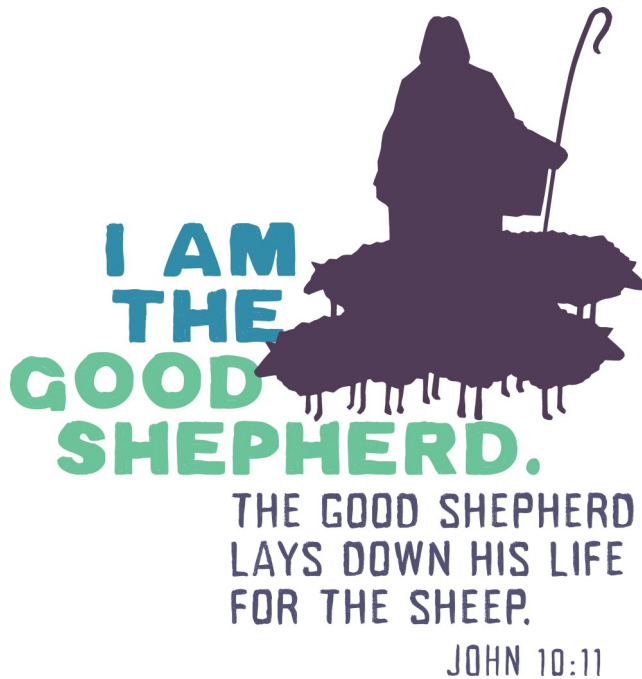


# Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 25, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Easter



## Psalm 23

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

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 on Two Easter Hymns: "Christ is Alive" and "Jesus Shall Reign"

Iteke Prins  
(b. 1937)

### Call to Worship

*The Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures.*

*We are refreshed beside still waters.*

**We have been given everything we have.**

**God offers us everything we need.**

*When we walk through shadowed valleys, God is with us.*

*We are comforted and reassured.*

**God leads us in the right path.**

**Our cups are filled to overflowing.**

*Let us worship God.*

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

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.
2. My soul He doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none ill;  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.
4. My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Good Shepherd, we have wandered down the strange pathways of our world. We have ventured into dead-end streets that looked more inviting than the narrow ways marked out by the signposts of your love. We have trusted other voices and turned away from your truth. We have accepted your gifts without acknowledgment. We have failed to use our overflowing cups to fill the cups of sisters and brothers who need what we could offer. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to your fold. 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 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup> The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Solo:** "Loving Shepherd of thy Sheep"

Philip Ledger

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1937)

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, Keep thy lamb, in safety keep; Nothing can thy power withstand, None can pluck me from thy hand. I would praise thee every day, Gladly all thy will obey, Like thy blessed ones above Happy in thy precious love. Loving Shepherd, ever near, Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear; Suffer not my steps to stray From the straight and narrow way. Where thou leadest I would go, Walking in thy steps below, Till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

## Prayer for Illumination

### The Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

"The Good Shepherd"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**Offering**

**Offertory:** "The Twenty-Third Psalm"

Traditional English Melody

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

arr. Jay Althouse (b.1951)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie. In pastures green, He leadeth me, The quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness e'en for His own name's sake. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill, For Thou art with me and Thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes. My head Thou dost with oil anoint and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

**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**

*God's love in Jesus Christ has blessed us.*

*We have received the gift of God's own Spirit.*

**Surely goodness and mercy will pursue us through life.**

**We will dwell in the house of our Good Shepherd.**

*Alleluia!*

**Amen.**

**Benediction Response:**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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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:** Postlude on Christ is Risen!

Murray C. Bradshaw

(b. 1930)

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



**The flowers on the chancel are donated  
to the Glory of God by Jean Hahm.**



**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, Pastor**

**Sue Van Fossen, Liturgist for virtual worship**

**Jim Muir, 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**

**Greeters:** Priscilla & Steve Kutler

**Ushers:** Carolyn Magarro & Claudia Polzin

(*Head Ushers*), Sue Van Fossen, Bill Van Fossen,  
Tom Maish, Karen Chappler & Jerry Warnken

**Soundboard Operator:** Victoria Bonavita



## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

May 2:

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading: 1 John 4:7-21**

**Gospel reading: John 15:1-8**

## 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!



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION



### 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.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WITH MISSIONS

**WEEKEND POWER PACK:** On Wednesday, April 28, 2021, volunteers are needed to pack 160 bags of food for homeless children or those living at poverty level as part of the Weekend Power Pack Program. The bags will be packed in Fellowship Hall at VPC. 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.



