

# Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday



## Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

<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>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

<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.

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:** "Concerto for Two Trumpets and Organ"

I. Allegro

Matthew Sonneborn & Vincent DiMartino, *Trumpets*

Francesco Manfredini

(1680-1748)

### \* Call to Worship

*Jesus Christ is risen today!*

**Alleluia!**

*Our triumphant and holy day!*

**Alleluia!**

*Praise our God, ye heavenly host!*

**Alleluia!**

**\* Hymn #123: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

EASTER HYMN

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| 1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!<br>Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!<br>Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!<br>Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!                 | 3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!<br>Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!<br>Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!<br>Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!  |
| 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!<br>Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!<br>Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!<br>Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia! | 4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!<br>Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!<br>Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!<br>Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! |

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession**

**You call us to hope, Savior God, but we despair. You call us to work for peace, but we doubt its power. You call us to community, but we judge and shun. Transform us, Holy One, by the joy of this Easter. Let us celebrate this day as a new beginning and a new life.**

**Affirmation of Forgiveness**

*Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\* Gloria Patri**

Henry Greatorrex

**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.

**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

Acts 10:34-43

*<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:1-12

***24** But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message: Sermon Series: We Are Witnesses: "God Raised Him"**

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

**Solo: "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" from *Messiah***

G. F. Handel

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

**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

(From A Brief Statement of Faith) Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our 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 #122: "Thine is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

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| 1. Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;<br>Endless is the victory<br>Thou o'er death hast won.<br>Angels in bright raiment<br>Rolled the stone away,<br>Kept the folded grave clothes<br>Where Thy body lay.<br><br><i>Refrain:</i><br>Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;<br>Endless is the victory<br>Thou o'er death hast won. | 2. Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;<br>Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.<br>Let the church with gladness<br>Hymns of triumph sing,<br>For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.<br><i>Refrain</i><br><br>3. No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!<br>Life is naught without Thee; Aid us in our strife.<br>Make us more than conquerors<br>Through Thy deathless love;<br>Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home<br>above. <i>Refrain</i> |
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\* Commission and Blessing

*Spread the message: Christ is alive!*  
*Live the good news: our lives are renewed!*  
**We have seen and heard the good news.**  
**We have been touched by the presence of Christ.**  
*Share the Word: God's peace is offered to all.*  
*Communicate the power of love: Be transformed.*  
**We will tell friends of our discoveries.**  
**We will witness to God's surprising activity.**  
*Alleluia.*  
**Amen.**

**\* Benediction Response: "Alleluia"**

W. A. Mozart

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

**Postlude: "Concerto for Two Trumpets and Organ"**

Francesco Manfredini

III. Allegro

(1680-1748)

Matthew Sonneborn & Vincent DiMartino, *Trumpets*

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



## WORSHIP LEADERS

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

**Sue Van Fossen**, *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*

**Matthew Sonneborn & Vincent DiMartino**,  
*Trumpet*

**Soundboard Operator:** Victoria Bonavita

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THEREFORE AND MAKE  
DISCIPLES OF ALL  
**nations...**

MATTHEW 28:19, NRSV



## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

**April 24:**

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Hebrew Scripture Reading:**  
**Psalm 118: 5-9**

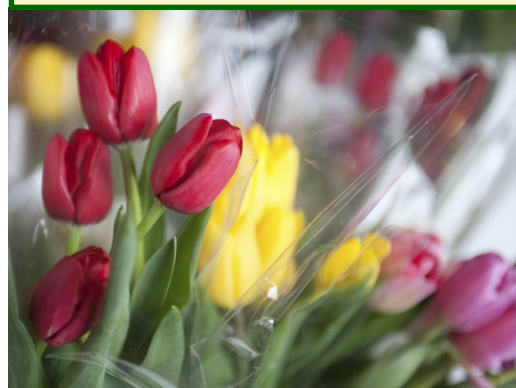
**Christian Scripture Reading:**  
**Matthew 28: 16-20**

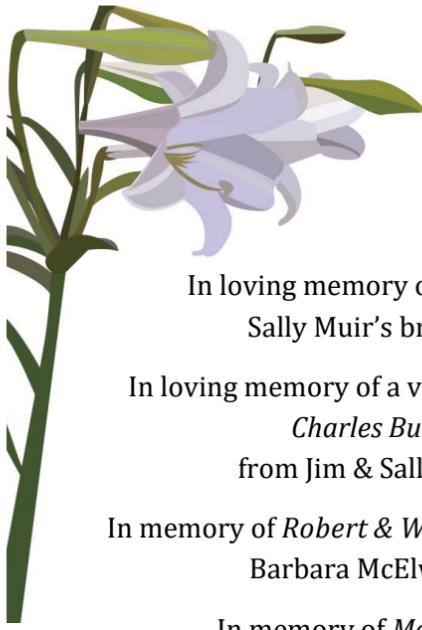
**The Rev. Louis S. Thompson**,  
*Parish Associate*

**Homily:**

**"Our Pilgrim's Journey: Finding  
Our Way to the Light"**

The flowers on the chancel are  
given by the Bevilacqua  
and Sciascia Families in memory  
of loved ones.





