

Vanderbilt
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



November 21, 2021
**Christ The King
Sunday**

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

Welcome to Vanderbilt! We rejoice that you are here to worship God with us. Children are important members of our faith community and are welcome in worship. Nursery ministry is also available. Please ask an usher if assistance is needed. As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the service. The asterisk (*) in the bulletin indicates that the congregation is asked to stand as able. We use responsive or unison readings and prayers at different times. The leader will read the words in *italics*. The congregation reads the words in **bold print**.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Prayer of Preparation

Loving God, only you established the eternal kingdom into which you call each one who will accept the Christ as King of Kings. We give you our praise and thanksgiving, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Prelude: "Voluntary in C Major"

Richard Peek
(1927-2005)

* Call to Worship

Come, let us gather together all who call Jesus Christ Lord.

Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords

Jesus' name is above every other name in all creation!

Jesus, before whom every knee will bow and every tongue will confess, we praise you as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Lift our hearts in praise for the Christ! Let us pray.

O God of enduring compassion and mercy, your dominion is unending. Your judgement is forthright. We live by your grace, assured of your love. We are awed by your Spirit, who guides us and sustains us. We come into your presence to learn your will for us, to worship and adore you as we abide in your realm. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, let us worship God!

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| <p>1. Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne; Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.</p> <p>2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified: No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.</p> | <p>3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scepter sways From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise: His reign shall know no end; And round His pierced feet Fair flowers of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.</p> <p>4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time; Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me; Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.</p> |
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A Time of Reflection

As disciples of Jesus, we made a covenant with the Church and with God, that we will acknowledge Jesus as King over all. Let us take a few minutes to reflect how we have acknowledged Jesus as head of the Church and Lord over all and, fallen short of our responsibilities.

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Rejoice in the judgments of God that are ever tempered with mercy. God understands our weaknesses and is acquainted with our needs. The Grace of God is sufficient to cover our forgetfulness. When we recognize our weakness, God can strengthen us. When we accept the reign of love among us, we are empowered to be the Church, reaching out to a sick and troubled world. Amen.

Response: "Kyrie eleison"

John Merbecke

Moment for Children

Heather Mikes

We invite children to gather up front for a special children's message. After we sing "Jesus Loves Me," children and youth ages PreK-3 through High School may go study, serve, pray and play together during Sunday school.

**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.**

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds and by the power of Your Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you have to say to us. Amen.

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm 132:1-12

¹ O LORD, remember in David's favor all the hardships he endured; ² how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, ³ "I will not enter my house or get into my bed; ⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, ⁵ until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob." ⁶ We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar. ⁷ "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool." ⁸ Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. ⁹ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy. ¹⁰ For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one. ¹¹ The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. ¹² If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne."

This is the Witness of the Psalmist.

Thanks be to God.

Response: "Celtic Alleluia"

Fintan O'Carroll

A Reading from The Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 1:1, 16-17

¹ ¹ An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. ¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

This is the Witness of Matthew

Thanks be to God.

Response: "At the Name of Jesus"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess Him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with His Father's glory, o'er the earth to reign; for all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow, and our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

Homily: "Come, Lord Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Louis S. Thompson

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

From a Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus , the love of God, and the communion of God's Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching the Good News to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken- hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the Gospel. We believe in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: "Ride On, King Jesus!"

Traditional Spiritual

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

arr. Hall Johnson (1888-1970)

Ride on, King Jesus no man can a hinder me. For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like Him. King Jesus ride a milk-white horse, the river of Jordan He did cross. King Jesus rides in the middle of the air, He calls the saints from everywhere. Ride on Jesus!

Commissioning of Stephen Minister from Sunday, November 14 in-person worship service.

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.

*** Hymn #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"**

CORONATION

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| 1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all! | 3. Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball, To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all! To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all! |
| 2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all! Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all! | 4. O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all! |

***A Blessing**

***Benediction**

*** 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: "A Short Voluntary"

G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.



SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

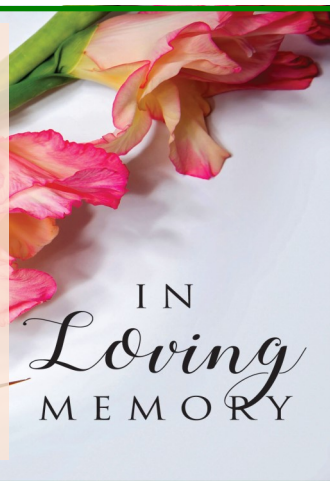
November 28:
First Sunday of Advent

First Reading:
Jeremiah 33:14-16

Gospel Reading:
Luke 21:25-36

Sermon Series:
Coming Home for Christmas
Sermon: "Time to Go Home"

