

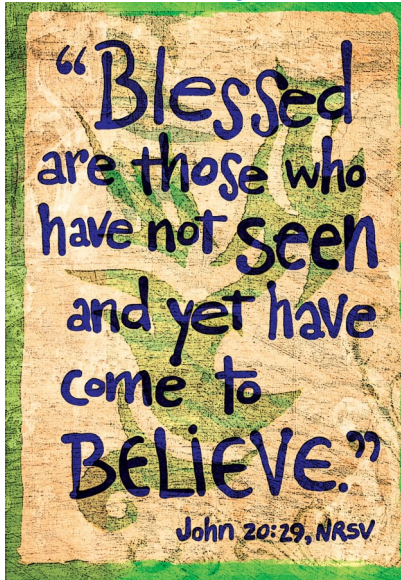
# Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Announcements

**Prelude:** "Air" from the *Orchestral Suite in D Major*

Barry Ross, *Violin*

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

### A Moment for Splendid Giving

Leslie Loughran & Carolyn Magarro (virtual)  
Steve Kutler & Carolyn Magarro (Sunday)

### Call to Worship

*Early believers were of one heart and soul.*

*We, too, are called to find common ground in Christ.*

**How very good and pleasant it is**

**When kindred live together in unity.**

*Peace be with you as we celebrate resurrection.*

*Christ is with us to renew our faith.*

**We are here to testify to God's grace.**

**We will share our story and ourselves.**

*Let us worship God.*

**Hymn:** "Christ is Alive!"

TRURO

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

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

We have taken the name Christian, but few of us are known primarily by that name. We have experienced Easter radiance, but we seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives. Sometimes we delude ourselves that, because we are basically good people, there is no sin in us. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Sin is separation from You, and we have allowed great chasms and built high walls to keep You out of our lives. 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

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

Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Solo: "Domine Deus" from *Gloria*

Antonio Vivaldi

Michele Byrd, *Soprano* & Barry Ross, *Violin*  
*Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.*  
Lord God, Heavenly King, God Almighty Father.

(1678-1741)

### Prayer for Illumination

## The Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

"Splendid Giving Can Lead to Splendid Living"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

## Offering

## Offertory: "Hallelujah"

Barry Ross, *Violin*

Leonard Cohen  
(1934-2016)

## 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

*You are sent into the world as a sign of God's love.*

*Go forth, carrying God's peace to all you meet.*

**We will live in unity with our kindred;**

**We will listen and speak as God guides us.**

*Alleluia!*

**Amen.**

**Solo: "Benediction"**

Jay Althouse

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1951)

Be with us, Lord Jesus, until we meet again. We pray You will guide us; we know not where or when.  
Lord, give us Your blessing and fill our hearts with peace; And may Your love grow stronger and never cease.

**Postlude: "Czárdás"**

Barry Ross, *Violin*

Vittorio Monti

(1868-1922)

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

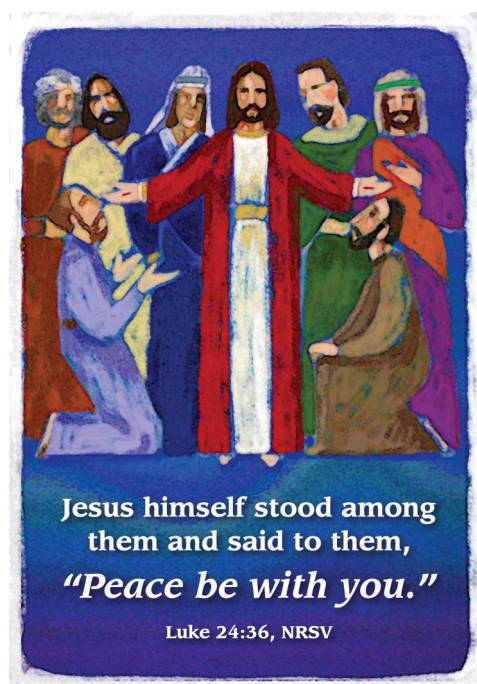


**The flowers on the chancel are donated in loving memory  
of HANK HEITMANN from Bunny.**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow**, *Pastor*  
**Bill Payne**, *Liturgist for virtual worship*  
**Jerry Grandey**, *Liturgist for Sunday worship*  
**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.

**Heather Mikes**, *Director of Christian Education*  
**Barry Ross**, *Violin*  
**Michele Byrd**, *Soprano for virtual worship*  
**David Curtiss**, *Baritone for Sunday worship*  
**Soundboard Operator**: Victoria Bonavita



**SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK**

**April 18: Third Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading: Acts 3:12-19**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48**

## 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.

# Worship

**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!



**WELCOME VIOLINIST, BARRY ROSS, TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:** Dr. Barry Ross served as Assistant Conductor and Concertmaster of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra for 35 years, during which he founded the Family Discovery Concerts and built the Kalamazoo Symphony Youth Concert programs. He is Emeritus Professor of Music from Kalamazoo College, where he founded the Kalamazoo College and Community Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra, now the Kalamazoo Philharmonia. He has appeared as Conductor, Concertmaster and Violin Soloist all over the United States. Ross holds the distinction of being the first violinist to receive a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from Yale University. In Kalamazoo, Barry teaches at the Crescendo Academy of Music and performs regularly as guest Violinist, Concertmaster, and lecturer. He has published numerous articles and books on music and music-making and now appears regularly performing classics, standards and jazz throughout the Midwest. Throughout his career he has appeared often in live and recorded contemporary and jazz performances.

