



April 10, 2022 **Palm Sunday**

**Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.†

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**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 words in **bold print**.

### Announcements

**Prelude:** Bicinium on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

John Barr  
(b. 1938)

### \* Call to Worship

*Morning after morning, God grants us a new day;*

*Wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.*

**This is the day that God has made;**

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*God equips us to face whatever the day may hold;*

*Watch and listen as God offers to teach us.*

**We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God.**

**We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.**

*Let us worship God.*

**Refrain:**

All glory, laud and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and blessed One. *Refrain*

2. The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayers and anthems  
Before Thee we present. *Refrain*

3. To Thee, before Thy passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

4. Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King! *Refrain*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession**

We confess, O God, that we identify with times of optimism and applause. We like a religion that makes us feel good. We prefer safety and security and certainty. Then Jesus comes, riding on a donkey, reaching out to outsiders, proclaiming humble obedience as a virtue, challenging powerful people to change their ways. We sense danger. When Christ upsets our craving for stability, we turn away from the risks. We do not want to be rejected or face a cross. We are not sure we really want to be Christians. O God, help us!

**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

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.

**Debt Elimination Celebration**

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

### The First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup> The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel Reading

Luke 19:28-40

*<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: Sermon Series: Gathered Up in Jesus: "The Lord Needs It"**

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**Solo: "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!

**Offering**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

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 #89: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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| 1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,<br>The little children sang;<br>Through pillared court and temple<br>The joyful anthem rang.<br>To Jesus, who had blessed them<br>Close folded to His breast,<br>The children sang their praises,<br>The simplest and the best. | 2. From Olivet they followed<br>'Mid an exultant crowd,<br>The victor palm branch waving,<br>And chanting clear and loud;<br>The Lord of earth and heaven<br>Ride on in lowly state,<br>Nor scorned that little children<br>Should on His bidding wait. |
| 3. "Hosanna in the highest!"<br>That ancient song we sing,<br>For Christ is our Redeemer,<br>The Lord of heaven our King.<br>O may we ever praise Him<br>With heart and life and voice,<br>And in His blissful presence<br>Eternally rejoice.             |   |

\* Commission and Blessing

*Be assured of God's continuing help and blessing;*

*The steadfast love of God endures forever.*

**We celebrate the name of Jesus above all other names.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.**

*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: "Toccata in C Major"**

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)

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

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**The Rev. Robert J. Marrow**, *Pastor*  
**Dixie Bibb**, *Virtual worship Liturgist*  
**Molly Godley**, *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*  
**Sherry Hardgrove**, *Soprano for Sunday*  
*worship*

**Matthew Sonneborn & Vincent DiMartino**,  
*Trumpets for Sunday worship*  
**The Chancel Choir**, *for Sunday worship*  
**Julie Carver**, *Pianist for Sunday worship*  
**Greeters:** Priscilla Kutler and Becky Wheat  
**Ushers:** Claudia Polzin and Carolyn Magarro  
(*Head Ushers*), Harley Ruppert, Nancy Guthy,  
George Morton, Patti Runkel, Gwen Salyer  
**Soundboard Operators:** Jim Hart & Victoria  
Bonavita



Join us in Fellowship Hall  
for a **grand celebration**  
of the debt elimination.



## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

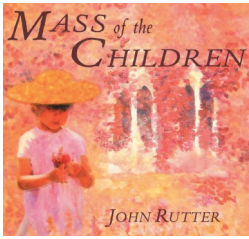


**April 17:**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**First Reading:**  
Acts 10:34-43  
**Gospel Reading:**  
Luke 24:1-12  
**Sermon Series:**  
**We are Witnesses**  
**Sermon:**  
"God Raised Him"

The flowers on the chancel  
are given by  
Greg & Julie Borden  
in honor of their parents, Dan  
& Dianne Westerlund, and  
Max & Janey Borden.

## VPC NEWS

**JOIN US FELLOWSHIP HALL TO CELEBRATE!** We will celebrate the retirement of the Deo Gloria debt after the worship service. Come, have a piece of cake!



### OUR NEXT CONCERT WILL PRESENT THE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC OF JOHN RUTTER:

**TODAY, April 10 at 2pm** the beloved composer, John Rutter, will be featured when the Chancel Choir sings selections from his *Mass of the Children* in addition to some of Vanderbilt's most loved anthems including; *For the Beauty of the Earth* and *Look at the World*. The choir will be joined by Matthew Swingle, Organist, Julie Carver, Pianist, and Michele Byrd, Soprano. You will not want to miss this concert!

### PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING THE CHANCEL FLOWERS OR FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

We have many dates available to sponsor the chancel flowers and Fellowship Hour. You can do so in honor or memory of a loved one or just because you love your church! Contact Barbara Bonavita at 597-5410 to schedule a date.



**JOIN THE WHOLISTIC HEALTH TEAM IN THE WALK TO JERUSALEM:** We made it to Jerusalem! As of last week, we have walked from Naples to Jerusalem and are **over 18%** of the way back home! Help us walk home! Get your booklet or log sheet in the Narthex!

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER:

**MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER & COMMUNION:** On Thursday, **April 14 at 6pm**, VPC will commemorate Maundy Thursday, the time when Jesus gave us a "New Commandment", gathered with his friends and shared the meal together. Our evening together begins with dinner and concludes with Communion around the tables. Reservations are requested to help us plan - call the church office. We are grateful to Boston Beer Garden for donating our meal.



**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE:** Join us as we gather in the Sanctuary on **Good Friday, April 15 at 7pm** for a special service focused on the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The VandeReaders and The Chancel Choir will lead this meditative service which will include the extinguishing of candles. If you cannot attend, a virtual service will be available.