**The flowers on the
Chancel are donated in
memory of my cousins:
Bob, Diane, and Ben by
Janet Minch
and
In loving memory of my
husband, Larry Cookson,
by Sonja Cookson**



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Louis S. Thompson,
Parish Associate

Karen Chappler, *Virtual worship Liturgist*

Suzanne Zelinka, *Sunday worship Liturgist*

Dr. James Cochran, *Director of Music*, playing the
Richard & 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*

The Chancel Choir, *for Sunday worship*

Julie Carver, *Pianist for Sunday worship*

Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Lois Ann Folliard

Ushers: Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro
(*Head Ushers*), Joe Trees, Joyce & Bill Dersch, Nancy
Guthy and Gwen Salyer

Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita & Jim
Hart

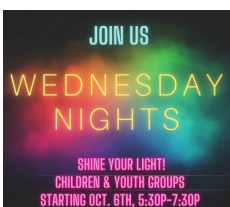
VPC NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE: The Session, at its October 25 meeting approved a CNC request to hold a Congregational meeting on **Sunday, December 5**, immediately following the 10am service for the purpose of electing Bob Miller and Judy Jacobs to fill unexpired terms as Deacons. *Richard A. Hilton, Clerk of Session.*



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

WHAT'S UP WITH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS? November 24: Mid-week faith formation will pause for



Thanksgiving Break. No Youth Group @VPC. **December 1:** Green Tree Center Christmas Event 5pm-8pm. Meet up with friends for the Christmas Tree Lighting! No Youth Group @VPC. Please contact Heather Mikes, hmikes@vpcnaples.org. We hope to see you Sundays at 10am for Worship at VPC!

SHARING OUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS: When God gives us gifts, they are intended to be shared with others. If you have the gifts of mercy, compassion, care, and listening, consider sharing those with hurting people through Stephen Ministry. Explore Stephen Ministries at www.stephenministries.org to learn more. Contact a Stephen Leader at VPC today to learn about our new Stephen Minister training class starting January 2022. Our Stephen Leaders are Kay Beernink, Carolyn Magarro, Cherry Jacobus, Jill Peterson, and Jon White. Jill Peterson - 239-250-4483 or petersji72@gmail.com.



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MINISTRY

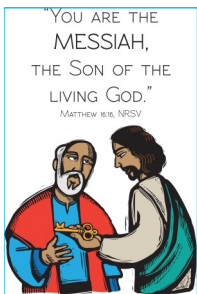
VPC IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF FELLOWSHIP TIME after church and your Parish



Life Committee needs you! There are two ways you can help: 1. Sign up to help with setting up and cleaning up during fellowship time once a month or when you're in town. To sign up, contact Leslie Loughran, (239) 580-9069 or leslie.loughran@gmail.com.

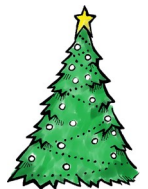
2. Sign up as a family or a group of friends or a committee to provide treats. Bring a fruit bowl or plate, a salty snack (like cheese and crackers), and a sweet (like muffins or cookies) OR sponsor treats by donating \$50 to the Parish Life Committee and we'll purchase them for you. To sign up, contact Barbara Bonavita, bbonavita@vpcnaples.org or call 597-5410.

EDUCATION OFFERING MENTAL ILLNESS – THEN AND NOW: Dates: November 21 & 28 - Location: Library - Time: 11:15am -12:30pm Leaders: Rev. Lou Thompson & Joyce Geary. Join us at 11:15am, when we will review past and current understanding and treatments for mental illness. A box lunch will be served. We will be using the PBS documentary *Mysteries of Mental Illness*. Call the office to register: 597-5410.



DR. LOU THOMPSON PRESENTS AN EDUCATION OFFERING FOR MEN: Journey with Matthew as he leads us from Birth to Death of Jesus, The Messiah. A class for men on **Tuesdays 9 a.m. beginning November 30** in Harp Hall. We will begin with Matthew's introduction of the Ancestry of Jesus, exploring the concept of Messiah, Son of David, Son of Abraham. These concepts may be familiar to you, but come and let us look behind these words in greater depth appropriate for this Advent Season.

SPREAD THE VPC LOVE on Wednesday, December 1, 5-8pm VPC will be participating in a Christmas Tree Lighting event at the Green Tree Center - right across the street! We hope to have many of our members present in their blue VPC shirts! Let's get into the spirit and share the love of VPC with our neighborhood!



