



Vanderbilt

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday



Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

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

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,

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

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ 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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| <p>1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!</p> <p>2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!</p> | <p>3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!</p> <p>4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!</p> |
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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 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.

**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

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ 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. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² 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.*

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

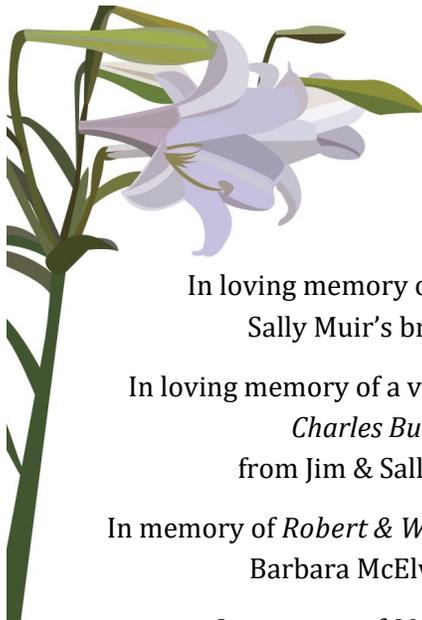
The Rev. Louis S. Thompson,
Parish Associate

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.

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. **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	Lillia Guttshall	4/20
Dick Clark	4/19	Tracey Barry	4/21
Robert Conrad	4/19	Lauren Raskauskas	4/21
Sterling J Desorcy	4/20	Ayden Carver	4/22
Ruth Felipe	4/20	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.

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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