**HELPS OUTREACH:** Please donate nonperishable food to Helps Outreach by dropping it off at VPC or taking it to Helps Outreach, 2025 J & C Blvd. Especially needed are canned tuna, salmon, chicken, fruit, peanut butter, diapers, and women's hygiene products. Donations can be dropped off at Helps on Monday, Tuesday,



Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Also, volunteers are needed to help sort and arrange donated items, pick up furniture, and assist clients in the office. For additional information, to donate or volunteer, please contact Joe or Angie Valentini at [helpsoutreach@hotmail.com](mailto:helpsoutreach@hotmail.com) or call (239) 593-3226.

**REMEMBER...WE ARE ROOTED IN FAITH AND GROUNDED IN LOVE!**

As we begin to think about what our worship looks like in the future, with more and more of our membership getting vaccinated and rejoining us in person, we are reminded that our first responsibility is to treat one another with kindness and love. We will continue to listen to the words of Christ, ***"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."*** (John 13:34).

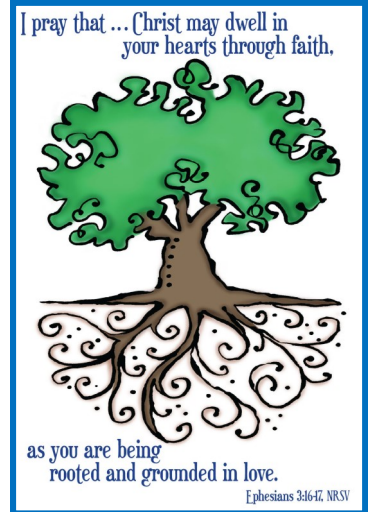
We will continue to follow the recommendations of the CDC, including wearing masks and maintaining a 3-foot social distance between family units. We are still requesting that you register for worship, if you choose to attend in person on Sunday mornings. As always, you may watch the worship service anytime via our website.

The Worship Music and Liturgical Arts Team continues to discuss the concerns and questions about worship at their monthly meetings. In the coming months, they will look at new possibilities for increased participation of our families and young people and our church committees. If you feel called to help your church now or in the future, we are in urgent need of greeters and ushers. We have an opportunity to reimagine these jobs while following the CDC guidelines for safe gatherings, so if you want to be involved, let us know! We need your help! Contact Claudia Polzin:

[claudiapolzin239@gmail.com](mailto:claudiapolzin239@gmail.com).

Each person has a different level of comfort when it comes to gathering together as the Body of Christ. We are doing everything we can to make sure that all our members are comfortable and feel supported and loved.

***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.***



**SAVE A LIFE....SIGN UP FOR THE BLOOD DRIVE:**

**BLOOD  
DRIVE**

Sunday, May 2nd from 9 am - 12 pm. Call the church to schedule a time 597-5410. All FDA & CDC guidelines are being followed. Donors are required to bring & wear face masks. Photo ID is required. Eat a meal before donating & be well hydrated. Thank you for your donation!

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





## 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

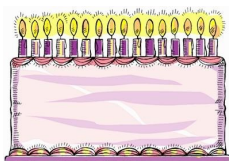
US Navy (John & Roberta McMaster's  
granddaughter's husband)

**PRAY FOR OUR**  
  
**MILITARY**



### Happy Birthday!

*David Gibson	4/25
*Olivia Mitchell	4/25
*Wendy Baker	4/26
Ann Hansen	4/26
Della Sheppard	4/26
Richard Grunert	4/27
Chris Wood	4/28
*Jim Hart	4/29
*Stephen Myers	4/30

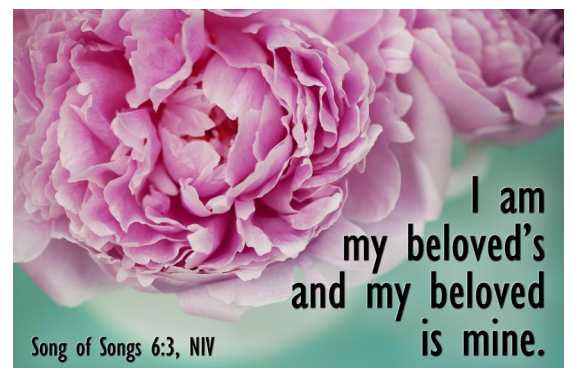


### \*Birthday Club Members

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!

Tracey & Theodore Barry	4/25
Courtney & Emilio Martinez	4/25
Chong & Randall Devine	4/26
Linda & Ron Addaman	4/29
Alice & Dennis Lebo	4/29
Tony & Yvonne Van Rooyen	4/29
Clifford & Margaret Swaby	5/1
Caroline & Michael Thomas	5/1



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



We are saddened to announce the death of **Mike Frimpter** on April 17, 2021. Mike and his wife, Ali, have been faithful members of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church for over twenty-six years. Ali has been a long time member of the Chancel Choir. Please keep his family in your prayers. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.



## 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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