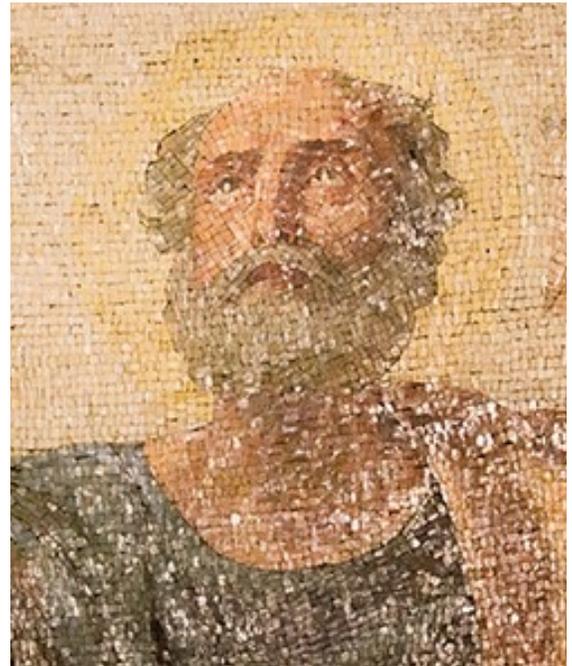




May 1, 2022
The Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 30

¹ I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
³ O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."
⁷ By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.
⁸ To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:
⁹ "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"
¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"
¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you 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**.

Green Friendship Pads - We invite you, members and visitors, to sign our Green Friendship Pads and pass it down your pew and back, to welcome those with whom you are worshipping.

Announcements

Prelude: "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Daniel Burton (b. 1944)

*** Call to Worship**

Sing praises to God, O you saints of God.

Give thanks to God's holy name.

Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day.

Thank God for healing and ever-present help.

Exult the one who lifts us up from defeat.

Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

We have cried to you in our need, O God.

We believe you are working to make us whole.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn #113: "Christ, The Lord is Risen Today!"**

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| <p>1. "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!</p> | <p>3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!</p> | <p>4. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!</p> |

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Personal Confession

Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways you intend and make us bold to respond, we pray in Jesus' name.

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.**

A 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 9:1-6

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo: "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Cesáreo Gabaráin

Michele Byrd, Soprano

(1936-1991)

You have come up to the lakeshore, looking neither for wise nor for wealthy. You only wanted that I should follow. O Lord, with Your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have called out my name. Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me. Now with You I will seek other seas. You who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls that are waiting. My dear and good friend as thus you call me.

The Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

¹ After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me

more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Sermon Series: *We Are Witnesses*: "Who Are You, Lord?"

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow

Solo: "Come Follow Me"

Jay Althouse

Michele Byrd, *Soprano*

(b. 1951)

The kingdom of heaven is near. As you have received, so, then must you give. Be not afraid with the Lord at your side, for Jesus died so we may live. He said, "Come follow me. Come by yourselves to a quiet place."

That someday we may see His face. Those who are weary, take rest. Look to Him for comfort and He will soothe your soul. For He is gentle and humble in heart, and Jesus died to make us whole.

Offering

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

Pastoral Prayer

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*** The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.

* Hymn #359: "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

MORE TO LOVE THEE

1. More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make On bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!
2. Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest; Now Thee alone I seek,
Give what is best. This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!
3. Then shall my latest breath Whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry My heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

* Commission and Blessing

Be alert to the needs of people you meet.

You may be God's chosen instrument of healing.

We will follow where Christ leads us.

Blessing, honor, glory, and power be to our God.

Alleluia.

Amen.

* The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

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.

Postlude: "Rhosymedre" (Lovely)

Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

Please be seated until the end of the Postlude



The flowers on the chancel are given by the Weeks family.

Our Fellowship Hour treats are given on behalf of the VPC Family in celebration of the successful Stewardship Campaign by Greg & Julie Borden.



