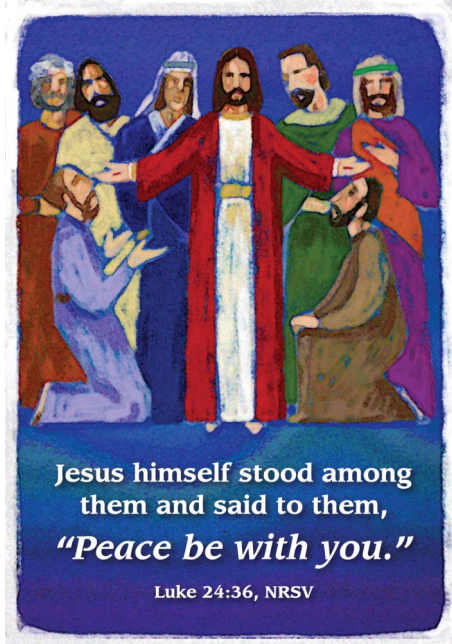


Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 4

- ¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right!
You gave me room when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- ² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?
- ³ But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.
- ⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.
- ⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- ⁶ There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"
- ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.
- ⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

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: "Fantasia" for Oboe and Cello

Dr. Alphonse Tatarunis

Connie Weiss, *Oboe* and John Weiss, *Cello*

Call to Worship

Beloved, we are God's children now.

What we will be has not yet been revealed.

We are here to remember Jesus Christ.

We want to be like the One who lived by love.

Our faith strengthens us for each day's living.

God empowers our ministries of caring.

We trust God whose children we are.

We look forward to what God will reveal to us.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

LLANFAIR

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

1. "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We are disturbed and distressed, O God, by the evil that surrounds us. It is hard to view many people we see as your children: murderers, abusers, those who cheat others and profit at their expense. We feel like victims. Why should we confess our sins when there is so much evil beyond our influence? Yet we know we do not abide in your love. We sin by turning away from sisters and brothers who are also beloved by you, however they may differ from us. We seek the forgiveness you promise and the health you offer. 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 3:12-19

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷ "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "O, Divine Redeemer"

Charles Gounod

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(1818-1893)

Ah! Turn me not away, receive me though unworthy! Hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from thy throne, haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid, Thy pity show in my deep anguish! Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, though righteous thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call. O divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins! Forgive me, O divine Redeemer! Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to Thee; Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry! Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy! Come and save me, O Lord! Save, in the day of retribution, from Death shield Thou me, O my God! O, divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!

Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"Faith is a Gift from God"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Offering

Offertory: "On Eagle's Wings"

Michael Joncas (b. 1951)

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!" The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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 have been touched by mystery and wonder.

Let us live as God's beloved children.

What we will become has not yet been revealed.

We are confident in God's will for us.

Alleluia!

Amen.

Benediction Response:

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

(Copyright 1955 by Jan-Lee Music. Renewed 1983. Used by permission.)

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: "Thine is the Glory"

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Gordon Black, *Piano* and James Cochran, *Organ* arr. Lani Smith (1934-2015)

Please remain seated until the end of the Postlude.



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

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor

Suzanne Zelinka, Liturgist for virtual worship

Mary Lynn Myers, 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

Michele Byrd, Soprano for virtual worship

David Curtiss, Baritone for Sunday worship

Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano for Sunday worship

Gordon Black, Piano

Connie Weiss, Oboe

John Weiss, Cello

Greeters: Priscilla & Steve Kutler

Ushers: Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin

(Head Ushers), Nellie Cummins, Rebecca Beavers, Molly Godley, Joe Trees, Becky Wheat

Soundboard Operator: Victoria Bonavita

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

April 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18



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!



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 or David Dehnart at ddehnart@vpcnaples.org.

Ways you can
SERVE

ZOOM LUNCH WITH YOUR PASTOR AND BIBLE STUDY:

Join us for lunch or Bible Study....or both!
Tuesday at noon, have lunch with Pastor Rob.
Wednesday at 7pm is the Zoom Bible Study.

—STAYING—
CONNECTED

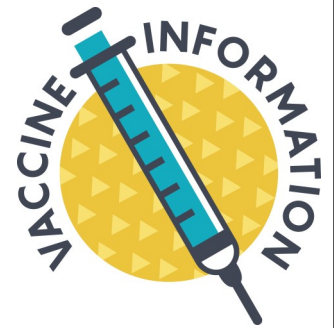
OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WITH MISSIONS

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)



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 24th**, 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) 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).

I pray that ... Christ may dwell in
your hearts through faith,



as you are being
rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3:16-17, NRSV

*Remember...we are
rooted and grounded in love!*

We pray for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through this challenging season. We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences. We pray for those who are suffering with sickness and all who are caring for them. We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable to not succumb to the risks of the virus. We pray for misinformation to be curbed that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds. As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide, may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us.

Amen.

FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND: March 2021:

	March	YTD	Budget
Operating Income	\$107,986	\$ 360,057	\$1,363,000
Expenses	\$ 74,072	\$ 282,377	\$1,363,000
Deo Mortgage Balance	3/31/2021	\$1,661,243	

You will be enriched
in every way to be
generous in every way.
which through us will
produce thanksgiving
to God.
2 Corinthians 9:11

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)



Happy Birthday!

*Ryan Bratt	4/19	*Jill Dunn	4/22
Dick Clark	4/19	*Dick Hilton	4/23
Robert Conrad	4/19	Bob Ruesch	4/23
Christi Millard	4/19	Hunter Shields	4/23
Sterling J. Desorcy	4/20	Jacob Shields	4/23
Ruth Felipe	4/20	Kendall Shields	4/23
Lillia Guttshall	4/20	*Reggie Smith	4/23
Tracey Barry	4/21	Carolyn Elmore	4/24
Lauren Raskauskas	4/21	Aubrey Sunquist	4/24
Amanda Rowe	4/21	Sienna Sunquist	4/24
Scott Cunningham	4/22	Al Todd	4/24



*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!

Karen & Jim Hill	4/19
Bayne & Myrna Carew	4/22
Christopher & Micheale Bowman	4/23

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.

The Brown Family	Frank Schmitt
Adriana Caruso	Carol Schwiers
Gretchen Davison	Sid Showalter
Jeffrey Elliott	Ron Sieling
Jim & Wealtha Flick	Deborah Smith
Jim Fligg	The Family of
Mike Frimpter	Dennis Smith
Pattie Fruth	Liz Nowry Smith
Richard Grunert	John Spain
Quinten Hawkins	Alexandra Sze &
Inspired Living at	Baby Luca Ryan
Bonita Springs	
Sandra Johnson	
Larry MacDonald	
Judy Malone	
Don Neer	
Emily Orr	
Jonathan Orr	
Domenico Paglia	
Bruce Reyher	
Twila Rowe	

PEACE
BE WITH
you



We are saddened to announce the death of **Harry Brown** on April 7, 2021. Harry and his wife, Judy, have been faithful members of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church for over thirteen years. Please keep his family in your prayers. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

We are sorry to announce the death of former member, **John L. Beggs**. He and his wife, Joan, moved to Indiana in 2019. He passed away on April 1, 2021. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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.



1225 Piper Blvd., Naples, FL 34110-1252 Office: 239-597-5410
Learning Center: 239-594-9557 www.vpcnaples.org
The church is a member of the Peace River Presbytery, the Synod of South Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (USA). OneLicense.net 3 A-719387