**The Easter Lilies  
adorning the sanctuary  
are given by:**



In loving memory of *Kirk Lea*,  
Sally Muir's brother

In loving memory of a very dear friend,  
*Charles Butz*,  
from Jim & Sally Muir

In memory of *Robert & Wilma Lieber* from  
Barbara McElwaine

In memory of *Mary Ellen*  
from Arnold Alexander

In memory of *Lloyd W. Sharp*  
from Phyllis M. Sharp

In memory of *William & Dorothy Rose*  
from Pat Rose & Carol Jorgensen

In memory of *Annette Kocal*  
from Jean Rawson

In memory of *our parents*  
from Ron & Linda Addaman

In memory of *Robert F. Schwindt*  
from Shirley Schwindt

In memory of *Tom Magarro*  
and *Ruth, Andrew & Randy Burger*  
from Carolyn Magarro

In memory of *Capt. David E. Bowser USMC*  
from Joanne & Ellsworth Bowser

In memory of our dear Father/Grandfather,  
*Russell Geldmacher*  
from Cathy Geldmacher-Nathan & Family

In memory of *Norm Burke*  
from Amber & Craig Grider

In memory of *Gen & George Minch*  
from Janet Minch

In memory of our parents, *Bob & Pearl Smith*  
and *Maria & Erasmus Belden*  
from Mike & Reggie Smith

In memory of *Bill Godley*  
from Molly Godley

In memory of *departed family members*  
from Robert & Doris Martin

In memory of *Robert William McMichael*  
from Johanna McMichael

In memory of my parents,  
*Rev. Dr. Allen & Catherine Garner*  
from Virginia Garner Cullison

In memory of *our parents*  
from Margaret & Lance Waters

In memory of my husband, *Don Salyer*,  
from Gwen Salyer

In memory of *our parents*  
from Heidi & Chuck Holley

In memory of *Lynne Soule*  
from Kit Chamberlain

In memory of *Dean Little* from Jane Little

In memory of *Finley Lee*  
from David & Beth Lee

To the glory of God  
and in memory of *Gary Hiller*

In honor of *J. Richard Szeremany*  
from Nancy C. Miller

In honor of *Patti Runkel*  
from Cathy Geldmacher-Nathan & Family

In honor of *our family*  
from Jim & Deane Hawkins

In honor of *my children* from Pocket Patterson

"He is Risen! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"  
from Dave & Cherie Baines

Sue & Bill Van Fossen

## VPC NEWS

**RUN, HIDE, FIGHT!:** Saturday, April 23 at 10am. Citizen response to active assailant events. In the unlikely event that you find yourself in an active shooter situation, would you know what to do? Join the Collier County Sheriff's Office to learn about situational awareness and how to prepare yourself if an event would occur.

**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.

**WE'RE GETTING READY TO RELAY ON APRIL 30!** Throughout April, our children and youth groups 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. All monies collected will go directly to the American Cancer Society. To purchase, come visit us in Fellowship Hall after worship on April 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.

**PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE:** We are accepting donations 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 can 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). **Volunteers are needed!!**

### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERINGS:

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

**WISDOM SEEKERS:** Join us on **May 4** for the Sustainable Climate Solutions Zoom presentation at 11am in Harp Hall, followed by a casual lunch gathering. Bring your own lunch and book ideas.

**PASTOR ROB'S BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays at 6pm in Harp Hall (led by Dr. Lou Thompson this week).

**VPC BOOK CLUB:** Will meet at Seasons 52 at **11:30am on Monday, April 25, 2022**. Please RSVP to Peggy Landon (mlandon711@gmail.com). Bring ideas for next season and enjoy lunch and conversation.

### 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





# April

BIRTHDAYS

## Happy Birthday!

\*Ells Bowser 4/17  
Dick Clark 4/19  
Robert Conrad 4/19  
Sterling J Desorcy 4/20  
Ruth Felipe 4/20

Lillia Guttshall 4/20  
Tracey Barry 4/21  
Lauren Raskauskas 4/21  
Ayden Carver 4/22  
Scott Cunningham 4/22  
\*Jill Dunn 4/22  
\*Dick Hilton 4/23  
Bob Ruesch 4/23  
\*Reggie Smith 4/23

## Happy Anniversary!

Lance & Margaret Waters 4/11  
Ells & Joanne Bowser 4/17  
Bayne & Myrna Carew 4/22

### \*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.

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



## 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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