CHRISTMAS COFFEE, MUSIC AND GIVING: JOIN US for coffee and live Christmas music on Friday, December 10 on the patio from 8am-10:30am. Violin and Viola play 8:15am-9:15am during VLC carline drop off under the porte-cochere. Bring a lawn chair and your Angel Tree donations! Visit the Heifer Fair table. Enjoy fellowship, coffee and breakfast treats available for purchase from Winfield Coffee! Back by popular demand!

ALL are welcome.

VPC WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - Join us on **Saturday, December 18 at 12 pm.** Enjoy a VandeReaders presentation, carol singing, and a catered lunch by LBD - Leslie Loughran. \$25 per person. Sign up in the church office (597-5410) or Sunday.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSIONS

- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Every Wednesday morning, a group of men and women meet in the VPC parking lot at 7:30am and take the church van to Immokalee to build homes. No special skills or tools are required, just bring a bag lunch. The group breaks mid-morning for cake and coffee and at noon for lunch. At 2pm we return to the church. For more information call **John Paalman at 818-642-2976.**

- **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING:** Each year during the Advent and Christmas seasons, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. "Christmas Joy" envelopes are available in the Narthex for your donation.
- **December 5, 12, and 19,** we will have a table set up in the Narthex for donations to **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** which supports families worldwide by giving them an animal to start a small business providing wool, milk, eggs, and more. Your donation to VPC-Heifer goes straight towards these animals and gives families a hand up towards a school and a sustainable livelihood. Heifer gift cards are available for any contribution of \$10 or more and may be passed on to those you wish to honor with your contribution. Don't miss this wonderful mission opportunity and fine VPC tradition!
- **SALVATION ARMY:** On **December 15 & 16** volunteers are needed to assist families in choosing gifts for their "Angels." Meet at the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Shop, 3725 Tamiami Trail East. Maria Ramos, Salvation Army Volunteer Coordinator, is scheduling volunteers in two-hour shifts.
- **THE SALVATION ARMY "ANGEL TREE"** is in the Narthex. Choose a tag and purchase an age-appropriate gift for their "Angel." Please bring the unwrapped children's gifts to VPC by Sunday, **December 5.**
- **CAFE OF LIFE:** On **Friday, December 17,** VPC volunteers will provide and serve a meal at Cafe of Life in Lightner Park, Bonita Springs, FL. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Eliza Nevin at: Elizanevin@comcast.net This is a wonderful way to fight hungry in our community!



FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND

| | October | YTD | YTD Budget |
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| Operating Income | \$ 96,552 | \$1,061,191 | \$1,106,700 |
| Expenses | \$ 99,969 | \$ 976,184 | \$1,071,800 |
| Deo Mortgage Balance 10/31/2021 | \$ 336,017 | | |



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 Afghanistan
(Toni Hubbard)

Nolan Kelly

US Army - Private First Class
Fort Sill, OK

Christian Kurz

US Navy, USS Nitze
(Joyce Geary's great nephew)

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

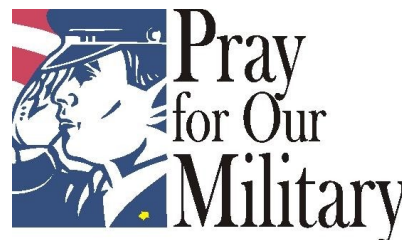
USMC
Okinawa, Japan

Hadley Vadyak

USNA Class of 2020

EM Xzavier Whitaker

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





*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 Birthday!

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| *Tom Maish | 11/21 |
| *Fran Lauriat | 11/23 |
| Sid Showalter | 11/23 |
| *Herb Nelson | 11/25 |
| George Cheatham | 11/27 |
| *Bob Kassing | 11/27 |
| Sharon Messmore | 11/27 |



Happy Anniversary!

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| Lou & Mary Thompson | 11/24 |
| Pat & Max Gould | 11/25 |
| Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken | 11/26 |
| Don & Ruth Schulte | 11/27 |

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. 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 note that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for a period of 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be submitted.



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| Cynthia Arnold | Adriana Caruso | Gail | Judy Malone |
| Ava | Dick Creviston | Bee Getman | Carolyn Martin |
| Teresa Barrett | Ron Davis | Fran Gray | Marciadee Newman |
| Tracey Barry | Gretchen Davison | Sandra Johnson | Judy Oehler |
| | Dawn Marie | Jonathan | Marjorie Renth |
| | Bob Diederich | Chester Kauffman | Twila Rowe |
| | Jim & Wealtha Flick | Ellis Lee Kline | Harold Soule |
| | Jim Fligg | Michelle Lea | Lake Walton |
| | Ali Frimpter | Mark Madden | Geraldine Wearsch |

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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