**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES:** Join us to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on **Sunday, April 17! 6:30am outdoor service, 8am & 10am worship in the sanctuary** with special music. An **Easter Egg hunt** will take place after the **10am service**.



**RELAY FOR LIFE:** Throughout April, our children and youth groups (ages PreK-3 through High School) will be learning about the American Cancer Society and participating in Relay for Life with a special service project. VPC Youth are selling luminaria bags for \$10 in honor, in memory or in support of someone with cancer. Luminaria bags will be added to the final lap of Relay for Life. All monies collected will go directly to the American Cancer Society. To purchase, come visit us in Fellowship Hall after Worship on April 10 and 24 or during Wednesday Night Lights on April 20. Everyone is invited to join us at Mercato for Relay for Life on

**Saturday, April 30.** VPC Youth will participate in the 6:15pm Bubble Lap, the 8:15pm Glow Lap and stay for the 8:30pm Luminaria Lap. Come for one or stay for all!

**YES, WITH THE HELP OF GOD:** Last week in the Stephen Minister commissioning, both the Stephen Ministers and the congregation answered, "Yes, with the help of God." We know that God is the CUREgiver and we are called to be the CAREgivers. So, what does that mean? For VPC congregation, that would mean ongoing prayers for our Stephen Ministers and their Care Receivers, but it also means being a lookout in our community of faith to those that may need the specialized care of a Stephen Minister. Be on the Lookout!



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**



## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERINGS:

**THE SUNDAY SEMINAR: "Lost Scriptures of the New Testament"**

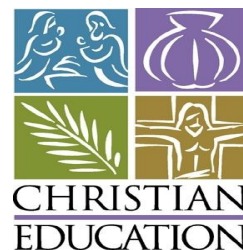
**FINAL Sunday - today, 11:15am**, Harp Hall led by Dr. John Braun.

### AN EDUCATION OFFERING FOR MEN

**Tuesdays at 9am** in Harp Hall. ***This class will conclude on April 12.***

**FRIENDS IN FAITH: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays** of the month at 10:30am - via Zoom

**PASTOR ROB'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 6pm** in Harp Hall.



**CHICKS WITH STICKS** will meet on **Thursday, April 14** in the VPC Library at **1:30pm**. All who knit or crochet are welcome. Bring your current project.

Email or call Molly Cochran with questions.

(757) 291-4034 or [mollyknits53@yahoo.com](mailto:mollyknits53@yahoo.com).

**PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE:** VPC is doing our best to "stand in the GAP" by Giving, Acting, and Praying. We are willing to accept your donation to help the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Program which will send funds where the need is most urgent. You may send a check to VPC and put Ukraine in the memo or you donate online at [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org).



**SUMMER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN:** VPC is offering two fun events for children this summer. Summer Music Camp will be held **June 6-17** (weekdays only) from 9am-12pm. Summer Vacation Bible School is taking place **July 18-22** from 9am - 12pm. For complete details and to sign up, check your emails or look on our website. [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org).



## FINANCIAL UPDATE—OPERATING FUND

	February	YTD Budget
Operating Income	\$129,756	\$314,581
Expenses	\$ 82,335	\$178,480
Deo Mortgage Balance	2/28/2022	\$127,301

What shall I  
render to the **LORD**  
for all his  
**BENEFITS** to me?  
Psalm 116:12, ESV

## 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)

### CPTN Devon Hennessey

Korea (Toni Hubbard)

### Nolan Kelly

US Army - Private First Class  
Fort Sill, OK

### SGT Wesley Kennedy

USMC - Okinawa, Japan

### 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





### Happy Birthday!

Claudia Aguilar	4/10	*Wealtha Flick	4/12
Mary Rench	4/10	Dick Hardgrove	4/12
Gil Grady	4/11	Gayle Kaderly	4/12
Betsy Witte	4/11	Gary Christensen	4/13
Marian Cattrell	4/12	*Jim Flick	4/14
		Arline Kirk	4/14
		Colette Vayda	4/14
		Lois Ann Folliard	4/15
		McKenzie McDonough	4/16
		Jonathan Raskauskas	4/16

### Happy Anniversary!

Penny & Rodger Jacob	4/12
Peggy & Stan Leonard	4/13



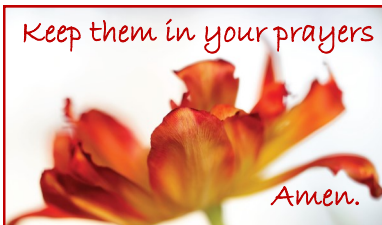
### \*Birthday Club Members

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! Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

### 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.

Margaret Andreason	Marlene Everson	Judy Malone	Carol Schwiars	Geraldine Wearsch
Cynthia Arnold	Jim & Wealtha Flick	Marilyn McKee	Harold Soule	Bill Whitman
Ron Bartlett	Jim Fligg	Joan Mountford	Eric Steiner	Sean and AJ &
Chris Bertler	Jim Folliard	Bridgette Negri	J. Richard Szeremany	the Wiegert Family
Alexis Bevan	Lori Godwin	Finley Bryan Perry	Dr. Al Tatarunius	Al Williams
Camie & North	Jean Hahm	and Family	Tony & Yvonne Van Rooyen	
Burmester	Blair Harlan	Harriet Rauenzahn		
Tammie Carow	Mary Hart	Leah Ray		
Adriana Caruso	Bill Hunt	The Rist and		
Mason & Pat Colby	Janie Hunt	Loughran Families		
Dick Creviston	Sandra Johnson	Twila Rowe		
Ron Davis	Keira Krumbine	Ernie Sartorius		



### 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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