# Special Music

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT** of the *Splendid Giving* Campaigns. We will share the final report on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at the Sunday service (virtually and in-person).

*Splendid Giving*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

**ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?** Members from 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

# Ways you can SERVE

[ddehnart@vpcnaples.org](mailto:ddehnart@vpcnaples.org).

## ZOOM LUNCH WITH YOUR PASTOR AND BIBLE STUDY:

Resume this week! Tuesday at noon, have lunch with Pastor Rob. Wednesday at 7pm is the Zoom Bible Study.

—STAYING—  
CONNECTED



## OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WITH MISSIONS

**WEEKEND POWER PACK:** On Wednesday, April 14, 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) for more information or to volunteer.



**CAFÉ OF LIFE:** On Thursday, April 15 at 9:30 am VPC volunteers are invited to take part in a "Fruit Blessing" at Café of Life, Leitner Park, 26274 Nomad Drive, Bonita Springs. Volunteers can drop the fruit off at the park or stay to help serve it. Please invite your friends to participate and see for themselves how God can work through each one of us. To learn more about this beautiful volunteering opportunity, please contact Eliza Nevin at [elizanevin@comcast.net](mailto:elizanevin@comcast.net)



**COLLIER HARVEST/FEED 5000:** On Monday, April 19, 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 from Golden Gate, East Naples, and Immokalee Middle Schools. The fare includes dry and can goods. VPC has been participating in Collier Harvest packing events for years. It is a wonderful way to give back to the community! The event usually lasts about an hour. We can only bring nine VPC volunteers to this event, so if you are available and would like to join us, please send an email to Cherie Baines ([ctfl.baines@gmail.com](mailto:ctfl.baines@gmail.com))



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELP

**PRE-REGISTER TO GET YOUR COVID VACCINATION AT VPC!** We are partnering with the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the state COVID vaccination program to help vaccinate more individuals. The event will be held at the church on **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, from 9 AM to 3:00 PM. Members and friends of VPC will have a chance to **PRE-REGISTER** before it is offered to the general public. Email Barbara Bonavita ([bbonavita@vpcnaples.org](mailto:bbonavita@vpcnaples.org)) with your first & last name, phone number, date of birth and preferred time. Secure your spot today!



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



## FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: February 2021:

	February	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$131,962	\$ 252,071	\$1,363,000
Expenses	\$ 97,663	\$ 208,304	\$1,363,000
Deo Mortgage Balance	2/28/2021	\$1,666,828	



In everything  
give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB

## 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)

### **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)



**PRAY**  
FOR OUR MILITARY

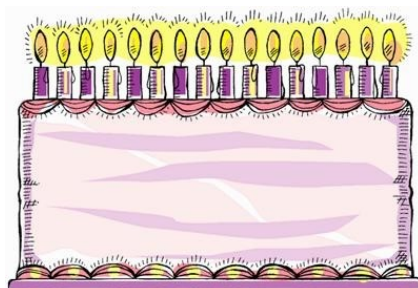


### **Happy Birthday!**

Gil Grady	4/11
Betsy Witte	4/11
Marian Cattrell	4/12
*Wealtha Flick	4/12
Dick Hardgrove	4/12
Gayle Kaderly	4/12
Gary Christensen	4/13
Donna Wolf	4/13
*Jim Flick	4/14
Arlene Kirk	4/14
Colette Vayda	4/14
Lois Ann Folliard	4/15
McKenzie McDonough	4/16
Jonathan Raskauskas	4/16
*Ells Bowser	4/17

### **\*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!**

Ali & Michael Frimpter	4/11
Margaret & Lance Waters	4/11
Penny & Rodger Jacob	4/12
Peggy & Stanley Leonard	4/13
Ells & Joanne Bowser	4/17

*Congratulations*

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

Hattie Mikes: March 11  
Judith Jacobs: March 21  
Bill Reckmeyer: January 2  
Jodi Reckmeyer: July 12



## 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	Don Neer
Harry Brown	Emily Orr
Adriana Caruso	Domenico Paglia
The Chappler Family	Bruce Reyher
Gretchen Davison	Twila Rowe
Loren Dawley	Frank Schmitt
Nancy Diederich	Carol Schwiers
Jeffrey Elliott	Sid Showalter
Marlene Everson	Ron Sieling
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Deborah Smith
Jim Fligg	The Family of
Mike Frimpter	Dennis Smith
Pattie Fruth	Liz Nowry Smith
Richard Grunert	Patricia Smith
Quinten Hawkins	John Spain
Inspired Living at	Alexandra Sze &
Bonita Springs	Baby Luca Ryan
Sandra Johnson	Ann West
Karen	
Larry MacDonald	

We are saddened to announce the death of **Dennis Smith** on March 29 in Indiana. Dr. Smith and his wife have been faithful members of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church where he volunteered on numerous committees, was a church Elder, and was a member of the church choir. Please keep his wife, Suzanne, and his family in your prayers. A memorial service was held in Indiana.

PEACE  
BE WITH  
you

## 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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