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Robert J. Marrow, *Pastor*
Bill Payne, *Liturgist for virtual worship*
The Rev. Louis S. Thompson, *Parish Associate*
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*

The Chancel Choir, *for Sunday worship*
Julie Carver, *Pianist for Sunday worship*
Gordon Black, *Pianist for Sunday worship*
Greeters: Priscilla Kutler & Becky Wheat
Ushers: Claudia Polzin & Carolyn Magarro
(Head Ushers), Linda & Ron Addaman, Rebecca
Beavers, Nellie Cummins, Carol & Price Lindsay,
Bill & Sue Van Fossen
Soundboard Operators: Victoria Bonavita & Jim
Hart

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK

May 8: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

Sermon Series: We are Witnesses

Sermon: "Seeing and Believing"



VPC NEWS

LET'S FIESTA! There's no time to siesta, because we're having a Wednesday Night Lights Fiesta! This is nacho ordinary youth event. All children and youth (ages PreK-3 through High School) are invited. WNL meets on Wednesdays, every two weeks (**May 4 & 18**). Dinner begins in Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm, followed by lessons and play from 6:00pm to 7:15pm. Taco'bout fun!



HELP US CELEBRATE GRADUATES! If you have a senior graduating from high school, college, grad school or beyond, we want to help mark these significant educational milestones. This includes grandchildren! Also, if you have a student moving up from preschool, kindergarten, fifth grade or eighth grade, we need to hear from you, too!

Send us a picture and short paragraph including their name, school and grade they are graduating/moving up from and the school they are heading to. Please include family information of proud parents, siblings and/or grandparents. Then tell us something fun like a hobby or sport played or a special talent. You could even include a favorite Bible verse! We will honor them on Moving Up **Sunday, June 5**. Please email submissions **by May 21** to Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org.

CAN YOU LEND A HAND? We need more help on the Parish Life Team with our Fellowship Hours after worship on Sunday mornings. We need more helping hands! Please email Leslie Loughran at leslie.loughran@gmail.com if you are interested.





**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE: We are accepting donations to help the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Program which will send funds where the need is most urgent. Send a check to VPC and put Ukraine in the memo or donate online at www.vpcnaples.org.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A STEPHEN MINISTER? There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding what Stephen Ministers do. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained to provide **one-to-one care** to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, or illness. After being matched with a person experiencing a life crisis, the Stephen Minister meets with that person (Care Receiver) on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need for care exists. The relationship is confidential and sometimes we hear, "Stephen Ministry is a secret." Stephen Ministry is not a secret but the one-to-one relationship is kept confidential. See the Stephen Ministry bulletin board (by Fellowship Hall) for an updated list of our Team.



VACATION BIBLE FUN! Volunteers needed! Our Vacation Bible School "Food Truck Party" theme invites kids to get on a roll with God, July 18-22, 9a-12p for students who are four years old by Sept. 1, 2022 through Fifth Grade. Fee is \$25 per student. Few student spots remain. Volunteer opportunities are available for adults, college students, high schoolers & middle schoolers. Children and volunteers, alike, will learn to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met. Email Heather Mikes at hmikes@vpcnaples.org.



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'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 6pm in Harp Hall

FINANCIAL UPDATE - OPERATING FUND 2022



	March	YTD Budget
Operating Income	\$100,732	\$415,313
Expenses	\$103,238	\$281,718
Deo Mortgage Balance	3/31/2022	\$0



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)
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!

Katherine Barkley Willis 5/2
 Barbara Hurst 5/2
 Marie Jablonski 5/2
 Joanne Whitman 5/2
 *Lew Bevan 5/3
 David B. Bos 5/3
 Joe Feddern 5/3
 Bill Van Fossen 5/3
 Kyle Vayda 5/3
 Lillian Day 5/5



Alice Lebo 5/5
 Clifford Swaby 5/5
 *Judy Peabody 5/6
 Jane Raskauskas 5/6
 Pierson Day 5/7
 Naseem Yousaf 5/7

Happy Anniversary!

Clifford & Margaret Swaby 5/1
 Caroline & Michael Thomas 5/1
 Mary & Scott Wollaston 5/4



*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	Nancy Diederich	Judy Malone	J. Richard Szeremany
Cynthia Arnold	Marlene Everson	Marilyn McKee	Dr. Al Tatarunius
Chris Bertler	Jim & Wealtha Flick	John & Roberta	Tony & Yvonne Van Rooyen
Alexis Bevan	Jim Fligg	McMaster	The Wack Family
Peg Black	Jim Folliard	Joan Mountford	Dan Westerlund
Camie & North	Annie Foster	Bridgette Negri	Al Williams
Burmester	Lori Godwin	Joseph Negri	
Tammie Carow	Blair Harlan	The Pearson Family	
Adriana Caruso	Mary Hart	Ernie Sartorius	
Mason & Pat Colby	Don Iwaniki	Carol Schwiers	
Dick Creviston	Sandra Johnson	Harold Soule	
Ron Davis	Keira Krumbine	Eric Steiner	



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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