to the church or email to Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org.

COME WITH US ON A JOURNEY TO THE CROSS, an outdoor worship event exploring Holy Week from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection. Beginning at **10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 28**, we invite you to drive through the porte-cochère anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. - 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 and 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 also be available. **At 10:45 a.m.**, Pastor Rob will offer a time of worship, including a special 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; and ensuring that all are welcome, so that we never have to turn anyone away from Vanderbilt. Our traditional Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services will be held virtually. Based on historical attendance, Easter Sunday cannot be accommodated safely. Thanks for your understanding.



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.

CAFÉ OF LIFE: 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.

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's 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!

*Sonia McDonald	3/7
Margaret Swaby	3/7
Kristy Jackson	3/9
Judy Malone	3/9
Bruce Baker	3/10
Riley Grider	3/10
Anna McDonough	3/11
Hattie Mikes	3/11
Libby Catanese	3/12
*Pat Colby	3/12
Clark Smith	3/13



Happy Anniversary!

John & Susanne Pender	3/7
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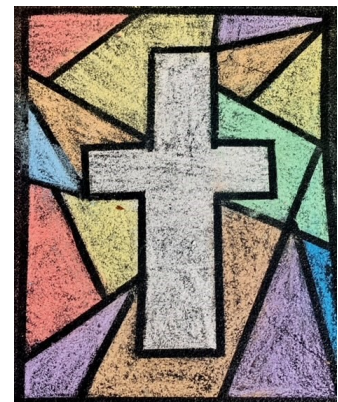


***Birthday Club Members**

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!

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.



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	The Landon Family
Bruce Berkinshaw	Larry MacDonald
Joyce Bibb	Judy Malone
Cameron Rasley	Millicent Marshall
Adriana Caruso	The Marzano Family
Gretchen Davison	Mary Jo McMaster
Nancy Diederich	Emily Orr
Frank Duggan	Steve Oyer
Jeffrey Elliott	Domenico Paglia
Roxanne & David Ezell	The Parker Family
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Carlos Perez
Jim Fligg	Twila Rowe
Pattie Fruth	Lynne Schneider
Family of Joe Garrett	Carol Schwiars
Becky Hadlock	Ron Sieling
Ed Haller	Deborah Smith
Quinten Hawkins	Dennis Smith
Inspired Living at	Liz Nowry Smith
Bonita Springs	Patricia Smith
Sandra Johnson	Ann West
Karen	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 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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